

CENTRAL COAST LONG-TERM ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NETWORK (CCLEAN)

Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 27th, 2024

2:00 pm- 3:30 pm

Via Teleconference Zoom Webinar

The meeting was called to order on November 27th, 2024, at 2:00 pm by Jennie Munster. Roll call was taken of the voting committee members signed on to Zoom.

Participants:

Present:

Carla James, Laboratory Supervisor: Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD)

Patrick Treanor, District Engineer: CAWD

Bryan Condry, Laboratory Manager: City of Watsonville

Olivia Woolery, Interim Laboratory Supervisor: Monterey One Water (M1W)

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

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

Barbara Buikema, General Manager: CAWD

Absent:

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

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

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

Representative: Unknown At This Time

Jose Guzman, Operations Manager: Monterey One Water

A quorum was present.

Participants – Non-Voting Members: Present

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

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

Cameron Kostigen Mumper, Associate Manager | Pure Water Soquel

Participants – Non-Voting Members: Absent

Mary Hamilton, Environmental Program Manager| Central Coast Water Board

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

Virtual Public Attendees: None

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

2. **Agenda Changes:**

None.

3. **Agenda Items:**

A. Introductions:

Attendees were noted.

B. Chair's Report by Jennie Munster

Jennie confirmed that Akin was not at the meeting today, and did not leave any comments for her to pass on during this meeting.

C. Review of October 23rd Meeting Minutes

Discussion:

Aroon Melwani had a comment on the Program Director's Report regarding the water board completion of the QAPP review. Bryan Condy had a comment that CIWQS was spelled wrong.

Bryan asked a question about what was meant by "compliance assessment" from the Water Board regarding the QAPP. Aroon said that was just the terminology that Mary used and couldn't speak to the details of what was included in the "compliance assessment".

Bryan asked a question about comments in the last meeting regarding Soquel Creek falling under Santa Cruz's NPDES permit and asked Cameron Kostigen Mumper to comment on that. Cameron said that basically Soquel Creek is blending with the Santa Cruz WWTP effluent. Cameron also confirmed that Pure Water Soquel Creek is still in the startup/testing phase and hasn't gone into full operation yet. Dane and Cameron discussed the sampling location and that there was some reconfiguration happening with the where the CCLEAN sampler was going to connect, (most likely starting in the wet season sampling).

Decision:

Bryan motioned for approval of meeting minutes and Kati King seconded. There was a roll call vote to approve the meeting minutes:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Vistra Zero Landing

ABSTAIN: None

After a roll call vote the meeting minutes were accepted with corrections.

<p><u>Action Item:</u></p> <p>Minutes to be modified per comments.</p>

D. Lead Agency Remarks

<p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <p>None.</p>
<p><u>Decision:</u></p> <p>None.</p>
<p><u>Action Item:</u></p> <p>None</p>

E. CCLEAN Topics or Questions for Water Board Staff

The Water Board staff were not in attendance. So no discussion was had under this agenda item.

F. Program Director’s Report

<p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <p>Aroon Melwani gave an update on regular CCLEAN activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMS spent the last month addressing the comments on the new website. Aroon shared his screen showing the new website with the new “Program Highlights” page. There are three sections in the highlights page: 1st section ties directly to the CCLEAN data conclusions regarding things like pesticides in mussels, river as major pollution source, ocean plan objectives, etc. 2nd section provides data in the context of climate change including emerging contaminants and nutrient loading. 3rd section lists all the special studies that have been done by CCLEAN over the years with links to the reports. • Aroon mentioned he still needed help with the privacy/cookies legal requirements for the website. • Jennie asked who will host the new webpage and Aroon said that AMS was paying to have it hosted by Cloudways. • Aroon provided updates on regular sampling activities; they are working on the dry season sediment sampling figures. AMS is also getting ready to do a feature article pulling together past river data to show correlation with major exceedances in the ocean.

Decision:

Aroon said the new website was ready to go live and there was a general consensus that it was OK to make the new website live. Aroon would send an email out letting people know about the status of making the website live.

Action Item:

Aroon to keep everyone posted on going live with the new website.

G. Water Board's Report

Discussion:

Water Board staff were not in attendance.

Decision:

None.

Action Item:

None.

H. Financial Report

Discussion:

Barbara went over the financial report from October and net receipts. Everything is in good shape. AMS hadn't submitted invoices yet for September and October. Aroon said the invoices are probably about to go out.

Decision:

None.

Action Item:

None.

I. General Announcements

Jennie and Bryan talked about the Ad Hoc committee that is discussing the scoping for CCLEAN for next fiscal year. Jennie, Bryan, Olivia, and Aroon met on November 14th and

came up with a bunch of ideas that could be included in the CCLEAN scope next year and set out to prioritize possible top ideas. They are going to meet again in December and then when they have their ideas in place they will bring them to the full CCLEAN Steering Committee.

J. Next Meeting Date:

When discussing the next meeting date it was realized that this committee usually skips the December meeting due to the holidays. There was a motion by Bryan Condy to skip the December meeting and hold the next meeting at 2:00 on January 22nd, 2025. All steering committee members present voted yes (by a roll call vote) to the proposed date in January for the next meeting.

4. ADJOURNMENT: *Jennie Munster adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.*