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Monterey Regional Stormwater Management Program

Management Committee

MEETING MINUTES for April 22, 2026

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Call to Order / Roll Call**
   Chairperson Anderson (*City of Monterey*) called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and performed the roll call.

   Management Committee Members:
   City of Carmel-by-the-Sea – Mary Bilse
   City of Del Rey Oaks – Ron Fucci
   City of Monterey – Kevin Anderson
   City of Pacific Grove – George Fuerst
   City of Sand City – Leon Gomez
   City of Seaside – Patrick Grogan
   County of Monterey – Michael Trapani

   Other In-Person:
   Mollie Wooden (Pebble Beach Company)

   Program Administrator
   Erica Parker (Monterey One Water, M1W)
   Michelle Bumgardner (M1W)

   Other Virtual:
   Rebecca Baggott (City of Monterey)
   Samantha Cho (CSG Consultants)
   Carla James (City of Soledad)
   Karl Kreutzer (City of Monterey)

2. **Public Comments**

   Chairperson Anderson called for public comment, none received.

3. **Approve Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 03/25/26**

   ***Action*:** On a motion by Gomez *(City of Sand City)*, seconded by Bilse *(City of Carmel-by-the-Sea)*, the Management Committee (MC) unanimously approved the MC Meeting Minutes for 03/25/26. Anderson called for public comment before the vote; none received.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. **PE/PO Program Monthly Update**

   Bumgardner *(M1W)* shared detail on outreach efforts conducted by Environmental Innovations (EI) during March. Activities included presentations at new schools and bulking up outreach to grades K-3 through summer camps. EI is encountering challenges with having teachers complete the post-presentation surveys; they are exploring methods to improve responsiveness. Resources focused on pesticide alternatives have been prioritized for public event tabling. Though there was only one public event in March, these will be the main resource for the upcoming Good Old Days event. Fucci *(City of Del Rey Oaks)* reminded the group that local Home Depot staff have offered gift cards to support volunteer efforts in the community. Bumgardner asked the MC if anyone needed more additional printed outreach materials.

   - Follow-up action: Bumgardner will connect EI with Home Depot resources.

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Social media boosting continues to increase exponentially the public engagement on stormwater posts. Anderson inquired about resources for restaurants relating to grease traps, and Parker *(M1W)* stated that all available handouts are included on the MontereySEA.org Resources page. Parker mentioned that they spoke with California Marine Sanctuary staff regarding an upcoming meeting of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary's Water Quality Protection Program (WQPP) – there is interest in having information from MRSWMP water quality sample collection and data use presented at the September meeting.

- Follow-up action: Parker will confirm that the poster on restaurants and grease traps is available on the website.
- Follow-up action: Staff will provide updates as available about the September WQPP meeting.

5. 2026 Committee Meeting Calendar

Bumgardner updated the MC on upcoming trainings – on June 11, 2026, there will be a webinar on post-construction requirements by Valerie Huff at noon. She will review with the presentation outline with the Training Ad Hoc Committee once it's shared by Huff. She also is working on an integrated pest management session for June, in alignment with the MC's direction from last permit year to host one this permit year. The goal for this calendar year's annual Best Management Practices (BMP) hybrid training is to replicate the session from last year with Bob Shults presenting and hosting on the Storm Water Awareness Week resources page. Venue options still are being explored.

- Follow-up action: Bumgardner will send out the June 11 training flyer to the MRSWMP training distribution list before May 11.
- Follow-up action: Staff will research the potential to use The Residence Inn by Marriot in Sand City for the BMP session.

ACTION ITEMS

6. Consider Adoption of Amended 2025 MOA

Parker described the progress so far in approving the MRSWMP Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) initiated in 2025, reviewed comments received from the MC, and pointed out the sections where changes were made based on Member feedback.

***Action*:** On a motion by Gomez *(City of Sand City)*, seconded by Fucci, the MC unanimously approved the amended version of the MOA as provided in the agenda packet. Anderson called for public comment before the vote; none received.

- Follow-up action: Parker will send a red-line markup of the MOA as well as a clean copy for MC Members to take to their jurisdictions.

7. Consider Adoption of Draft Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget

Parker reviewed the budget, including the addition of the updated EI contract amount. The FY 26-27 budget is a five percent increase from the current permit year.

***Action*:** On a motion by Grogan *(City of Seaside)*, seconded by Bilse, the MC unanimously approved the MRSWMP FY 26-27 budget as provided in the agenda packet. Anderson called for public comment before the vote; none received.

- Follow-up action: Parker will send a copy of the final approved budget to the MC.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8. Program Administrator Update

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a. CASQA Meetings Summary

Parker reported on takeaways from CASQA meetings held in April, including the upcoming deadline to submit nominations for the organization's annual awards. AB 2322 (Papan) is a proposal to create a statewide definition of what land uses need to be regulated as Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional sites, and CASQA has concerns with its current approach. The issue centers around mandating the definition be added to all existing MS4 permits, and CASQA staff are working with the author. Parker also discussed the required update of the California Water Plan and CASQA's worry that stormwater will not be considered as a priority due to the lack of representation on the advisory committee of a stormwater professional. Training sessions for the CASQA cost reporting tool are scheduled for 05/12/26 and 05/21/26. The State should be releasing draft guidance for stormwater funding through Proposition 4 (2016) in May for public comment. She mentioned that the federal government is considering defunding State Revolving Funds (SRF) for Clean Water and Drinking Water; California is debating whether to create a state-specific program to continue financing water projects. Parker also provided a summary of the Greater Monterey County Integrated Regional Watershed Management (IRWM) meeting,

- Follow-up action: Parker will send the MC the notice from CASQA on nominations for their annual awards.
- Follow-up action: Parker will give updates on AB 2322 as it moves through the legislature.
- Follow-up action: Parker will send information on cost reporting tool trainings to the MC.
- Follow-up action: Parker will continue to monitor Prop 4 funding allocations, SRF discussions, and IRWM funding shift to watershed resilience.

b. Prop 4 – SWRP Review

Parker reported on additional input she received regarding project concepts included in Stormwater Resource Plans (SWRPs) and potential eligibility for grants through Prop 4. She spoke with one of the original consultants who prepared the MRSWMP SWRP who asserted that all parcels included in Appendix E are considered as having potential for stormwater capture, infiltration, green infrastructure, etc. and therefore are eligible for Prop 4 grant funding. She will work to confirm this with other sources.

- Follow-up action: Parker will send a copy of the SWRP Appendix E to MC members.
- Follow-up action: Parker will reach out to State Waterboards staff and others to determine if they agree with the consultant's interpretation of SWRP Appendix E.

c. January through March 2026 Quarterly Report (Q3)

Bumgardner and Parker reviewed the Q3 Report, including a summary of budget expenditures with 48% of the budget remaining for the final three months of the permit year. Bumgardner highlighted the impact that YouTube ads are having – resulting views of videos (English and Spanish) on the Monterey SEA YouTube channel range between 15,000 and 22,000 since the ads began in April. Reach metrics clearly support the use of ads on social media platforms. Additional justification for the shift away from traditional television ads is seen in public survey responses; residents have never seen television ads sponsored by MRSWMP and all respondents indicate they only subscribe to streaming services. Support staff are exploring with EI the idea of shifting next year's regional ad campaign from television ads to reflect this behavior change. Grogan requested data from public surveys be shared with the MC to help determine the best approach. To reach tourists, a new ad is under development for the annual Monterey County NOW Visitors Guide. Parker summarized training sessions conducted in Q3 and staff priorities for Quarter 4.

- Follow-up action: Bumgardner will request that EI provide an overview of survey responses at a future MC meeting.
- Follow-up action: Parker will provide a copy of presentation slides used for the Pacific Grove Beautification and Natural Resources Commission to the MC to inform potential presentations to their governing bodies.

9. Management Committee Member Updates

a. City of Carmel-by-the-Sea: Bilse shared that the City had a successful Earth Day event. Their trash assessment will be completed this week and CDS units cleaning is upcoming. Following their visit from the Regional Waterboard, a Notice of Violation (NOV) was received, with minor recommendations for dry weather water quality monitoring outfalls and Carmel Mission annual maintenance inspection site visits. She stated that Regional Board staff were collaborative and had provided a heads up that the NOV would follow, and the City must respond by July 1.

b. City of Del Rey Oaks: Fucci reminded the MC of PG&E's Right Tree Right Place program.
   - Follow-up action: Parker will send contact information to the MC for this program.

c. City of Monterey: Anderson stated that they have a couple of new projects to address storm damage undergoing design and permitting. The Prop 218 process for a stormwater utility fee is progressing, and the protest vote will be in early May. His team has been tabling at public events and taking the watershed model to drive engagement.

d. City of Pacific Grove: Fuerst reported that 27 cypress trees were planted at Esplanade Park to help with erosion during the City's Arbor Day volunteer event. The trees are genetically similar to existing trees. Wooden *(Pebble Beach Company, PBC)* let the MC know that such trees also are being grown by PBC to support forest health, and these can be purchased at affordable prices.

e. City of Sand City: Gomez shared he is working on streamlining code enforcement across City departments and staff. Anderson offered to provide the standard operating procedures (SOPs) he created and said he uses the 2NFORM platform which he finds helpful. The Monterey Salinas Transit SURF project is under construction and includes an underground stormwater chamber system.
   - Follow-up action: Parker will send the code enforcement SOPs to the full MC.

f. City of Seaside: Grogan inquired if any MC members have utilized any Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) funding through the US Environmental Protection Agency. Gomez stated his jurisdiction looked at the grant program, but the timing and other issues made it not a good fit for their needs.

g. County of Monterey: Trapani described the NOV received by the County following their visit from the Regional Waterboard, including an alleged program violation, program deficiencies, and program recommendations. He stated that he is working on a memo to respond to the Regional Board to update them, and items included in the NOV will be addressed through the annual report process.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT

10. Schedule Next Meeting

The next MC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

11. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

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