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Monterey Regional Stormwater Management Program
Management Committee

MEETING MINUTES for August 26, 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 – Absent
City of Monterey – Kevin Anderson
City of Pacific Grove – George Fuerst
City of Sand City – Leon Gomez
(Arrived at 9:33 am)
City of Seaside – Patrick Grogan
County of Monterey – Katie Datan

Other In Person:
Rebecca Baggott (City of Monterey)

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

Other Virtual:
Ryan Blanc (Caltrans)
Samantha Cho (CSG Consultants)
Gonzalo Coronado (County of Monterey)
Valerie Gaino (City of Carmel)
Dale Hillard (City of Salinas)
Debra Kelley (Endgame Messaging Hub)
Karl Kreutzer (City of Monterey)
Tara Leonard (County of Santa Cruz)
Elaine Narciso (County of Monterey)
Karina Rodriguez (County of Monterey)

2. **Public Comments**

   Chairperson Anderson called for public comment, none received.

3. **Approve Management Committee Meeting Minutes for 07/22/26**

   ***Action*:** On a motion by Grogan *(City of Seaside)*, seconded by Fuerst *(City of Pacific Grove)*, the Management Committee (MC) approved the MC Meeting Minutes for 07/22/26. Anderson called for public comment before the vote; none received.
   Ayes: Anderson, Bilse, Datan, Fuerst, Grogan
   Noes: None
   Absent: Fucci, Gomez

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

   Bumgardner *(M1W)* reported on public outreach and education activities for the month of July, including summer camp presentations to 10-15 students. The YMCA summer camp for Tularcitos was one of the most interactive groups of students – highly engaged and excited for hands-on activities. More storm drain emblems will be ordered based on the MC's direction: stainless steel with blue background and bilingual inscription.

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- Follow-up action: Support staff will confirm ADA compliance of the emblem height for placement on sidewalks.

A stormwater infrastructure tour social media campaign will accompany the upcoming Storm Water Awareness Week (SWAW). September will include tabling at two public events and the Monterey Bay Aquarium Educator Open House. Based on conversations with teachers during the previous permit year, the Monterey County Office of Education's annual Teacher Extravaganza resource fair was not well known, prompting the shift to the Aquarium's event.

Outreach materials updates continue, with grease trap and pool maintenance flyers in development. MC Members expressed interest in materials focused on mobile auto detailing, car washing, and pressure washing.

Bumgardner shared statistics on social media posts that demonstrate impact of sharing other entities content; First Flush volunteer recruitment content was a collaborative post and saw the largest engagement. Trash prevention content aimed at tourists and residents also garnered decent engagement numbers.

School presentations are starting up again with the beginning of the academic year. Bumgardner asked MC Members for assistance connecting with educators in Monterey schools as this remains the most challenging jurisdiction to contact for presentation scheduling.

- Follow-up action: Bumgardner will provide a list of schools located in Monterey to the MC.

5. Cigarette Filter Ban Efforts

Tara Leonard, Senior Health Educator and Project Director for Tobacco Education and Prevention, Public Health Division of the Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency, gave a presentation titled "Tobacco Product Waste: A Public Policy Roadmap." Leonard explained the toxic substances found in cigarette butts, including plastic microfibers, and the dangerous impacts of this pervasive environmental contaminant on humans and the environment. She explained local efforts to ban filtered cigarette products; municipal cleanup efforts are costly and unable to keep up with the waste accumulation. Source reduction strategies offer an alternative method to address tobacco waste in the environment instead of relying on individual behavior change. The cross-jurisdictional collaboration between the four cities in Santa Cruz County and the County is advancing awareness of the threat of tobacco waste, and jurisdictions are moving forward with commercial sale bans.

6. MS4 Phase II Draft Permit MC Comment Letter

Parker *(M1W)* reviewed the resources provided in the item memo, and Anderson described the work undertaken by the Permit Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate the Phase II Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) draft permit and identify areas of concern to be included in a formal public comment letter from the MC. Members discussed water quality monitoring program requirements and the impact of new draft permit language on ongoing monitoring needs.

- Follow-up action: Parker will work with the Permit Ad Hoc Committee to finalize the MC's formal public comment letter and submit it by the deadline.

7. 2026 Committee Meeting Calendar

Bumgardner shared updates from the Training Ad Hoc Committee: planning for September's SWAW hybrid BMP training is progressing and is titled "Stake, Wattle, and Roles! Practical BMPs To Keep Your Construction Site Running". She requested guidance from the MC about training topics for the fourth quarter of the calendar year. Integrated pest management will be a topic for early 2027.

- Follow-up action: Bumgardner will continue to work with MC Members to develop training topics for upcoming sessions offered by MRSWMP.

Parker mentioned that the virtual training for Dry Run/First Flush (DR/FF) monitoring events is this week and Dry Run sampling this Saturday. Katie Siegler with the California Marine Sanctuary Foundation (CMSF) provided a draft report for the 2025 DR/FF sampling events and requested feedback from Parker.

- Follow-up action: Parker will review the DR/FF draft report and provide edits to CMSF.

ACTION ITEMS

8. Consider Rescheduling the October MRSWMP MC Meeting

Parker stated that the regularly scheduled October 28 MC meeting conflicts with the final day of CASQA's annual conference that support staff will attend. Staff suggested moving the meeting date to November 4, 2026.

***Action*:** On a motion by Anderson, seconded by Bilse *(City of Carmel-by-the-Sea)*, the Management Committee (MC) voted to reschedule the 10/28/26 meeting to 11/04/26 at 9:30 a.m. Anderson called for public comment before the vote; none received.

Ayes: Anderson, Bilse, Datan, Fuerst, Gomez, Grogan
Noes: None
Absent: Fucci

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

9. Program Administrator Update

a. CASQA Meetings Summary

Parker shared that CASQA submitted public comment on the Proposition 4 draft guidelines, including prioritization for projects partnering with the California Conservation Corps. Cost reporting 13383 letters are waiting for Chief Counsel approval, and no reporting tool has been published yet. The State Water Quality Control Plans and Policies are being updated and may offer a route to adjust the trash capture requirements deadlines. Copper and zinc water quality objectives are in development for a statewide standard.

b. California Legislative Session Briefing

Parker updated the MC on progress of bills of interest moving through the legislative process. AB 2322 (Papan, statewide Commercial Industrial Institutional Permit) is eligible for a vote on the Senate Floor and, if approved, would go to the Governor for action. SB 601 (Allen, Waters of the United States) failed to move out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee and will not progress any further this session. There is a potential for the Governor to call a Special Legislative Session for a specific topic before the end of the calendar year. Otherwise, bills that have not been approved will not continue through the process, as the legislative session is in the second year of the two-year session.

10. Management Committee Member Updates

a. City of Carmel-by-the-Sea: Bilse reported that the City has a new Public Works Director coming on board, and they have seen some illicit discharges linked to grease interceptor issues. 2NDNATURE completed their trash reassessment, and there was very little waste observed.

b. City of Del Rey Oaks: No report.

c. City of Monterey: Anderson stated that a coastal development waiver was secured from the California Coastal Commission for the North Fremont storm drain replacement project. The Via Esperanza channel repair project finally is moving forward, and priority catch basin maintenance is underway. A permit application for Lake El Estero aquatic vegetation removal has been submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

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d. City of Pacific Grove: Fuerst shared a new City Engineer/Capital Improvement Program Coordinator is joining the City this month. He was notified that the Central Coast Regional Waterboard will be auditing the City's stormwater program. There was an illicit discharge equivalent where vegetative management goats escaped and contaminated a residential block with droppings; the street sweeper was dispatched to clean it up.

e. City of Sand City: Gomez reported that work on code enforcement alignment with stormwater policies continues. The West End Celebration was a well-attended event.

f. City of Seaside: Grogan shared that they are doing infiltration testing this week.

g. County of Monterey: No report.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT

11. Schedule Next Meeting

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

12. Meeting Adjournment

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

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