

BAY AREA MUNICIPAL STORMWATER COLLABORATIVE

Steering Committee

Meeting Summary

August 26, 2021

1. Introductions / Announcements / Changes to Agenda

Introductions: Jill Bicknell (EOA/SCVURPPP) welcomed everyone to the meeting. New participants: Suzi Senna (SGA/SMCWPPP) is attending as the new Chair of the Public Information/Participation Subcommittee.

Announcements: Matt Fabry (SMCWPPP) will be taking a position as Deputy Director of Public Works at the City of San Mateo and will no longer be participating in the Steering Committee.

Changes to the agenda: None.

2. Approval of July 22, 2021 Meeting Summary

Jill asked for comments regarding the meeting summary from the July 22, 2021 meeting. Hearing none, she asked for the Committee to accept the summary as written and all agreed.

3. Subcommittee Reports

Development Subcommittee (Jill, for Pamela Boyle Rodriguez, Palo Alto): Has not met in the last month but is scheduled to meet September 14.

Monitoring / POCs Subcommittee (Jill, for Lisa Sabin, EOA): Has not met in the last month but is scheduled to meet September 29.

Phase II Subcommittee (Howard Bunce, MCSTOPPP): Did not meet in August due to the lack of progress with the Phase II permit renewal. The next meeting is scheduled for September 28.

Public Information/Participation Subcommittee (Suzi): Met on July 28. Discussed the recently updated OWOW website and transition of regional OWOW activities to CASQA. Suzi would like to coordinate with CASQA on the transition and Jill said she would invite Suzi to a planned coordination meeting with a BAMSC subgroup formed for this purpose. Next PI/P Subcommittee meeting is November 3.

Trash Subcommittee (Jim Scanlin, ACCWP, for Beth Baldwin): Met on August 24. Oakland, Fremont, San Jose, and Contra Costa County gave presentations on direct discharge control programs. Caltrans discussed the upcoming grant program and cooperative agreements.

4. FY 20-21 Annual Reporting Process

Preparation of Regional Supplements/Web Posting – Status Report

Jill discussed the status of the regional supplements. Regional supplements for Phase I programs have been finalized and distributed. Rob Carson (MCSTOPPP) is working on the Phase II versions.

Jill discussed the BASMAA website. The BAMS Collaborative has a separate page on the BASMAA website. Jill would like a future agenda item to discuss who will manage the page and posting of documents going forward.

Rob expressed concern that some Phase II program reports are no longer on the BASMAA website. The Phase II Subcommittee needs a link to the website to reference materials in annual reports. Rob would like to get access to the website for future postings. Jill and Rob will work with Geoff to get Regional Supplements posted.

Rob asked if regional reports need to be approved by the Steering Committee. Jill stated that the group is now informal and approvals do not seem to be needed. The group was in agreement with this.

Update on SMARTS Submittal Guidance

Joe Monical (Water Board) provided an update on the SMARTS signatory authority. Discussed permittee concerns about City managers or elected officials needing a SMARTS account as a signature authority. A public works director or any person with responsibility over the control of the MS4 can be an LRP. If the person who normally signs the annual reports is not at this level, permittees can provide evidence of authority to Regional Water Board staff, who will help with the LRP designation.

Kevin Cullen (FSSD) stated there is a high interest in training on this process. Sandy Mathews (LWA/NCSPPP) added that the training should be recorded. Joe was agreeable to a recorded training. Training date TBD.

Joe addressed concerns over email domain restrictions for DARs. Water Board staff will work with the SMARTS team will need to set this up on individual, as needed basis.

Joe provided an update on submitting countywide program annual reports. They will require countywide annual reports to be uploaded to each permittee's account as currently done by Phase II permittees. Joe will send a follow-up email with a summary of what was reported today and potential dates for the SMARTS training.

5. Collaboration with Caltrans

Ken Johansson (Caltrans) reported that Caltrans is holding a cooperative partnership meeting on August 27. District 4 staff is in the process of preparing a litter abatement plan which will include plans for litter collection, BMPs, community engagement, and workforce development. District 4 is authorized to hire 23 positions for maintenance to support the Clean California Initiative. Additionally, 15 service crews from Department of Corrections will also be contracted to provide litter abatement support.

Caltrans will be hosting workshops on the new local grant program. There is a total of \$297 million for the local grant projects. Workshops will be held September 1 and October 7. This is an opportunity to provide input and feedback. Workshops will be recorded.

Jill asked if there would be an opportunity for the BAMS Collaborative to comment or provide input on the District 4 litter abatement plan. Ken said yes and promised to get back to the Steering Committee on the process.

6. Collaboration with Regional Water Board

Keith (Water Board) 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. If the process stays on schedule, the adoption hearing would be in February 2022 with a July 1, 2022 effective date.

The Committee discussed the format for the October 12 & 13 hearings. Keith stated that a majority of the meeting time will be dedicated to the permit, so essentially two nearly 8-hour meetings. He anticipates that the meetings will be virtual. He is thinking that they would start with an introduction by Water Board staff, then a 20-30 minute presentation by permittees on overarching concerns, followed by presentations on specific provisions. Suggestions were made for the grouping of topics on each day. Jill suggested having C.3 and C.11/12 grouped on one day and C.8, C.10, and homelessness issues grouped on the other day, but open to discuss. Chris Sommers (EOA/SCVURPPP) suggested after the introduction and big picture discussion, start with C.3 and green infrastructure. It connects to a lot of other program areas and will have significant resource implications. Keith will confirm the agenda with the Board chair and coordinate further with the Steering Committee.

Keith also mentioned the Department of Water Resources has released a drought support grant program for small and disadvantaged communities.

7. Adjourn – Next meeting: September 23, 2021

List of Attendees – August 26, 2021 Meeting

Name	Affiliation	5/27/21	6/24/21	07/22/21	8/26/21							
Matt Fabry	SMCWPPP	X	X	X	X							
Jim Scanlin	ACCWP	X	X	X	X							
Beth Baldwin	Contra Costa Co.	X										
Karin Graves	CCCWP	X	X		X							
Jill Bicknell	EOA/SCVURPPP	X	X	X	X							
Jennifer Harrington	VFCSD	X	X	X	X							
Jennifer Kaiser	VFCSD	X	X	X								
Rob Carson	MCSTOPPP	X	X		X							
Howard Bunce	MCSTOPPP	X		X	X							
Oriana Hart	City of Sonoma	X	X	X	X							
Peter Schultze-Allen	EOA/SMCWPPP	X			X							
Geoff Brosseau	BASMAA	X										
Angela Clapp	Port of Oakland	X	X		X							
Keith Lichten	Water Board	X		X	X							
Ken Johansson	Caltrans	X	X		X							
Wilfung Martono	Caltrans	X	X	X								
Anand	Caltrans		X									
Sandy Mathews	LWA/NCSPPP		X	X	X							
Chris Sommers	EOA/SCVURPPP		X	X	X							
Derek Beauduy	Water Board		X		X							
Colleen Hunt	Sonoma Water		X	X	X							
Joseph Monical	Water Board			X	X							
Hardeep Takhar	Caltrans			X								

Mitch Avalon	Contra Costa Co.			X								
Reid Bogert	SMCWPPP			X	X							
Kristin Kerr	EOA/SCVURPPP			X	X							
Zach Rokeach	Water Board				X							
Suzi Senna	SGA/SMCWPPP				X							
Lisa Sabin	EOA/SCVURPPP				X							
Pam Boyle-Rodriguez	Palo Alto				X							
Jon Konnan	EOA/SMCWPPP				X							
Kevin Cullen	FSSD				X							
Imtiaz-Ali Kalyan	Water Board				X							