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Monterey Regional Stormwater Management Program

Management Committee

MEETING MINUTES for July 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 – Absent
City of Del Rey Oaks – Ron Fucci
City of Monterey – Kevin Anderson
City of Pacific Grove – George Fuerst
City of Sand City – Leon Gomez
(Arrived at 9:35 am)
City of Seaside – Thomas Korman
County of Monterey – Michael Trapani

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)
Leah MacCarter (County of Santa Cruz)

Other In Person:
Jakki Castorena-Davila (Environmental Innovations, EI)
Amy Gross (EI)
Aaron Hahn (City of Seaside)

2. **Public Comments**

Chairperson Anderson called for public comment, none received.

3. **Approve Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 06/24/26**

***Action*:** On a motion by Fucci *(City of Del Rey Oaks)*, seconded by Trapani *(County of Monterey)*, the Management Committee (MC) approved the MC Meeting Minutes for 06/22/26. Anderson called for public comment before the vote; none received.

Ayes: Anderson, Fucci, Fuerst, Gomez, Korman, Trapani
Noes: None
Absent: Bilse

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

Castorena-Davila *(EI)* reviewed the public outreach and education activities for the month of June, with summer camp partnerships with California State Parks and YMCA. The watershed model was highlighted in these presentations, thanks to the additional time spent with students and support from camp counselors that allowed for more hands-on interaction.

For Fiscal Year 2026-2027, EI will be working to schedule events farther in advance in order to coordinate with MRSWMP Member Entities and provide additional community outreach. A discussion ensued regarding alternative storm drain emblem formats. The supply of current

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emblems is running low, and Bumgardner *(M1W)* has reached out to vendors to determine prices for the different options. Also, EI is building a bank of social media content for the permit year.

- Follow-up action: Bumgardner will provide further information on the prices and options of storm drain emblems.

Fucci expressed appreciation for the accuracy and organization of pesticide alternative signage at Home Depot. Bumgardner requested input on content for the pool maintenance outreach flyer; Korman *(City of Seaside)*, Trapani, and Anderson volunteered to review the flyer and provide suggestions.

- Follow-up action: Bumgardner will reach out individually to the volunteer MC members to solicit feedback on the pool maintenance flyer.

5. MS4 Phase II Draft Permit Release, MC Comment Letter

Parker *(M1W)* described the timeline for Phase II Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) draft permit review and the process that CASQA has undertaken to analyze draft permit elements. The MC expressed interest in establishing a Permit Review Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate permit elements and provide guidance on priority topics to address in a formal response letter on behalf of MRSWMP. Members Trapani, Anderson, and Korman offered to serve on the Ad Hoc.

- Follow-up action: Parker will send information to the Permit Review Ad Hoc Committee members regarding the MS4 permit draft and schedule an initial meeting to discuss.
- Follow-up action: Parker will reach out to the City of Salinas to request information on their trash capture requirements and what infrastructure they have installed to meet those.

Parker highlighted the potential to establish partnerships with neighboring non-traditional permittees such as the Monterey County Fairgrounds, California State Parks, and California State University Monterey Bay that would facilitate meeting new permit requirements. Asilomar State Beach, under the California Department of Parks and Recreation, is slated to be a new MS4 permit holder. The sources of runoff for that location flow from other jurisdictions like Pacific Grove, which provides opportunities to expand MRSWMP membership and/or increase coordination with external entities. Parker also reviewed points of concern for CASQA.

- Follow-up action: Parker will research further requirements of the draft permit, including the Central Coast ASBS Regional Monitoring Program.

6. 2026 Committee Meeting Calendar

Parker shared information about the upcoming Water Quality Protection Program (WQPP) meeting on 09/03/26 where she will present on behalf of MRSWMP, focused on urban runoff water sampling data and processes for MC Members.

- Follow-up action: Parker will arrange meetings with Members and provide a draft presentation to the MC for review before the WQPP meeting.

As the October MC meeting conflicts with the final day of the annual CASQA conference, support staff will discuss moving the meeting with the Chair and Vice Chair to determine if it will be added as an action item to the August meeting agenda.

- Follow-up action: Bumgardner will arrange a Training Ad Hoc Committee meeting to discuss training topics and timing for the coming months.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7. Program Administrator Update

a. April – June 2026 Quarterly Report (Q4)

Parker pointed out that expenditure amounts included are not final yet, but she will be sending out the second invoices for FY 25-26 once the numbers are confirmed.

- Follow-up action: Parker will provide final invoices to MC Members as soon as possible.

b. FY 25-26 Permit Year in Review

Parker reviewed accomplishments from the previous permit year, including geographical distribution of school presentations, increased online engagement with virtual resources

- Follow-up action: Parker will research requirements within the Phase II draft permit regarding Community-Based Social Marketing to determine if it will necessitate changes to the PE/PO format.

She also celebrated the success of YouTube ads at increasing interactions with the MontereySEA channel, with views up over 200,000% from the previous year. Bumgardner shared that the new "Only these butts belong on our beaches" ad in the Monterey County Weekly (MCW) Visitors Guide received very positive feedback from the MCW marketing staff.

- Follow-up action: Parker will quantify the usage of training resources by external agencies in the Member resources for FY 25-26 Annual Reports.

c. CASQA Meetings Summary

MC Members confirmed that they have not yet received 13383 letters mandating cost reporting, and Parker verified that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has not published the reporting tool yet. She provided a brief timeline for the remainder of the California legislative session. Water Quality Control Plans and Policies are being considered by the SWRCB, and the Los Angeles Region Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Permit is scheduled for a hearing this week.

d. Proposition 4 Draft Guidelines

Parker shared that Prop 4 grant guidelines have been published for public comment, and during the SWRCB workshop on the topic, CASQA requested a change to ensure all Small MS4 Permittees are eligible for funding. She reminded the MC that projects applying for Prop 4 grants are not required to be included in a Stormwater Resource Plan until selected for funding, as reflected in the language of the draft guidelines. There will be grants for planning as well as project implementation funds, and no funding match is required.

- Follow-up action: Parker will prepare suggested language for a MRSWMP comment letter on Prop 4 draft guidelines.

8. Management Committee Member Updates

a. City of Carmel-by-the-Sea: No report.

b. City of Del Rey Oaks: Fucci reported that a new drainage system is being installed at his corp yard as a part of the FORTAG project, and saw cutting will commence on Hwy 218 in the near future. Fremont sidewalks and ramp improvements are underway, with some conflicting jurisdictional responsibilities being worked through to ensure proper coordination.

c. City of Monterey: Anderson stated that the stormwater utility fee was not approved by voters. Structural BMP assessments are underway, with catch basin cleaning ramping up as well. Storm drain replacements are moving through permitting and construction. The Olivier diversion project environmental documents, with a mitigated negative declaration, are available for public comment and are slated to come before the City Council in October.

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d. City of Pacific Grove: Fuerst shared that ~3,000 feet of sewer line on 17 Mile Drive is being replaced, in tandem with Spanish Bay golf course renovations to facilitate construction. He also reported on regional advocacy efforts to ban filtered cigarette products; the MC expressed interest in receiving a presentation on the topic at a future meeting.

   - Follow-up action: Support staff will reach out to advocates to schedule a presentation by the cigarette butt ban advocates.

e. City of Sand City: Gomez stated that city-wide storm drain inspections are beginning, and the large Playa Avenue drywell percolation system will be a part of those inspections. Work on the Surf bus line phased construction was approved to move ahead, to include BMP inspections.

f. City of Seaside: Korman shared that the Broadway Avenue Complete Streets project to add roundabouts will begin soon, with storm drain improvements. The visual trash inspections were updated recently for the whole City. "No parking during street sweeping" signs have been installed on certain densely used streets to improve trash accumulation.

g. County of Monterey: Trapani reported that the County is rolling out a new asset management software system that will facilitate stormwater cost reporting. They have an EPA grant for sanitary sewer improvements in Pajaro and Las Lomas within the watershed for the County's fecal coliform TMDL, which is moving through the permitting process. He had a meeting with the Regional Waterboard regarding the Notice of Violation received and confirmed with them that clearing it would take a significant amount of time.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT

9. Schedule Next Meeting

The next MC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

10. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

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