



**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

September 19, 2024

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San José · Santa Clara · Saratoga · Sunnyvale · Santa Clara County · Valley Water

I. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS

John Bourgeois (Valley Water) called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Management Committee (MC) members introduced themselves.

II. ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA; ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no changes to the agenda. The following announcements were made:

- Valley Water's Office of Government is organizing an Unhoused People & Environment Summit on October 11, 2024. The Summit can be attended in-person or virtually.
- The Regional Monitoring Program's Annual Meeting will be held on October 16, 2025 in Berkeley. The meeting will also be webcast.
- The Regional Forum for stormwater management will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2024 in Oakland. Participation is by invite only. Chris will provide more information on the invitations in a separate email.
- The West Valley Clean Water Authority Board voted to change its name to West Valley Stormwater Authority (WVSA). Sheila Tucker (WVCWA) has been asked to look into conducting outreach about water quality and monitoring. She would like to coordinate with the WEO AHTG on this outreach.
- Naresh Duggal (IPM Coordinator, Santa Clara County) is retiring. The County's IPM Program will likely become a part of its Integrated Resource Management Program.
- WVCWA is working with Dr. Andrew Sutherland (UC Extension) to conduct an IPM training for municipal staff.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Sheila Tucker (WVCWA) moved to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2024 MC meeting. **Second:** Pam Boyle Rodriguez (Palo Alto). **Vote.** Motion passed with one abstention from Colleen Trostle (Santa Clara).

IV. REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING

Action Items from the September 19, 2024 meeting:

- Action Item 9-24-1 (Program staff will form an Unsheltered Homeless Populations AHTG to coordinate on Best Management Practices (BMPs) implemented by Co-permittees and development of encampment maps) will be done after Valley Water's Homeless Summit.

Action Items from previous meetings:

- Action Item 7-24-1 (Set up a meeting to discuss how SCVURPPP can help facilitate future collaboration with County OSH on the 2025 PIT count) is to be done.

- Action Item 7-24-3 (Invite Ken Schiff (SCCWRP) to make a presentation on the San Diego bacteria study) is to be done.
- Action Item 12-23-7 (Convene and support a Pesticide Controls AHTG during FY 2024-25) will be completed in October.

V. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SUBJECT NOT ON AGENDA

Shilpa Patel (Caltrain) introduced herself. Caltrain is interested in collaborating with SCVURPPP on outreach and trash management.

VI. WATER BOARD STAFF COMMENTS

No updates.

VII. PROGRAM BUSINESS

A. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

1. Draft FY 23-24 Program Annual Report

The Draft FY 2023-24 Program Annual Report was sent to the MC for review on August 23, 2024, and comments were due on September 13, 2024. Minor comments were received from the WVCWA and Sunnyvale and these have been addressed. The final Report will be distributed on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 for Co-permittees to submit along with their Annual Reports.

Motion: Rajani Nair (San José) moved to approve the Draft FY 2023-24 Annual Report. **Second:** Pam Boyle Rodriguez (Palo Alto). **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

2. Revised Old Industrial Control Measures Plan

Chris Sommers (Program staff) informed the MC that the Revised Old Industrial Control Measures Plan was sent to the MC on August 28, 2024 for review. He described the revisions made to the Plan. Comments were due on September 11, 2024, and none were received. The Monitoring AHTG has reviewed and approved the Plan. Some of the tasks in the Plan have budget implications; however, these will likely be covered by the EPA SFBWQIF PCBs TMDL Studies and Projects grant.

Motion: Rajani Nair (San José) moved to approve the Revised Old Industrial Control Measures Plan, contingent upon resolving comments received by Tuesday, September 25, 2024. **Second:** Colleen Trostle (Santa Clara). **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

B. PROGRAM BUDGET

Program staff are developing the draft FY 2025-26 Program Budget. It will be sent to the BATG for review in early November. A BATG meeting will be held mid-November to discuss the budget.

C. PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

1. BAMS Collaborative Update

Chris provided an update on the Water Board (WB) meeting held on September 11, 2024. Board members were supportive of Permittee concerns about the trash load reduction deadline and other issues presented by Program and Permittee staff, and

asked WB staff to report back to them prior to the June 2025 deadline on the progress made to address these issues.

Chris added that Proposition 5 on the November ballot is seeking to lower the voting requirement needed to approve local general obligation bonds for funding housing assistance or public infrastructure. Specifically, Proposition 5 lowers the voter approval requirement from two-thirds to 55 percent.

2. CASQA Update

The 2024 CASQA Annual Conference will be held October 21-23, 2024 in Sacramento.

3. Grants Update

USEPA Region 9 has approved the non-competitive exception request for \$8M funding submitted by the City of San Pablo on behalf of BAMSC to fund regional PCBs TMDL Studies and Projects. The City of San Pablo will be the fiscal agent for the grant project. SCVURPPP and other Programs and Permittees (Phase II MS4s) will be requested to provide match (25%). A regional work plan has been developed and will be submitted to USEPA as a next step. Once the grant agreement is executed, the City of San Pablo will issue an RFP to select a consultant team to implement the project. SCVURPPP will need to identify a Co-permittee representative to sit on the Project Management Team (PMT), which will oversee the 5-year grant project. SCVURPPP will likely receive an average of \$145,000 per year over the next five years from this grant. This funding will likely offset costs associated with Provisions C.8 and C.12.

The USEPA plans to release their Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for grant funding under the Water Quality Improvement Fund (WQIF) BIL category. This category will fund projects that have measurable positive impacts in underserved communities of the San Francisco Bay Area, including improving the land and water of communities with environmental justice concerns and addressing climate change.

VIII. MRP IMPLEMENTATION

A. NEW DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT

Jeff Sinclair (Program staff) provided an update on the first meeting of the Regional Long Term GSI Implementation Technical Working Group (TWG). Attendees scoped out the Work Group tasks, and identified goals, drivers, and constraints. The next meeting will be held in early December.

B. TRASH CONTROLS AND UNSHELTERED HOMELESS

Program staff will start conducting OVTAs in early October.

C. MONITORING / POLLUTANTS OF CONCERN

Chris reported that nets will be redeployed at three outfalls for trash monitoring this fall. Receiving water trash monitoring, which is being funded through the Watching Our Watersheds grant, will also begin this fall.

D. OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Not discussed.

E. OTHER PERMIT-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Not discussed.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Jeff provided an update on the informal draft of the Phase II permit. The informal draft of the Phase II Permit was issued on August 1, 2024, and comments are due on Friday, October 4. The informal draft includes significant asset management requirements, and considers all outfalls, stormwater conveyance systems, pipes, roadways, any equipment over \$5,000 as assets. The Permit also includes additional Annual Reporting requirements. The post-construction stormwater treatment thresholds have not changed. However, the Permit includes a hierarchy of treatment systems. Project proponents are required to demonstrate infeasibility to be able to implement anything other than bioretention. The Permit also includes additional retention and peak flow management requirements. CASQA is planning to submit comments to State Board staff on the Phase II Permit.

X. ADJOURN

The MC meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.