

# BAY AREA MUNICIPAL STORMWATER COLLABORATIVE

## Steering Committee

### Meeting Summary May 27, 2021

#### 1. Introductions / Announcements

Jill Bicknell (SCVURPPP) welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the BAMS Collaborative, a continuation of the BASMAA collaborative efforts under a more informal structure.

Jim Scanlin (ACCWP) reported that in the CASQA True Source Control Subcommittee, there was discussion of the \$1.3 billion for highway clean-up and beautification projects in the Governor's May Revise Budget. The Subcommittee is looking for letters of support by June 15. Money could potentially be used to clean up trash and fund green infrastructure projects. Ken Johansson (Caltrans) clarified that this Clean California Initiative will have funds for local projects via grants from Caltrans and may have more flexibility than other types of funding. Projects are expected to be completed within 3 years. He hope to collaborate with municipalities on litter abatement and "shovel ready" projects. Link for more information:

<http://www.ebudget.ca.gov/2021-22/pdf/Revised/BudgetSummary/Transportation.pdf>

Jill announced that Jamison Crosby is resigning as the Napa County stormwater program manager and becoming the County's Groundwater Sustainability Manager.

Jill also announced that a WEF webinar on "Multiple Benefits of Stormwater Capture and Reuse Projects" will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> and Matt Fabry (C/CAG) will be one of the speakers. (Link to webcast agenda, presentations, and recording is here:

<https://wefstormwaterinstitute.org/2021/05/19/june-9th-stormwater-capture-and-reuse-webcast/> )

#### 2. Changes to Agenda - None

#### 3. Discussion of New Meeting Structure/Process

Geoff Brosseau (BASMAA ED) reported that the dissolution of BASMAA has stalled while he waits for one last check to arrive. Once this happens, he can close bank accounts and distribute remaining funds to BASMAA members. He expects to complete the dissolution in June. Peter Schultze-Allen (EOA) asked if the BASMAA logo should be removed from future agendas, products, etc. Geoff indicated that this would be best while BAMSC is working as an informal collaborative. Geoff further explained that products produced historically under BASMAA like the biotreatment soil media specification can continue under this branding as long as newer revisions are rebranded. Jill asked if BAMSC can store documents on the revised BASMAA website, and Geoff said he would create a separate page for BAMSC documents. The website also has the guidelines for how the Steering Committee and subcommittees would operate under the BAMSC.

#### 4. Internal Session

Discussed topics related to MRP 3.0, including:

- Steering Committee meeting agenda (June 2-3)? – ask Water Board staff
- C.3 – Admin Draft and proposed alternative GI implementation approach; road requirements and issues
- C.8 -- Monitoring work group update and issues
- C.11/C.12 -- work group update and issues

#### 5. Subcommittee Reports

- Development Subcommittee (Pamela Boyle Rodriguez) – Pam absent; Jill reported that they met on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Heard interesting presentation of “North Richmond Watershed Connections” GI project by John Steere (Contra Costa County), followed by a presentation by Sadie Wilson (UCB grad student) on “Community Climate Resiliency Districts” focused on funding urban greening and GI in disadvantaged communities. The discussion included a comparison of various cities’ stormwater fees and recent efforts to establish fees.
- Monitoring / POCs Subcommittee (Lisa Sabin) – absent; Matt summarized earlier in Internal Session.
- Phase II Subcommittee (Howard Bunce) – no Phase II meeting this month. No news from State Water Board about the release of the Phase II permit preliminary draft. Planning to continue to meet monthly as needed.
- Public Information/Participation Subcommittee (Jennifer Kaiser) – new OWOW website launched. San Jose State students have created OWOW app with fact sheets. OWOW might be managed by CASQA in future.
- Trash Subcommittee (Beth Baldwin) – Met April 27<sup>th</sup>. Presentation by Tony Hale (SFEI) on trash monitoring play book. Found that using drones was not as useful for viewing trash <3mm.

#### 6. Collaboration with Caltrans

Ken continued discussion of Clean California Initiative. This will augment the current municipal collaboration effort. Matt asked if projects have to treat Caltrans’ ROW, and Ken said there will be a substantial portion used to provide grants for local projects not associated with Caltrans’ ROW. The proposed budget includes \$444 million for local “beautification” projects as well as \$50 million for a public education campaign. He added that they would be willing to put on webinar for the Bay region to let people know how to work with Caltrans to access some of these funds after the budget is adopted. Derek Beauduy (Water Board) offered Water Board support and collaboration as well.

Wilfung Martono (Caltrans) reported that they are finalizing the documents for \$20 million in partnership projects with municipalities through the SHOPP program. These should be approved in Spring 2022 and then they can begin implementing projects. Ken added that cooperative agreements are also being developed with Palo Alto, Hayward,

and several other Bay Area municipalities. Anand Maganti (Caltrans) is helping with these projects. He asked municipalites to continue to submit projects to Caltrans.

## 7. Collaboration with Regional Water Board

Keith Lichten (Water Board) provided Water Board staff's plan for the MRP 3.0 Steering Committee meetings on June 2 and 3. The intent of the meetings will be for Water Board staff to provide feedback on comments from permittees, ask questions on some topics, and provide information on proposals for the Tentative Order. The proposed agendas were discussed. Matt and Jill suggested that the meetings focus on the bigger items and that a summary table be provided with information on the smaller items. Matt also requested that information be presented on whether Work Group proposals would be accepted by Water Board staff. The following agenda was agreed upon:

### June 2

- C.3
- C.8
- Expected process and next steps

### June 3

- C.10
- C.11/C.12
- Homelessness
- Other issues

Keith outlined the following schedule for next steps:

- Complete internal public draft by end of June and then send to Dept. of Finance
- Issue public draft (Tentative Order) in August with 60-day comment period
- Water Board workshops during September 8<sup>th</sup> and possibly October 13<sup>th</sup> Board meetings
- Still planning on December adoption hearing but may extend into early 2022.

Keith also mentioned that the State Water Board intends to release the public comment draft of the Construction General Permit on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Changes have been made to dewatering methods and requirements for passive treatment. Concerns have been expressed about NELs and sampling requirements and the requirements to close out projects. The new language should be responsive to the comments received.

Jim asked about a Water Board item on PCBs that was on the agenda for the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. He heard that there was significant feedback from the Board on PCB control measures and the need to keep fish safe. Keith responded that the Board continued to support the need for PCB controls and asked staff to look at addressing in-Bay as well as on-land sources. PCBs were discussed as an informational item toward the end of the meeting. The recording can be found at this link:

<https://cal-span.org/static/meetings-RWQCB-SF.php>

## 8. Adjourn – Next meeting: June 24, 2021

**List of Attendees – May 27, 2021 Meeting**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>5/27/21</b>															
Matt Fabry	SMCWPPP	X															
Jim Scanlin	ACCWP	X															
Beth Baldwin	ACCWP	X															
Karin Graves	CCCWP	X															
Jill Bicknell	SCVURPPP	X															
Jennifer Harrington	VFCSD	X															
Jennifer Kaiser	VFCSD	X															
Rob Carson	MCSTOPPP	X															
Howard Bunce	MCSTOPPP	X															
Oriana Hart	Sonoma Co.	X															
Peter Schultze-Allen	EOA	X															
Geoff Brosseau	BASMAA	X															
Angela Clapp	Port of Oakland	X															
Keith Lichten	Water Board	X															
Ken Johansson	Caltrans	X															
Wilfung Martono	Caltrans	X															