

San Diego Regional Stormwater Copermittees Regional Program Planning Subcommittee

Meeting Notes - Final

Chairperson Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) for 8/16 meeting

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Date / Time	Agenda Summary
08/16/18 Start time: 1:35 PM End time: 3:55 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order • Roll Call • Time for public to speak on items • Meeting Summary *VOTE* • Old Business • CASQA and NMSA Updates • Technical Memo Update: ROWD Reporting Request • Workgroup Updates • Announcements • Future Meetings
Location	
County of San Diego 5510 Overland Avenue, 4th Floor Conference Room 451 San Diego, CA 92123	

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Voting Members in Attendance: (one vote per watershed)		Number of Voting Copermittees at this Meeting: 8/9	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Santa Margarita Watershed: County of San Diego Jamie Milani	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carlsbad Watershed: City of San Marcos Doug Dowden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Los Peñasquitos Watershed City of Poway Tracy Beech (on phone)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> San Diego River Watershed: City of Santee Cecilia Tipton (on phone)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tijuana Watershed: City of Imperial Beach Wbaldo Arellano	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> San Luis Rey Watershed City of Oceanside Justin Gamble (on phone)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> San Dieguito Watershed: City of Escondido Alicia Appel (on phone) Kim Silvia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mission Bay Watershed: City of San Diego Jim Harry	<input type="checkbox"/> San Diego Bay Watershed: City of Chula Vista
Non-Voting Members and Members of the Public in Attendance			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County of San Diego Stephanie Gaines Sheri McPherson Ruth Dela Rosa Neil Searing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weston Solutions Sheri Dister	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Vista Jonathan Nottage Malik Tamimi
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of El Cajon John Phillips	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Baker International Scott Taylor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unified Port of San Diego Allison Vosskuhler (on phone)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of La Mesa Joe Kuhn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Walker Associates Paul Hartman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Carlsbad Tim Murphy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Del Mar/Solana Beach Jessie Powell Amanda Nelson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary Miguel Ángel Avalos (Michael Baker International)	

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5 **1. Call to Order**

6 Stephanie Gaines (County of San Diego) called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

7 **2. Roll Call**

8 Stephanie completed roll call for voting members. Eight voting members were in
9 attendance.

10 **3. Non-Agenda Public Comment**

11 No comments from members of the public.

12 **4. Meeting Summary *VOTE***

13 The following edits to the July 19, 2018, meeting summary were requested:

- 14 • Page 3 of 5, line 44, includes an incomplete sentence that is likely missing an
15 adjective. Removing the word “therefore” makes the sentence much clearer.
16 Stephanie will check with JoAnn Weber (County of San Diego) to confirm the
17 revision and add clarifying language to the bacteria variance summary.
- 18 • Malik Tamimi was present for the City of Vista, rather than Jonathan Nottage.
- 19 • Alicia Appel (City of Escondido) proposed revising the summary of the Trash
20 Amendments Ad Hoc Committee update on page 4 to more accurately reflect the
21 purpose of the conference call that she coordinated for that group. She also
22 proposed revising Action Item 4 to clarify that she is not leading the Ad Hoc
23 Committee or providing updates on behalf of the group.

24 **MOTION: Approve the July 19, 2018, meeting summary as amended. (APPROVED)**

- 25 ♦ Moved by: Jim Harry (Mission Bay Watershed)
- 26 ♦ Seconded by: Doug Dowden (Carlsbad Watershed)
- 27 ♦ Vote: 9-0 in favor (San Diego Bay Watershed voted in advance of the meeting)

28 **5. Old Business**

29 Most action items from the previous meeting were completed. Watershed leads have a
30 new deadline (10/31/2018) to inform Stephanie of any changes to the watershed
31 budgets. Stephanie is still awaiting a response from the council regarding the Ad Hoc
32 group time limits.

Action Items	Responsible Party	Status
1. Jo Ann to distribute the PowerPoint from the bacteria TMDL update.	Jo Ann Weber	Complete
2. Stephanie to provide the updated draft budget table showing the MOU estimated spending limits.	Stephanie Gaines	Complete

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3. The watershed leads to inform Stephanie of any changes to the watershed budgets.	Watershed Leads	New deadline: Due by 10/31/2018
4. Alicia to send Doodle poll to Track 1 jurisdictions to discuss compliance submittals and coordination.	Alicia Appel	Complete
5. Stephanie to find out and report back to the Copermittees what happens to an Ad Hoc group after the 6-month maximum time limit for an Ad Hoc group is exceeded and the group continues to be active.	Stephanie Gaines	Awaiting response from council

33 **6. CASQA and NMSA Updates with Scott Taylor**

34 Scott Taylor (Michael Baker International) presented updates on the California Stormwater
35 Quality Association (CASQA) and the National Municipal Stormwater Alliance (NMSA). He
36 currently serves on CASQA’s membership committee and is acting chair of NMSA.

37 He started his presentation with the 2018 CASQA Annual Update covering topics such as
38 membership, accomplishments, and organizational structure. Recently, CASQA welcomed Karen
39 Cowan as the organization’s first Assistant Executive Director. The role is intended to continue
40 expanding the work that CASQA can accomplish and further strengthen the services that CASQA
41 provides to its membership. The strategic addition will support the Executive Director, Geoff
42 Brosseau, in the day-to-day management of CASQA.

43 The Assistant Executive Director will also provide additional resources to help set and achieve
44 CASQA’s recently updated Vision. In 2017, CASQA updated its vision statement to incorporate
45 key advancements, such as the State Water Board’s Strategy to Optimize Resource Management
46 of Stormwater (STORMS), the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 231, and the Governor’s Water Action
47 Plan.

48 Scott elaborated on the importance of SB 231, which is legislation that provides legal clarity
49 under Proposition 218 that sewer water includes stormwater. SB 231 enables local governments
50 to finance projects to capture and manage rainwater for local reliability and flood safety.

51 He continued explaining the importance of statewide and national coordination. Organizations
52 like NMSA provide another venue for CASQA to collaborate on MS4 issues. On a statewide-level,
53 STORMS is a strategy-based initiative developed and managed by the State Water Board and is
54 closely related to CASQA’s Vision and its strategic actions. The STORMS program is advised by an
55 Implementation Committee, of which CASQA is a key member. Implementation Committee
56 members act as liaisons between STORMS staff and other stormwater professionals, champion

57 the need for key projects, and provide critical review, advice, and other resources during project
58 implementation.

59 Scott mentioned some of the regulatory initiatives CASQA participated in throughout 2017.
60 Once documents are released for public comment, CASQA develops comment letters, and
61 where necessary, provides testimony during workshops and hearings. Through these initiatives,
62 CASQA produced over 30 work products including comment letters, testimonies, and reports.
63 Those comment letters and testimonies provide a unified voice for stormwater programs and
64 reduce the burden on individual programs in tracking and commenting on these issues.

65 After revisiting the organization's vision and goals as they apply to this year, Scott summarized
66 some key projects including providing trash amendments training, producing reduction
67 estimates for copper brake pads, petitioning to DTSC for zinc in tires, incorporating TMDLs into
68 the Industrial General Permit, and updating/finalizing several BMP handbooks.

69 After the conversation, Scott summarized CASQA's 2017 Annual Conference, noting the
70 increased attendance year to year. He then announced the 14th Annual Conference scheduled
71 for October 15-17, 2018 at the Riverside Convention Center. The new key strategic planning
72 efforts for 2018 are well represented in this year's conference.

73 Scott followed up with a presentation on NMSA, which is an alliance of state and regional
74 groups comprised of MS4 permittees and is solely focused on the MS4 program. The
75 organization was formed primarily to represent MS4 permittees at the national level by
76 providing a unified voice. The group's vision is to provide clean water for the nation, which Scott
77 believes can be achieved by providing efficient and effective programs and changing the public
78 perception of water.

79 To achieve NMSA's goals, Scott identified four key action areas. First, NMSA intends to develop
80 public messaging campaigns and tools to collect, generate, and distribute public education
81 materials related to MS4 programs and policies. National media campaigns would vastly amplify
82 the public education for stormwater, which is the next action area. NMSA would provide
83 exchange forums for MS4 permittees to support and expand public education. In terms of policy
84 and advocacy, NMSA would be in direct communication with EPA staff, providing a conduit to
85 federal regulatory and legislative contacts of interest to the MS4 community. Lastly, the group
86 would provide sector support by coordinating with other national organizations that impact the
87 MS4 sector.

88 He explained the NMSA Strategic Framework, which is outlined by public outreach and
89 education; stormwater program planning; cost estimating; and funding and financing. Sector
90 outreach would be facilitated through partnerships with large national organizations such as the
91 EPA and ASCE. NMSA is currently working on several supporting projects. A national education
92 campaign is currently being explored to shift public perception. In addition, NMSA has been
93 working with ASCE to include stormwater as an independent category in the ASCE Infrastructure
94 Report Card. Other key projects include developing a national MS4 database, publishing an
95 annual State of Stormwater Report, and providing legislative support.

96 A member of the group commented that despite the progress made in terms of stormwater
97 management, stormwater infrastructure remains in poor condition. Funding for repairs is
98 insufficient, and there does not seem to be a push for increased funding. Scott agreed and
99 added that NMSA does acknowledge the issue of aging infrastructure. CASQA also agrees that
100 the storm drain system needs to be a necessary aspect of urban infrastructure and, therefore,
101 properly funded and maintained. He again capitalized on the importance of public education,
102 which is the first step in solving the issue.

103 Stephanie agreed that public outreach is important and made the point that legislative outreach
104 should also be considered. She specifically asked if the national education campaign intends to
105 inform elected officials of stormwater's importance. Scott clarified that the general public is the
106 priority. He acknowledged that although educating elected officials may be a more effective
107 short-term approach, the best long-term approach is targeting the public.

108 Scott concluded by thanking the Copermittees for their continued support and encouraging
109 them to get involved and informed by visiting both CASQA's and NMSA's websites.

110 **7. Technical Memo Update: ROWD Reporting Request**

111 Paul Hartman (Larry Walker Associates) presented a technical memo update to the Report of
112 Waste Discharge (ROWD) previously submitted. Following the submittal of the ROWD, Jo Ann
113 Weber (County of San Diego) considered revisiting the report.

114 Paul explained that this technical memo update is meant to provide the Regional Board with an
115 alternative to the ROWD initially submitted. The requested work effort consists of developing
116 more streamlined reporting requirements as alternatives to the ROWD recommendation from
117 January 2017. The alternatives are as follows:

- 118 • Option A is the same as proposed in the January 2018 ROWD submittal.
- 119 • Option B consists of several additions to Provision F including: reframing the "annual
120 report" concept, providing reporting requirements within Provision F, and adding the
121 option to include a summary table as an attachment or fact sheet.

122 In summary, Option B minimizes the changes to the WQIP and Monitoring Permit Provisions
123 while adding modifications to Provision F (Reporting). A new attachment or fact sheet, not
124 proposed under Option A, is made optional under Option B.

125 The intent of developing the technical memo was to create an alternate "back-pocket" item in
126 case the Regional Board was not willing to allow the changes presented in the ROWD; this
127 memo would minimize the changes presented to the Regional Board. Although the group
128 generally supported the technical memo update after taking some time to review the
129 supporting documents, they requested additional time for an in-depth review.

130 Stephanie agreed to send out the supporting material after the meeting, asking for feedback
131 and a preferred alternative between the options discussed. Comments are requested by COB
132 Wednesday, August 22nd.

133 Paul outlined the anticipated schedule of adoption moving forward. After the group decides on
134 a preferred approach, the Draft Technical Memorandum would be finalized in late August or
135 early September. The final draft would be completed a month thereafter, with the final version
136 following another month after that. A two-week Copermittee review and comment period
137 would follow each version deadline.

138 **8. Workgroup Update**

139 MOU Update Ad Hoc Committee

140 Stephanie provided an update on the group and the meeting with the attorneys on August 15th
141 in which the group discussed the challenges with the MOU. The agencies were well represented
142 with 16 out of 21 agencies in attendance. After much deliberation, the attorneys found a more
143 streamlined solution to the conflicting language presented in the MOU regarding the Brown Act.
144 The new version will have a single legislative body and budget. Subgroups will be considered
145 true working groups with their own respective bylaws, which will no longer require noticing.

146 Stephanie clarified that the groups are still under the current MOU and must abide by it until the
147 new MOU is in place, which is scheduled for August 2019 when the permit term expires. All final
148 edits to the MOU will be completed by September 30, 2018, after which it will be circulated for
149 review. Further discussion and review will take place through the October, November, and
150 December PPS meetings. Jurisdictions will need to prepare for subsequent council hearings.
151 Signatures need to be obtained during January 2019 through May 2019, with a final MOU signed
152 and effective no later than May 31, 2019.

153 Tim Murphy (City of Carlsbad) will send out a survey on August 17th to ensure that the approval
154 schedule works with the agencies' permitting process. The County of San Diego thanked
155 everyone for their contributions and cooperation and treated the group to some light
156 refreshments in celebration.

157 Education and Outreach Workgroup

158 Doug Dowden (City of San Marcos) provided an update on the workgroup. At their most recent
159 meeting, they voted to approve another round of surveys. The English and Spanish calendars are
160 being finalized and should be delivered soon. Several new swag items are being considered. The
161 next meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2018, at the City of Chula Vista City Hall. On that note,
162 Stephanie revisited Scott Taylor's presentation, relating NMSA's national education campaign to
163 the workgroup.

164 Land Development Workgroup

165 Sheri McPherson informed the group that the August 28, 2018 LDW meeting has been cancelled
166 due to a lack of agenda items. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 23, 2018.

167 Trash Amendments Ad Hoc Committee

168 Alicia Appel provided an update. She discussed the recent developments made by the Track 1
169 group, including updating Track 1 land uses. The jurisdictions recently had a call to discuss
170 schedules and share notes. She complimented how well the group has been working together.
171 She recommended the group meet again in late October/November and expects there to be
172 more questions and subsequent coordination as the group continues to work. They currently do
173 not have an upcoming meeting scheduled.

174 Project Clean Water – Report Pollution Tool

175 Neil Searing (County of San Diego) spoke about the newly developed pollution reporting tool on
176 Project Clean Water (PCW). The new tool includes a map of the San Diego region with the ability
177 to report pollution by location. The tool allows the user to input an address (or general location
178 by dropping a pin), report the category or type of pollution, add a description, and upload files
179 or images. The user's contact information is requested only for jurisdictions to be able to reach
180 out to that person to gather more information on the case. Once a report is generated, it is
181 assigned an identification number and an email is generated to the corresponding jurisdiction
182 and to the contact email provided.

183 The group asked if the generated emails are sent to multiple jurisdictional contacts, to ensure
184 that the report is delivered in case the primary jurisdictional lead misses the email. Although
185 Neil was not entirely sure, he did mention that the tool can easily be updated to do so.

186 Neil clarified that the tool is currently a trial version and has yet to be finalized. The pollution
187 categories or types currently proposed are over irrigation, illegal dumping, sediment/erosion,
188 and other. However, clear and concise definitions for each category still need to be finalized and
189 added to the site. Stephanie will provide the group with the trial link hoping to receive feedback
190 on the site in general, the categories described, and the definitions provided. Feedback and
191 comments are requested by the next PPS meeting.

192 The group asked if the website requires an exact location to be reported and if not, then how
193 does the appropriate jurisdiction get contacted. Neil clarified that there are required fields on
194 the tool, such as the address/location. Therefore, a report will not be generated if an address or
195 location is not provided. The map also includes layers outlining the different jurisdictional limits,
196 which should also guide the user. He appreciated the feedback and agreed that the website
197 could provide more clear instructions.

198 Another required field is the contact information of the person that completes the report. The
199 group commented that there may be some issues with confidentiality. Some agreed that people
200 are often discouraged to file a report because of it. Neil agreed and will work to clarify the issue
201 of confidentiality on the website.

202 **9. Announcements**

203 Members of the Track 2 jurisdictions of the Trash Amendments Ad Hoc group proposed meeting
204 in late September to coordinate and reconcile. Stephanie will provide Jonathan Nottage (City of
205 Vista) with the PPS email distribution list so that he may follow up with a survey on the topic.

206 Members were reminded of the upcoming Brownfield Workshop on November 15th.

207 **10. Future Meetings**

208 PPS Meeting – September 20, 2018 1:30pm-3:30pm

New Action Items		Responsible Party	Due Date
1.	Send out the supporting material for the ROWD Technical Memo Update to all Copermittees asking for feedback and a preferred alternative (Option A or B).	Stephanie Gaines	8/16/2018
2.	Provide comments on the ROWD Technical Memo Update to Stephanie Gaines.	PPS Group Watershed Leads	COB 8/22/2018
3.	Send a survey on August 17 th to ensure the MOU approval schedule works with each agency's permitting processes.	Tim Murphy	8/17/2018
4.	Provide the group with the trial link for the Pollution Reporting Tool on PCW. Feedback is requested by the next meeting.	Stephanie Gaines PPS Group	9/20/2018
5.	Provide the PPS distribution list to Jonathan Nottage so that he may schedule a coordination meeting with Track 2 jurisdictions.	Stephanie Gaines Jonathan Nottage	ASAP
Outstanding Action Items		Responsible Party	Due Date
6.	Inform Stephanie of any changes to the watershed budgets.	Watershed Leads	New deadline: Due by 10/31/2018
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