

CENTRAL COAST LONG-TERM ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NETWORK (CCLEAN)

Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2024

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Via Teleconference Zoom Webinar

The meeting was called to order on July 24, 2024, at 2:00 pm by Barbara Buikema. Roll Call Was taken by Barbara Buikema of the voting committee members signed on to Zoom.

Participants:

Present:

Akin Babatola, Laboratory/Environmental Compliance Manager (Chair)| City of Santa Cruz

Jennie Munster, Quality Assurance/Quality Control Chemist| City of Santa Cruz

Barbara Buikema, General Manager: Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD)

Carla James, Laboratory Supervisor (CAWD)

Ray De Ocampo, Laboratory Analyst II, Environmental Compliance (CAWD)

Sarah Stevens, Environmental and Regulatory Compliance Supervisor: Monterey One Water

Olivia Woolery, Interim Laboratory Supervisor: Monterey One Water

Bryan Condry, Laboratory Manager: City of Watsonville

Absent:

Kati King, Wastewater Lab/Compliance Manager: City of Scotts Valley

Jose Guzman, Operations Manager| Monterey One Water

Vistra Zero Landing Energy Storage Facility (Moss Landing Power Plant) Power Plant

Representative: Unknown At This Time

A quorum was present

Participants – Non-Voting Members: Present

Cameron Kostigen Mumper, Associate Manager | Pure Water Soquel

Aroon Melwani, Senior Scientist, Central Coast Managing Principal Partner: Applied Marine Sciences,

Dane Hardin, Senior Marine Scientist, Principal: Applied Marine Sciences

Sarah Bragg-Flavan, Water Resource Control Engineer: Central Coast Water Board

Participants – Non-Voting Members: Absent

Mary Hamilton, Environmental Program Manager| Central Coast Water Board

Virtual Public Attendees: None

1. ***Appearances/Public Comments:*** *No Public Appearances/ Public Comment*

2. ***Agenda Changes:***

No agenda changes.

3. **Agenda Items:**

A. Introductions:

<p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <p>Sarah Stevens introduced Olivia Woolery, newly appointed interim Laboratory Supervisor from Monterey One Water, will be the new representative for M1W. Sarah Stevens and Jose Guzman will be the alternate representatives for M1W.</p>
<p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>None.</p>
<p><u>Action Item:</u></p> <p>None.</p>

B. Chair's Report, by Akin Babatola

<p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <p>Akin Babatola reported that he went through the CCLEAN QAPP and stated that there is still work that needs to be done in the document. However, Akin gave some context regarding the difference between QAPP responsibility of CCLEAN as an organization vs. the individual agencies that comprise CCLEAN. The individual agencies still have the responsibility to approve documents that are crafted in the agencies' names. Akin stated that the CCLEAN QAPP should not have to change every year and that the QAPP should be able to sustain for multiple years and shouldn't be tied to every single change in the project. Akin acknowledged that it would be good to hear Mary Hamilton's feedback on the QAPP for CCLEAN.</p> <p>Dane Hardin stated that the CCLEAN program data be submitted to California Environmental Data Exchange Network (CEDEN). Akin agreed that the QAPP needs to be in place, but that doesn't mean it needs to be changed every time a new report is completed.</p>
<p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>None.</p>
<p><u>Action Item:</u></p> <p>None.</p>

C. Review of the Meeting Minutes for May & June

Discussion:

May 22, 2024 meeting minutes were put up on the screen, Sarah Stevens had a correction for her name spelling from Sara Stevens to Sarah Stevens in the minutes.

Decision:

Bryan Condy made a motion to accept the May minutes, Carla James seconded the motion.

AYES: City of Santa Cruz, Monterey One Water, CAWD, City of Watsonville

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vistra Zero Landing, City of Scotts Valley

ABSTAIN: None

After a roll call vote the committee approved the May 22,2024 meeting minutes.

Action Item:

None.

Discussion:

June 26, 2024 meeting minutes were put up on the screen.

- Corrections were made to Sarah Stevens' name and title.
- Discussion on the length and detail of minutes. Sarah was OK with less detailed minutes, while Jennie, Bryan, and Barbara agreed more detailed minutes were better. The distinction was that the minutes wouldn't be verbatim but would summarize the main points.
- Barbara clarified that minutes are posted on the CAWD website along with the Agenda. There was general discussion on when the minutes would be sent out.

Decision:

Bryan Condy made a motion to accept the June minutes, Sarah Stevens seconded the motion.

AYES: City of Santa Cruz, Monterey One Water, CAWD, City of Watsonville

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vistra Zero Landing, City of Scotts Valley

ABSTAIN: None

After a roll call vote the committee approved the June 24, 2024 meeting minutes.

Action Item:

None.

X. Vote of additional \$2K for the mussel CEC sampling

Discussion:

Barbara Buikema requested a redo of the vote of the \$2K for the “The Hook” sampling that was conducted at the May CCLEAN Steering Committee meeting as we did not have a consensus.

- Akin Babatola asked for clarification on this item since he missed the May meeting.
- Aroon Melwani explained the importance of adding Contaminants of Emerging Concerns (CEC) sampling in mussels to compare to other data collected in the Program.
- Dane Hardin added that there are no wildlife health alert levels associated with CEC’s but it would inform CCLEAN if we were seeing CEC along the shoreline in Monterey Bay.

Akin brought up a contract that the City of Santa Cruz has with AMS and stated that this separate contract with AMS is not a CCLEAN task. Bryan Condy added that the City of Watsonville does have a separate contract with AMS as a permit requirement and it is a separate contract although it mentions CCLEAN by name.

Decision:

Mr. Condy moved to vote on the additional \$2,000.00 for “The Hook” CEC sampling. Barbara Buikema requested a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: City of Santa Cruz, Monterey One Water, CAWD, City of Watsonville

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vistra Zero Landing, City of Scotts Valley

ABSTAIN: None

After a roll call vote the committee passed the additional \$2,000.00 for “The Hook” CEC sampling.

Action Item:

None.

D. Lead Agency Remarks, Report by CAWD

<p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <p>Barbara Buikema thanked everyone for their patience in attending the meetings and adherence to abiding by the Brown Act rules.</p>
<p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>None.</p>
<p><u>Action Item:</u></p> <p>None.</p>

E. Financial Report, by CAWD

<p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <p>Barbara Buikema went over the financial statements. Barbara said the financials look clean.</p>
<p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>Jennie Munster moved to accept the financial statement.</p> <p><u>AYES:</u> City of Santa Cruz, Monterey One Water, CAWD, City of Watsonville <u>NOES:</u> None <u>ABSENT:</u> Vistra Zero Landing, City of Scotts Valley <u>ABSTAIN:</u> None</p> <p>The committee accepted the financial statements.</p>
<p><u>Action Item:</u></p> <p>None.</p>

F. CCLEAN topics or questions for Water Board Staff

<p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <p>Mr. Babatola asked if there is an update from the State Water Board or Central Coast on what the program is for analyzing and controlling Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).</p> <p>Sarah Bragg-Flavan will get back to the committee as a lot of it is coming from the State board.</p>

Decision:

None.

Action Item:

None.

G. Program Director's Report, by Applied Marine Sciences

Discussion:

Aroon reviewed the CCLEAN QAPP Changes. Aroon reported that he spoke with Mary Hamilton from the regional board and she said that she would review the QAPP every year and the intention is that there would be statements in future NPDES permits where the regional board would have the ability to review the CCLEAN QAPP before initiation of CCLEAN Sampling.

Aroon reviewed changes that are being made to update the CCLEAN QAPP.

Akin, Bryan, Jennie, Aroon, and Dane discussed how the CCLEAN QAPP relates to individual discharges QAPP/NPDES permit. There was debate whether the CCLEAN QAPP should be more detailed or less detailed. There appears to be overlap between the CCLEAN QAPP and individual NPDES permit requirements which leads to confusion, and committee members expressed different opinions on how best to delineate what is CCLEAN vs. what is an NPDES permit requirement.

Jennie suggested an overarching statement be added to the CCLEAN QAPP that would say that the dischargers CCLEAN requirements would be evaluated separately via the individual dischargers QAPP to the extent that it is required separately from CCLEAN in individual NPDES permits.

Akin showed the Santa Cruz NPDES permit (newest permit) which contained a CCLEAN table listed various agencies water individually. Sarah Bragg-Flavan added that it needs to be clear where the data will be used and reported and stated that this is a good discussion to have now.

There was discussion that further edits to the QAPP would be developed.

Decision:

None.

Action Item:

None.

H. City of Santa Cruz response to the question if the San Lorenzo Rivier POP sampling should remain in CCLEAN’s QAPP as discussed in the prior meeting on June 26, 2024

<p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <p>Mr. Babatola stated, it should not remain in CCLEAN’s QAPP and it is not a CCLEAN program and Santa Cruz is not doing it as part of our obligation to CCLEAN. If it is an obligation to CCLEAN, then Akin would submit it for that purpose. But he believes it is for City of Santa Cruz only.</p> <p>Jennie Munster stated that it is included in the table that was viewed earlier. Mr. Babatola stated it is saying something different than what are doing now. Mr. Babatola asked about the list of services to be included. Mr. Hardin responded that we are not doing that for the City of Santa Cruz.</p>
<p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>None.</p>
<p><u>Action Item:</u></p> <p>None.</p>

I. Water Board’s Report – Update on Water Board Attorney(s) position regarding CCLEAN Committee attendance

<p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <p>Sarah Bragg – Flavan stated they are currently working on Scotts Valley renewal.</p> <p>Mr. Hardin asked anything from their attorneys about the Brown Act? Ms. Flavan stated that they will not be voting members or assigning members. The Central Coast Water Board are acting in a public sense in these meetings. Sarah stated that they are still hiring one more backfill position for Peter Langdon’s position and we are working at getting better at permits not on extension.</p> <p>Mr. Babatola asked if the permit obligation loaded into CIWQS has not extended beyond August. If data is generated in August or September there is no receptacle in CIWQS for CCLEAN. The last communication with the State said there is no contract for doing it yet and that is why it is not there yet. Ms. Flavan will get back to you on the CIWQS question.</p>
<p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>None.</p>

<p><u>Action Item:</u></p> <p>None.</p>
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J. Ad Hoc Committee Formation for the Budget Year 2025-26 Member Vote, designation of volunteers, and naming convention of the committee

<p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <p>Bryan Condy wants to talk about the future of CCLEAN program (Phase IV) to propose monitoring program changes for 2025-2026. As we have been talking about the last eight months or so on these POPs very strongly, and found they are not from the wastewater treatment plants. It would be nice to move something different and more beneficial instead of monitoring the same thing over and over and seeing the same thing over and over again.</p> <p>Ms. Buikema stated that a committee has to be publicly formed, assign members, and give the committee a name. Bryan Condy moved to form this committee. Mr. Babatola nominated Jennie Munster to be nominated. Ms. Munster accepted.</p> <p>The committee members agreed to set a date and bring it back to the Steering Committee.</p> <p>Mr. Condy requested that Ms. Buikema send out an email to those who have volunteered to set a date and time. <i>(Note: Ad Hoc committees do not have to adhere to the Brown Act)</i></p>
<p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>Jennie and Bryan agreed to meet.</p>
<p><u>Action Item:</u></p> <p>Barbara to send out an email to volunteers of the Ad Hoc committee.</p>

K. Meeting attendance that members would like to state

No comments.

August the 28th was agreed to as the next meeting day for the steering committee.

Ms. Buikema requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Babatola agreed to adjourn and seconded by Mr. Condy. All Ayes and no opposition.

4. ADJOURNMENT: *Barbara Buikema adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.*