

BAY AREA MUNICIPAL STORMWATER COLLABORATIVE

Steering Committee

Meeting Summary

July 22, 2021

1. Introductions / Announcements / Changes to Agenda

Introductions: Jill Bicknell (SCVURPPP) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Joseph Monical (Water Board staff) joined the meeting for the first time and will be giving updates on Annual Reporting.

Announcements: Oriana Hart (City of Sonoma) has taken a new job with the City of Sonoma. Colleen Hunt (Sonoma Water) will be supporting the County during the transition.

Changes to the agenda: None.

2. Approval of June 24, 2021 Meeting Summary

Jill asked for comments regarding the meeting summary from the June 24, 2021 meeting. Hearing none, she asked for the Committee to accept the summary as written and all agreed.

3. FY 20-21 Annual Reporting Process

Preparation of Regional Supplements

In the past, BASMAA has prepared three supplements to Annual Reports for Phase I and Phase II permittees describing the following activities:

- Pesticide Regulatory Tracking activities (primarily transmittal of the CASQA Pesticide Annual Report)
- Training and Outreach activities, mostly related to Our Water Our World (OWOW) and the mobile surface cleaner program, and
- New Development and Redevelopment activities, reporting on regional projects and participation in processes to promote green infrastructure (GI).

Jill spoke with Geoff Brosseau (former BASMAA ED) to determine the process for these reports this year, as there is no funding for these reports. Jill volunteered to help draft these reports this year, and requested help from Matt Fabry (C/CAG, SMCWPPP) and others on GI activities. Geoff provided the Word versions of the previous supplements to support that effort. Jill will send an email asking for green infrastructure updates to include in the report. One of the IPM Advocates for the OWOW program has provided an update for those activities. Draft reports will be available for the Committee to review by mid-August.

Geoff used to provide a cover letter and certification statement to submit Regional Supplements to the Water Board. Keith Lichten (Water Board staff) confirmed that this was not needed. Each individual agency can certify the supplemental reports through the SMARTS upload process, or they can be included in countywide program annual reports.

The draft CASQA Pesticide Annual Report and Effectiveness Assessment is out for review. Send comments to Jill by July 27 and she will compile and forward to CASQA.

Update on SMARTS Submittal Guidance

Joseph reported that the Regional Water Board is shifting the process for submitting annual reports for Phase I Permittees from the FTP site to SMARTS. Permittees will be required to upload pdf reports to SMARTS with Legally Responsible Person (LRP) or Duly Authorized Representative (DAR) certification. The LRP will need to set up an account and connect staff to the account. Water Board staff sent guidance to assist with the process.

Questions:

- How should Countywide Program Annual Reports be submitted? Must they be uploaded to all Permittees' accounts or can they be uploaded to one Permittee's account and referenced by others? (Joseph and Keith will check with State Board staff)
- How will countywide monitoring reports (such as UCMRs) be submitted in the future? (same issue as above)
- Can an existing LRP (say for CGP reporting) be linked to the stormwater WDID account? Yes.
- What level of staff can serve as the LRP vs. the DAR? Can the person who normally certifies the annual report be the LRP? (Keith and Joseph to check)
- When will the pending WDIDs be assigned? (Working on this with State Board staff)
- Can Water Board staff provide an online training on how to set up and upload to the SMARTS accounts? Keith – yes, will set up a time to review the process

4. Subcommittee Reports

Development Subcommittee (Jill, for Pamela Boyle Rodriguez): Has not met in the last month, but is scheduled to meet August 24. The Subcommittee is being asked to consider rescheduling due to conflicting meetings with other subcommittees. (Note: Meeting has been rescheduled to September 14.)

Monitoring / POCs Subcommittee (Jill, for Lisa Sabin): Has not met in the last month but is schedule to meet the first Wednesday in September.

Phase II Subcommittee (Howard Bunce): Is not meeting in July due to the lack of progress with the Phase II permit renewal. The next meeting is scheduled for August 24.

Public Information/Participation Subcommittee (Jennifer Kaiser): Has not met recently, scheduled to meet July 28.

Trash Subcommittee (Beth Baldwin): No updates. Scheduled to meet August 24.

5. Collaboration with Caltrans

Update on Bay Area Municipal Projects

Hardeep Takhar (Caltrans) provided information on 6 new projects in the Bay Area for FY 21.

Update on Clean California Initiative and Project Application Process

Hardeep provided an update on the new program. Caltrans has launched Cleancalifornia.com and is strategizing to optimize the utilization of program funds. The program goals are to remove litter, create jobs, and beautify California. Caltrans will develop three year litter abatement plans, starting with District 7 (Los Angeles area) and then District 4 (Bay Area). A public outreach plan will be integrated into the litter abatement plans. They plan to schedule a meeting to review the Bay Area plan in mid-August and will share the information with BAMSC.

The Initiative include a public education program that is focused on trash and implemented statewide as well as regionally. Chris Sommers (SCVURPPP) recommended that Caltrans reach out to knowledgeable local people to design an effective outreach effort and coordinate with existing programs.

Caltrans is in the process of developing guidelines for a local grant program. There will be workshops on the development of the grant program and they will provide opportunity for public comment. Call for projects will likely be issued in January 2022. Howard Bunce (MCSTOPPP) asked if funding will come directly from Caltrans, and Hardeep said he believed so but will confirm. Reid Bogert (C/CAG, SMCWPPP) asked if the grants will fund GI projects with multiple benefits. Hardeep responded that guidelines are still being developed but he thinks there will be opportunities for GI funding.

Overview of Draft Caltrans Stormwater Permit

Hardeep provided an overview of the draft Permit. He said their main concern is the need to develop TMDL compliance plans within 1 year of permit adoption. TMDL compliance units criteria will shift to waste load allocations, and criteria for funding local projects will change. The Bay Area plan will focus on trash.

Matt asked if Caltrans will be updating its visual assessment data. Hardeep said that they will be mapping and reevaluating low trash generation areas, and plan to complete the work in October.

Jill asked if Steering Committee members can support Caltrans concerns through public comments. Hardeep stated that local partnerships are critical and that the permit should allow the flexibility for alternative compliance.

6. Collaboration with Regional Water Board

Keith reported that Water Board staff are working on finalizing MRP 3.0 permit language for the public draft (Tentative Order). Anticipating a September 10th release with a 60-day public comment period ending November 9. This schedule is dependent on Department of Finance review time. Anticipating October 12 and 13 as dates for Water Board hearings for testimony on the draft permit. Keith would like to discuss options for the structure (topics) for each day and would like permittees to coordinate testimony. If the process stays on schedule, the adoption hearing would be in February 2022 with a July 1, 2022 effective date. The Steering Committee would like to make sure enough time is provided to review the draft permit prior to the workshop hearing.

Construction General Permit: The draft permit is out for review and there will be an August 4th workshop; comments due August 13. Jill mentioned that the CASQA CGP workshop information is posted to the CASQA website (for members only).

Statewide 401 Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements Restoration Order – August 4th Board workshop and comments due August 13th at noon.

7. Adjourn – Next meeting: August 26, 2021

List of Attendees – July 22, 2021 Meeting

| Name | Affiliation | 5/27/21 | 6/24/21 | 07/22/21 | | | | | | | | |
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| Matt Fabry | SMCWPPP | X | X | X | | | | | | | | |
| Jim Scanlin | ACCWP | X | X | X | | | | | | | | |
| Beth Baldwin | Contra Costa Co. | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| Karin Graves | CCCWP | X | X | | | | | | | | | |
| Jill Bicknell | EOA/SCVURPPP | X | X | X | | | | | | | | |
| Jennifer Harrington | VFCSD | X | X | X | | | | | | | | |
| Jennifer Kaiser | VFCSD | X | X | X | | | | | | | | |
| Rob Carson | MCSTOPPP | X | X | | | | | | | | | |
| Howard Bunce | MCSTOPPP | X | | X | | | | | | | | |
| Oriana Hart | City of Sonoma | X | X | X | | | | | | | | |
| Peter Schultze-Allen | EOA/SMCWPPP | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| Geoff Brosseau | BASMAA | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| Angela Clapp | Port of Oakland | X | X | | | | | | | | | |
| Keith Lichten | Water Board | X | | X | | | | | | | | |
| Ken Johansson | Caltrans | X | X | | | | | | | | | |
| Wilfung Martono | Caltrans | X | X | X | | | | | | | | |
| Anand | Caltrans | | X | | | | | | | | | |
| Sandy Mathews | LWA/Napa Co. | | X | X | | | | | | | | |
| Chris Sommers | EOA/SCVURPPP | | X | X | | | | | | | | |
| Derek Beauduy | Water Board | | X | | | | | | | | | |
| Colleen Hunt | Sonoma Water | | X | X | | | | | | | | |
| Joseph Monical | Water Board | | | X | | | | | | | | |
| Hardeep Takhar | Caltrans | | | X | | | | | | | | |

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| Mitch Avalon | Contra Costa Co. | | | X | | | | | | | | |
| Reid Bogert | SMCWPPP | | | X | | | | | | | | |
| Kristin Kerr | EOA/SCVURPPP | | | X | | | | | | | | |