

MRP 3.0 Steering Committee Meeting #2 Minutes

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Meeting Information

Elihu M. Harris State Office Building, 2nd floor, Room 10
1515 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94612
January 29, 2019, 10:00-11:30 am

Water Board Attendees

Keith Lichten
Dale Bowyer
Jan O'Hara
Richard Looker
Kevin Lunde
Zach Rokeach
Joseph Martinez

Outside Attendees

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Action Items

- Schedule quarterly Steering Committee meetings
 - Next meeting is tentatively set for: March 26, 2019, 1-4 pm
- BASMAA will develop workgroups, assign leads and teams
 - C.3 workgroup has been established, and will meet monthly beginning Thursday, Feb. 7, at 10:30 am.
- Begin to develop technical documents via the BASMAA committees on trash, asset management, etc.
- Create a master calendar to keep track of all steering committee and workgroup meetings
 - Also, create an easily-accessible online archive in which to store 1) meeting minutes, 2) high-level discussion topics and agreements, 3) important documents shared during these meetings, 4) etc.
- Distribute a list of Water Board lead staff for each provision to Geoff and the BASMAA program managers
- Draft minutes for this meeting by February 12, 2019

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- The upcoming February 13, 2019, Board meeting, will include consideration of a proposed enforcement order requiring Caltrans to control trash from its Bay Area right-of-way. Several programs submitted written comments on the tentative enforcement order, and municipal representatives are welcome to provide testimony, if they want.
- The February 1 deadline for the FTCD investigation letters is extended to March 1

Discussion Topics

This meeting's purpose was to decide on the process and structure of the time leading up to the reissuance. There will be 5 workgroups: C.3, C.8, C.10, C.11/12, and Reporting/Other (need to determine what's in Other). Each workgroup will have a coordinator and dedicated members, including Water Board staff. BASMAA will set the coordinators and members.

The upcoming steering committee meetings (see Action Items) will each be focused on a key MRP provision or set of topics:

- March 26, 2019: C.10, trash.
- June 25, 2019: C.3/C.11/C.12 (new/re-development, pollutants of concern, and the link between them)
- September 2019: C.8 & Other.
- 4th quarter 2019: Reporting, including electronic and cost reporting.

BASMAA has identified the following workgroup coordinators:

- C.3: Matt Fabry and Jill Bicknell
- C.8: Lucille Paquette and Bonnie de Berry
- C.10: Chris Sommers
- C.11/C.12: Lisa Austin and Jim Scanlin
- Reporting/other: The BASMAA Board of Directors

The coordinators will facilitate the workgroup meetings and generate ideas. BASMAA will also organize the members and schedule of each workgroup. Monthly workgroup meetings should preferably earlier in the month than the BASMAA Board of Directors meetings, which Keith Lichten attends.

Water Board staff noted that one of the MRP changes under consideration is to move the traditional small MS4 permittees (North Bay cities, towns, and counties, San Francisco, and potentially the Ports of SF, Oakland, and Redwood City, and the major airports) into the MRP, and the Permittees expressed their desire to address those changes separately, and as a secondary priority. Water Board staff noted a separate meeting has been scheduled for March 12 at 1:30 pm at the State Building with the permittees who are now under the statewide small and non-traditional NPDES MS4 permit.

The Permittees asked if it would be possible to get rid of some MRP provisions completely, and ensuing discussion noted that there are minimum required measures in stormwater permits; as such, those provisions cannot be removed. However, Water Board staff is open to productive discussions about focus and level of effort. For example, Matt Fabry has suggested we consider

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public outreach that is focused on elected officials/related decision-makers, with the goal of obtaining funding for the programs.

The Permittees asked for a structured and transparent process, in which all documents and discussion topics from each workgroup and steering committee meeting are easily available to all permittees, BASMAA staff, and Water Board staff, via a online document storage. Also, a master calendar, with each workgroup and steering committee meeting. Ensuing discussion suggested that this could be an online service, like google docs, or something BASMAA sets up; Water Board staff could set up something smaller-scale on the Water Board web page.

Under the rubrics of electronic reporting and topics that are likely to be considered under C.3 and C.10 (e.g., asset management), Water Board staff asked about opportunities to use GIS-based systems for data tracking and reporting as an alternative to submitting equivalent information via the annual reporting process, though there are some permittees (e.g., San Pablo) who do not have a GIS system.

There was discussion about structuring the permit to free up resources to prioritize certain provisions, like green infrastructure. Another example was moving resources from certain C.8 sub-provisions towards supporting a focus on restoration. Water Board staff asked about the nexus between climate change infrastructure that permittees will already have to build and water quality targets or other permit requirements and suggested those topics be discussed starting in the work groups. They noted Jim Scanlin (ACCWP) and others have stated an interest in considering opportunities to incorporate this concept into the MRP.

Water Board staff noted they are interested to discuss pollutant/water quality trading, and recognize the SF Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund grant application put forth by Walnut Creek and San Pablo as an opportunity to help develop that in MRP 3.0.

Water Board staff noted their goal is to start drafting MRP 3.0 language by Fall 2019, and since we don't want to defer discussion too much past that, we need to identify the key issues before then and put to bed as much as possible. Water Board staff noted they need to hear from the municipalities regarding their wish list for MRP changes.

Water Board staff noted municipalities, possibly coordinated by BASMAA, have an opportunity to make their voices heard regarding the Caltrans CDO at the upcoming February 2019 Board meeting.