



ACTIVITIES REPORT

PROJECT SUMMARY

REPORT DATE	PROJECT NAME	PREPARED BY
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STATUS SUMMARY

Board Members:

Please find below the new activity report requested and refined at the Nov. 16 Board Meeting. The new report accomplishes the following:

1. Hours Worked and Expended
2. Explicit Description on meeting/gathering/workshop attended.
3. Explicit dates of meetings and purpose.
4. Summary Narrative of the month activities

SPECIFIC WORK FLOW

TASK	HOURS	DATE	PURPOSE	NOTES
Regulatory Work	8	Dec 5th	CEQA Early Public Consultation Meeting: Proposed Recycled Water Policy Amendment	The Recycled Water Policy provides goals for recycled water use in California, guidance for use of recycled water that considers protection of water quality, criteria for streamlined permitting of recycled water projects, and requirements for monitoring recycled water for constituents of emerging concern (CECs).

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Administrative Work	4	Dec 14 th	Cambria Board Meeting	Directors Report, BPR Report--Monitoring
Regulatory Work	7	Dec 18th	Public Workshop: Proposed Industrial General Permit Amendment:	Regulatory meeting discussing by State Water Board staff will hold the following workshops to provide information and answer questions from the public regarding the proposed Industrial General Permit Amendment.
Legislative Work	3	Dec 18th	State Parks Issue	Engagement with Senior Staff resolving monitoring issues.
Administrative	1	Dec 18th	Weekly Update with GM Gruber	CCSD Ongoing Items
Regulatory Work	8	Dec 19th	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD BOARD MEETING	State Water Board staff expect to release a public draft of an amendment to the Recycled Water Policy by March of 2018.
Legislative Work	2	Dec 20 th	Water Rights Issue	Resolving timing of water rights administrative issue with State Water Board.
Legislative Meetings	1	Dec 20th	Meeting with Legislative Staff	SRF Loan Repacking for communities with private debt.
Regulatory Work	3	Dec 22 nd	Cal Fire Grant Submittal Formulation and Discussions	CAL FIRE has announced filing period for Greenhouse Gas Grants that has a specific section/allocation for co-generation facilities.
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Legislative Meetings	2	Dec 22th	Water Committee Staff	Language definition of SB 5 in terms of Section 80110, two hundred million dollars

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(\$200,000,000) shall be available to the Natural Resources Agency for implementation of voluntary agreements that provide multi benefit water quality, water supply, and watershed protection and restoration for the watersheds

Regulatory Work	3	Dec 26 th	Follow-up Cal Fire Grant Opportunities	FEMA has announced Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grants available as a result of federal disaster declaration related to wildfires.
Administrative	1	Dec 27th	Weekly Update with GM Gruber	CCSD Ongoing Items
Administrative	2	Jan 2 nd	Meeting with Board President.	SRF Loan/Grant SWS Loan Refresh; State Parks update; Planning Commission Water Rights Letter.
Administrative	1	Jan 3rd	Scheduled Weekly Update with GM Gruber	CCSD Ongoing Items
Regulatory Work	8	January 4th	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD BOARD MEETING	Staff workshops to discuss specific details of the proposed Recycled Water Policy amendment
Administrative	1	Jan 8th	Weekly Update with GM Gruber	Special discussion on State Parks access issue.
Regulatory Work	7	January 9th	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD BOARD MEETING	Draft Amended Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program (GWGP) Funding Guidelines

SUMMARY HOURS UTILIZED

CATAGORY	HOURS
Administrative	10
Regulatory Work	47
Legislative	8
Travel	12
TOTAL MONTHLY HOURS EXPENDED	77

WORK NARRATIVE

Administrative:

GM Gruber and I continue to work on outstanding issues in the State-Local nexus including: Working with Scott McFarland at State Water Rights. Note The issuance of these licenses will not be a hindrance to the issuance of any Coastal Development Permit. The water rights are still in effect and there are no outstanding petitions. Ongoing discussions on regarding Coastal Commission Staff and the County of San Luis Obispo Staff relating to Cambria Regular Coastal Development Permit for the Sustainable Water Facility. We also discussed the Districts efforts relating to Wet Weather Preparedness, The Closure Plan and the Cease and Desist Order.

New items for discussion include a repackage of debt SRF Loan interest rate relief package with the State. Also, CAL Fire grant opportunities including: (a) FEMA has announced Hazard Mitigation Grant Program grants available as a result of federal disaster declaration related to wildfires in CA; (2) CAL FIRE has announced filing period for Greenhouse Gas Grants that has a specific section/allocation for co-generation facilities.

DWR Actions & Impact

AMENDMENT TO THE STATEWIDE GENERAL PERMIT FOR THE DISCHARGE OF STORM WATER ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES

There are no policy issues with the proposed amendment to incorporate mandatory TMDL requirements and U.S. EPA analytical methods. The following policy issue pertains to the proposed compliance options: Should the State Water Board allow the compliance option through storm water capture, use and infiltration statewide, or solely in regions and watersheds where the Regional Water Board does not have groundwater concerns?

State Water Board staff is proposing to amend the existing General Permit to: (1) incorporate permit requirements to implement existing TMDLs, (2) update monitoring requirements per the new federal Sufficiently Sensitive Methods Rule, and (3) provide permit compliance options for compliance with certain of this General Permit's technology-based effluent limitations, water quality based effluent limitations, discharge prohibitions, and TMDL requirements. The proposed TMDL-related requirements (which include numeric action levels and numeric effluent limitations) are applicable to discharges in watersheds that identify industrial storm water discharges as a source of the subject surface waterbody impairment. The proposed incorporation of requirements of the new U.S. EPA-approved Sufficiently Sensitive Methods Rule requires industrial storm water dischargers to use analytical methods that detect and quantify pollutants at, or below, the applicable water quality criteria or permit limits.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE PROPOSITION 1 GROUNDWATER GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The State Water Board has a total of approximately \$744 million available for qualifying planning and implementation projects, after accounting for bond and program administration costs. Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) staff are completing the evaluation of proposals and the award of funds for the first round of funding (Round 1). In anticipation of the second round of funding (Round 2) to occur in 2018, staff have proposed amendments to the Guidelines to provide clarification regarding funding eligibility, to make changes to the maximum funding amounts, and to clarify general program requirements and expectations.

Groundwater projects in all regions are eligible including San Luis area. Regional Water Quality Control Boards and the Division of Drinking Water district offices are assisting with the technical review and evaluation of project proposals and will be providing input during project implementation.

Amendments to the Recycled Water Policy

State Water Board staff expect to release a public draft of an amendment to the Recycled Water Policy by March of 2018 with the Science Advisory Panel who presented their findings and recommendations at a public meeting on December 15, 2017 and will release their draft report for a 30-day public comment period in early January 2018. There was a staff workshops to discuss specific details of the proposed amendment on January 4, 2018 on this topic which may or may not affect the Cambria waste plant.

Ongoing Issues:

Improvements to State Revolving Loan Fund

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) administers California's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program (Program). In the last several years, the Program has received a significant number of applications in comparison to previous years. As of September 18, 2017, the Program had 165 applications in-house, totaling \$7.6B in funds requested; over 60 of those applications were complete. On average, the Program finances between 30 and 40 applications per year. Discussion centered on numerous improvements in the program that would benefit Cambria in the following next rounds and on the refinancing front.

Legislative Outreach Advocacy

Continue to see guidance on recycled water and grant funds expected from the upcoming bond election (given legislative passage) with a focus on upcoming grant and eligibility requirements. At least 3 meetings centered on this topic. BPR also began discussion with key legislative staff on potential changes to the SRF statute allowing a interest rate buy down.