

# Meeting Minutes

## CCLEAN Steering Committee

July 1, 2008

10:00 – 12:00

### Monterey Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant

#### Participants:

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#### Agenda Items:

1) **Review of last meeting minutes:** The minutes from the 05-13-08 meeting were approved as amended. Garrett moved to accept the minutes and Ray seconded the motion. All present approved the minutes from the last meeting. They will be posted on the website. The financial summary will also be posted on the website.

2) **Financial Update:** In the fiscal year 07/08 the City of Watsonville has collected \$211,241 from the member agencies and has spent \$258,677

The breakdown is:	Applied Marine Science	\$101,726
	Weston Solutions	\$20,000
	Kinnetic Laboratories (KLI)	\$117,868
	Monterey Bay Analytical	\$ 200
	City of Watsonville	\$ 1960
	Administration Fee (7%)	\$16,923

All the CCLEAN agencies are current on their payments and additional invoices are coming in. **Note:** Barbara said that the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter billings had not been sent out. This was wrong. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter billings were sent out in May and all agencies have already paid them.

3) **Report from Meetings:**

A) Dane went to the Central California ASBS meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The State Board's requirements for monitoring are still being developed. Dane has developed 3 options for the ASBS agencies to choose from. One strictly adheres to the State's Draft Special Protections monitoring plan, the other is a modified

monitoring plan without CCLEAN and the final one is the modified plan with CCLEAN. There is a substantial saving in cost (approximately 15%) for both the ASBS agencies and the existing members of CCLEAN if we work together. The last 2 options still have to be approved by the State Board / Dominic Gregorio. Dane plans to rely on the Sanctuary's First Flush monitoring efforts for some of the stormwater monitoring. The county of San Mateo, State Parks, and Caltrans have expressed interest in participating in a regional monitoring program. The next ASBS meeting will be July 10, 2008.

We discussed whether we should wait to finalize next year's budget until the ASBS agencies decide what they are going to do, or move ahead with the 08/09 budget as is. We decided that we should move ahead with our existing budget. Dane will e-mail all the committee members the 08/09 budget next week. He has received a ball park estimate of \$50,000 a year cost for the Endocrine Disrupting Bioassay Screening from the Bioassay Laboratories. In the future the budget will be finalized in March.

- B) Mike attended a CIWQS training session in Sacramento the day after our last meeting (July 2<sup>nd</sup>). There were about 2 dozen participants and Mike was the only staff member from the Regional Board. They are working on the 2<sup>nd</sup> version for Beta testing. The new CIWQS lead person is Valerie Conner who also manages other statewide monitoring programs including the SWAMP database. David Paradies has worked with her a lot, so Karen is hopeful that CIWQS and the CCAMP data will be compatible. Akin stated that CIWQS is working under a program that separates it from CCAMP, and is focused more on delivering high quality data to USEPA.
- 4) **Annual Report:** The annual report for 06/07 will be an abbreviated version. It will include:
- A) A description of CCLEAN's monitoring activities during the 06/07 fiscal year.
  - B) Minimal results including PBDE data. Santa Cruz and MRWPCA have PBDE data from their SPMD sampling of their effluent.
  - C) It will be submitted by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008
  - D) The 07/08 annual report will be submitted to the Steering Committee by December 31<sup>st</sup> for review and be submitted to the Regional Board by the due date of January 31, 2009
- 5) **Define Mike Higgins' and Karen Worcester's Role in CCLEAN:** Karen is the QA officer for the Water Board, she is the manager of Regional Monitoring Programs for the board, and she is heavily involved in data management. She has been involved in CCLEAN since its conception and has been a great help in developing the program. Her involvement in CCLEAN will continue with her focus on quality assurance, data management, and regional monitoring. Mike is the area engineer for the NPDES permits of the Cities of Santa Cruz and Watsonville. His expertise is in permit compliance monitoring. He is also very interested in endocrine disrupting compounds. He is involved in CCLEAN to ensure that the dischargers are complying with their permits and to move forward with the monitoring of the emerging contaminants. Matt Keeling is still the area engineer for Carmel and MRWPCA. Although, he is moving to another position in the Region Board staff, he will continue to be the contact until his position is filled. The staff from the Regional Board has an advisory function in CCLEAN. Although the dischargers pay for the program; own it and have final say on what CCLEAN does, they value their working relationship and occasional guidance from the Regional Board.

- 6) **Members' access to the CCLEAN website to exchange files:** We discussed the possibility of giving CCLEAN members more access to the CCLEAN website so that we can exchange documents through the website with out clogging our respective agencies' e-mail accounts. Garrett said he thinks he got to a point where he could upload documents to the website with the link Dane had provided us. Dane and Garrett will try to figure out how we can do this and sent instructions to the committee members.
- 7) **QAPP:** We agreed that the description of the River sampling should be removed from the QAPP. Dane will get a draft of the QAPP to all members of CCLEAN by the first part of next week. We will submit our comment by the end of next week and Dane will submit it to the Regional Board by July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 8) **Project Update:**
  - A) **Effluent Sampling:** Barbara asked if the dry weather sampling can be done in August, because Watsonville's permit requires that the semi annual effluent sampling is done in August. Dane will check with KLI to see if this can be done. Dane will also advise us if this changes the cost allocated to this task.
  - B) **Sediment Sampling:** The next sediment sampling will be done in October 2008
  - C) **Mussel Sampling:** Mussel sampling was done during the wet season.
  - D) **Offshore Ambient Monitoring:** The next sampling with the offshore buoys will be done during the same time as the dry weather sampling of the effluents
  - E) **Proposition 50 Grant:** Dane has applied for a no cost extension for this grant and it has been approved
- 9) **Set Date for the next Meeting:** The next meeting was set for Tuesday, August 5th at the Moss Landing Power Plant from 10:00 to noon. Lunch will be provide (thanks Lee)