



Capitol Region Watershed District

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December 13, 2023
CAC Meeting
APPROVED

Community Advisory Committee Meeting **Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

CAC Members Present:

Gwen Willems
Cheryl Braun
Mary Lilly
Bob Simonet
Steve Duerre
Richard Weil
Mike MacDonald
Mike Trojan
Barbara Hall

Others Present:

Michael McKinney, Barr Engineering
Joe Collins, CRWD Board
Nate Zwonitzer, CRWD Staff
Forrest Kelley, CRWD Staff

CAC Members Absent:

Lauren Wheeler, (excused)
Andrew Montain, (excused)
Tom Elko, (unexcused)
Michelle Ulrich, (excused)

I. Welcome, Announcements, and Updates

Ms. Lilly opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Lilly introduced Barbara Hall as the new CAC member. Ms. Hall gave a brief background of herself and then the other CAC members introduced themselves. Welcome, Ms. Hall.

II. Public Comment for Issues Not on the Agenda

Ms. Lilly asked for comments, not on the agenda. There were none.

III. Approval of Agenda

CAC Motion 23-029: *To approve the CAC November 8, 2023, Agenda.*

Simonet/MacDonald
Unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A) Approval of the *October 11, 2023, CAC Meeting Minutes*

CAC Motion 23-030: *Approve the October 11, 2023, CAC Meeting Minutes.*

Willems/MacDonald
Unanimously approved.

V. District Initiatives for Review, Comment, and Recommendations

- A) TBI Detailed Water Quantity and Water Quality Modeling (Zwonitzer)

Mr. Zwonitzer and Mr. McKinney gave an update on the computer modeling project for the Trout Brook Storm Sewer Interceptor and the Trout Brook subwatershed. This model expands on previous modeling and provides much more detail on water quantity (XPSWMM) and water quality (P8) issues. It will identify flooding potential and estimate pollutant loading in the watershed. This model was developed with the assistance of Barr Engineering and 75% of the project was covered by a FEMA grant. The water quantity model identifies potential flood areas and does a flood prioritization analysis based on a composite flood score and the social vulnerability index. Water quality modeling evaluates existing and future BMPs and identifies where water quality improvements may be most beneficial. This modeling will provide staff with information to better understand and address flood and water quality issues in the watershed.

For informational purposes only. No motion requested.

VI. CAC Initiatives

None

VII. Project and Program Updates

- A) Facility Management Program Update (Kelley)

Mr. Kelley gave an update on the CRWD Stormwater Facility Management Program Plan. CRWD has many stormwater treatment facilities in the District with more on the way. All of them require some degree of O&M to keep them viable and operating correctly. Many of the local government facilities that own these facilities have limited finances, staff, and expertise to maintain these facilities and keep them operating correctly. CRWD has developed this plan to assist public partners with the operation and maintenance of stormwater facilities. The plan outlines three approaches for assisting public partners. Approach 1 is Pooled BMP Maintenance Services for small facilities who are then invoiced for the services. Approach 2 is Regional Facility Maintenance Assistance for regional facilities owned by LGUs. Approach 3 is Regional Facility Ownership where in rare cases CRWD will consider ownership of

regional facilities that are of high priority to CRWD. Overall, partners have expressed support for the program.

For informational purposes only. No motion was requested.

B) TBI Repair Project @ Station 135+00 180+50 (Eleria)

This presentation was moved to a future date due to time constraints.

For informational purposes only. No motion was requested.

C) Upcoming C&E Events (Kelley)

Mr. Kelley informed the CAC of three upcoming community events that could use help from CAC with tabling at the CRWD display: St. Paul College Community Fair, Hamline Midway Coalition + Midway Investment Collective, Dual Annual Meeting, and the Rice Larpenteur Alliance, Winter Warm Up. Flyers are in the packet. Email Maricella Xiong with any questions.

For informational purposes only. No motion was requested.

VIII. CAC Observer Update

Mr. Simonet attended the 11/1/2023 CRWD Board Meeting. Mr. Simonet reported on the TBI modeling program being presented to the Board, a permit extension, and the employee benefits program.

IX. Discussion

- A) New & Old Issues
There were none.

B) CAC Observer for November 15, 2023, Board of Managers Meeting

Ms. Hall volunteered to attend the November 15 meeting.

C) Joint Meeting of Board Communications and Community Committee and CAC Liaisons
– November 20, 2023

Ms. Braun will attend.

D) CAC Observer for December 6, 2023. Board of Managers Meeting.

Mr. Simonet volunteered to attend the December 6 meeting.

X. Adjourn

CAC Motion 23-031: *To adjourn the November 8, 2023, CAC Meeting.*

Hall/Willems
Unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Steven Duerre