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Announcement

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After more than 31 years of operation, including the last dozen years as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, the Bay Area Stormwater Management Agencies Association (BASMAA) has wound down its activities and dissolved. The move was prompted by two factors:

- Several BASMAA member agencies had internal challenges to continuing participation in a non-profit organization.
- The number of regional challenges and opportunities for which BASMAA would develop and manage a regional project has dropped significantly and it does not appear that there will be a significant increase in such projects in the near future.

The BASMAA Board of Directors agreed that after dissolution, the information sharing and permittee advocacy functions of BASMAA would be continued informally under a new moniker: Bay Area Municipal Stormwater (BAMS) Collaborative via a Steering Committee and Subcommittees. This arrangement will continue if and until the need for regional projects and programs increases and the appropriate form of a new arrangement or organization becomes clear. In the meantime, the BASMAA website (www.basmaa.org) will serve as an archive of information about BASMAA and its projects and programs, as well as a repository of work products that may be viewed, downloaded, and used. Information about the BAMS Collaborative is available at: <https://basmaa.org/bamscollaborative/>.

BASMAA was formed in the early 1990s in response to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) promulgation of the federal stormwater regulations on November 16, 1990 as required by the 1987 amendments to the Clean Water Act. BASMAA was initially constituted under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in which member agencies agreed to "share resources and information and to cooperate in other ways involving their common interests as managers of stormwater draining into San Francisco Bay."

Over the course of three decades, BASMAA grew to 103 member agencies, including 88 cities and towns, 8 counties, and 7 special districts – all focused on regional challenges and opportunities to improving the quality of stormwater flowing to local creeks, the Delta, San Francisco Bay, and the Pacific Ocean. Through BASMAA, the member agencies' cooperation "in other ways" developed into the initiation of almost 150 projects and programs, including eight grant projects, with a total cumulative budget topping \$25 million. Individual projects and programs ranged in size from \$500 to more than \$7 million and lasted for a few months to 20-plus years and counting for two programs.

BASMAA has won many awards, including for the organization itself from EPA and for its projects and programs: *Brake Pad Partnership* (Friends of the San Francisco Estuary), *Our Water, Our World* Program (EPA, California DPR, Friends of the San Francisco Estuary, and Californians for Pesticide Reform), *Start at the Source* manuals (ASLA, Friends of the San Francisco Estuary, and an Aurora award) and Regional Advertising Campaigns (CASQA and a Telly award).

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