

BAY AREA MUNICIPAL STORMWATER COLLABORATIVE

Steering Committee

Meeting Summary

June 24, 2021

1. Introductions / Announcements / Changes to Agenda

Introductions: Jill Bicknell (SCVURPPP) welcomed everyone to the second meeting of the BAMS Collaborative Steering Committee and began the meeting by having everyone briefly introduce themselves.

Announcements:

Karen Graves (CCCWP) made an announcement about the San Francisco Bay Restoration Act that is working its way through the Federal legislature. Currently the Act has passed the House and is making its way to the Senate. Karen wondered if the group was interested in having the Luisa Valiela from the EPA come and give an overview of the Act. Jill noted that there are two versions of the bill in differing amounts and that other similar acts have been proposed before without success. Matt Fabry (C/CAG) concurred that an overview from the EPA would be more productive once there was more certainty around the bill passage. Chris Sommers (SCVURPPP) noted that the bill was in appropriations but that there was no clear information at this point about how the program would be structured and administered. He noted as well that the funding would be in addition to the San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund. Karen Cowan (CASQA-ED) requested that the group keep CASQA in the loop about the Act's progress. Link for more information:

<https://www.feinstein.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?id=395177D1-3A92-4BDA-8E28-3AA7AAD8FE7B>

Jim Scanlin (ACCWP) announced that Beth Baldwin will be returning to work for Contra Costa County and leaving Alameda. Beth will be responsible for the unincorporated County stormwater program and may not be involved in the countywide program. Jill indicated that Beth will continue to chair the Trash Subcommittee for at least the remainder of the calendar year.

Jill also announced that there will be a Caltrans litter event on July 7th in Oakland to kick off the Clean California Initiative. Caltrans was hoping for a representative from the BAMSC Steering Committee to attend for at least the press event at the beginning. Chris indicated that he may go and Jim Scanlin said he may potentially attend but representing Alameda County or Alameda Public Works. Derek Beauduy (Water Board) informed the group that Mike Montgomery (Regional Water Board Executive Officer) will be going to represent Water Board.

Changes to the agenda: None.

2. Approval of May 27, 2021 Meeting Summary

Jill asked for comments regarding the meeting summary from the May 27, 2021 meeting. Hearing none, she asked for the Committee to accept the summary as written and all agreed.

3. Update on BASMAA Dissolution

Jill reported that BASMAA had received payment for all of its invoices and distributed the remaining funds to all members. Jim indicated that ACCWP had not received their check and he was directed to contact Geoff Brosseau.

4. Discussion of CASQA's Management of Our Water Our World (OWOW)

Karen Cowen introduced the discussion regarding the future management of OWOW by CASQA. The program is currently funded through June 30, 2021 by the former BASMAA members. Karen will be working over the next six months to best structure the future funding of OWOW as a statewide program. Karen would prefer to move away from a population based funding model and move to a straight fee for the service. There are outstanding questions about whether the fees would be different for Phase I vs. Phase II partners. Karen was interested to know if there were needs of the current partners in the next six months and if they would be willing to fund these until the statewide funding kicks off in January. All partners indicated that their current needs could be met independently and agreed to wait until January to fund the program via CASQA.

Jennifer Kaiser (VFWD) requested that the website which was recently redone continue to be maintained. She reminded the group that any new factsheets would have to be put off until next year, as well as the launch of the newly developed app for OWOW fact sheets. Rob Carson (MCSTOPPP) stated that members of the PIP Subcommittee had volunteered to maintain the website in the interim if the need did arise. Jim Scanlin asked what the cost was for conducting the core tasks associated with OWOW and Karen stated it had been approximately \$55,000/yr. Karen agreed to send out the budget details to the group.

Karen would like to structure the CASQA program to combine the work of OWOW with the current CASQA pesticide regulatory advocacy work and ultimately include support for compliance with the forthcoming Urban Pesticide Amendments. She asked for volunteers from the Committee to help develop this program on a statewide level. Chris stated a concern that this small group should work to ensure that what was created for the Bay Area is not lost when incorporating the needs of a statewide program. Chris affirmed that BASMAA members need to be involved to ensure Bay Area integrity is maintained. Jill requested that the statewide program include training for IPM Advocates and allow municipalities who need this support or are just starting up their IPM programs to contract separately with IPM Advocates. Volunteers for the subgroup to work with CASQA to set up the statewide program are: Jill Bicknell/Vishakha Atre (SCVURPPP), Rob Carson/Howard Bunce (MCSTOPPP), Jennifer Kaiser (VFWD), and Jim Scanlin (ACCWP).

5. Internal Session

Discussed topics related to MRP 3.0, including:

- C.8 – Changes to Monitoring section.
- Cost of compliance estimates and process with the Dept. of Finance review.
- Internal meeting in July to discussion cost estimates.

It was decided to move the internal session to the beginning of the Steering Committee meeting starting in July.

6. Subcommittee Reports

- Development Subcommittee (Pamela Boyle Rodriguez) - Pam was absent; Jill reported that there was no June meeting and the next meeting is scheduled for August 24th.
- Monitoring / POCs Subcommittee (Lisa Sabin) - Lisa was absent; Jill reported that there was no June meeting and the next meeting will be in September.
- Phase II Subcommittee (Howard Bunce) – Howard was absent; Rob reported that the Phase II meeting was held on June 22, and there was a brief discussion of the changes to the CGP.
- Public Information/Participation Subcommittee (Jennifer Kaiser) – Jill reported that there was no June meeting and the next meeting is scheduled for July 28th.
- Trash Subcommittee (Beth Baldwin) – Beth was absent; Jill reported that there was no June meeting and the next meeting is scheduled for August 24th.

7. Collaboration with Caltrans

Ken Johansson (Caltrans) reported that the Caltrans Division of Environmental Analysis will be funding six new projects for full capture trash capture devices valued at approx. \$14M. This is in addition to the \$12M for projects already underway. These projects will capture trash from an additional 546 acres of Caltrans right of way, and will provide over 12,000 ac of trash capture for municipal partners. Approximately 90% of the funding for these projects will serve underserved communities. There was additional end of year funding that became available and through quick collaboration with municipal partners and the Regional Water Board, Caltrans was able to move these projects forward with 2020-21 funds. Wilfung Martono (Caltrans) reported that Caltrans is working on 7 SCO projects for 2022, and that funding might be moved up to fall of 2021 nearer to the beginning of the fiscal year. Ken further related that the extra end of year funding had allowed for projects in Richmond, Emeryville, Oakland, Palo Alto, and Hayward. Chris Sommers asked if this indicated that even if a project is slated for funding two years in the future, there might be an opportunity for it to receive funding sooner. Ken stated yes, as extra funding becomes available, they advance projects that are sufficiently far along in design to fund and build. Jill asked for the distinction between the two types of Caltrans funding FCO and CIA. Ken explained that CIA stands for Cooperative Implementation Agreement and FCO stands for Financial Contribution Only, and that FCO project traditionally take longer to implement. Matt requested a list of projects that are currently being funded by Caltrans and Ken indicated that he will provide a spreadsheet of projects to the Committee. Sandy Mathews (representing NCSPPP) requested the contacts and criteria for the program and asked if Ken could come discuss the opportunities with Napa permittees.

Jill mentioned again the July 7th Clean California Initiative kick off meeting in Oakland and asked Ken to further explain the process for receiving funds under this initiative. Ken indicated that he would have more information in July once the budget was final. Ken described that there will be monies for onsite and offsite capture devices, beautification, public education and outreach, homelessness and transition housing, and staffing to increase litter pick up. Chris asked if Caltrans would be administering the program and if it will be run as a grant program. Ken indicated that yes, Caltrans will be reviewing applications to ensure the projects meet the Clean California Initiative goals, and that he will have more information about the applications process in July.

8. Collaboration with Regional Water Board

Derek Beauduy (Water Board) announced that Water Board staff is working to complete the public draft (Tentative Order) of MRP 3.0 by the end of June and then it will go to the Dept. of Finance for a 30-day review period. Derek indicated that the MRP 3.0 Steering Committee had a productive meeting in June and Water Board staff is working to incorporate revisions and edits to the Administrative Draft. Public hearings at Water Board meetings are still planned for September and October. Jim asked if there would be special meetings for the hearings or if they would be incorporated into the regular meetings, and Derek said that they planned to keep it as part of the regularly scheduled meetings but that this decision was not fully made as of yet.

Derek said that State Water Board staff were finishing up final review of the Caltrans draft statewide permit reissuance. Ken (in chat) stated that the SWRCB plans to finalize permit provisions for the Caltrans NPDES Statewide Stormwater Permit for June 25 release of the formal draft for public review (60 days).

Derek additionally announced that the Water Board will be expecting MRP annual reports to be uploaded to the SMARTS system this year and that there will be a guidance document explaining how to register and use SMARTS forthcoming. Jill asked if the annual reports could be submitted as one file or would they require submittal by section. Sandy indicated that the current file size limitation in SMARTS is 100 MB. Derek said he would check into file size restrictions. Jill asked how countywide program annual reports would be submitted, and Rob said that the MCSTOPPP annual report is uploaded to each permittee's account individually by MCSTOPPP staff who have authorization in SMARTS as data entry personnel. The LRP must then log on and certify the report. The LRP have different account accesses and when the Phase II permittees began using SMARTS it was confusing to walk the LRP's through the process. Rob suggested that Water Board staff set up a test site for countywide programs to work through the process with their permittees prior to the annual reports similarly to when the Phase II permittees first used SMARTS. Derek indicated that he would look into it. Chris asked if there was a requirement for the annual reports to be ADA compliant. Derek indicated that he would check into this requirement and that if this is the case, the SMARTS requirement might be postponed. Chris reminded Water Board staff that the monitoring reports due in March are not as part of the annual reports and requested further guidance on how to submit those.

Chris returned the conversation to MRP 3.0 and asked about the process for the Dept. of Finance review and whether the draft sent to the Dept. of Finance would have draft cost of compliance numbers within it. Chris further asked if the cost of compliance estimates would be made available through the fact sheets. Derek indicated that the estimates would be available.

9. Adjourn – Next meeting: July 22, 2021

List of Attendees -- June 24, 2021 Meeting

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