

# CENTRAL COAST LONG-TERM ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NETWORK (CCLEAN)

## Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2025

2:00 pm - 2:30 pm

*Via Teleconference Zoom Webinar*

The meeting was called to order on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 2 pm by Patrick Treanor. Roll call was taken of the voting committee members signed on to Zoom.

### **Participants:**

#### **Present:**

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

Patrick Treanor, District Engineer: CAWD

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

Bryan Condy, Laboratory Manager: City of Watsonville

#### **Absent:**

Jeremy Long, Wastewater Division Manager: City of Scotts Valley

Barbara Buikema, General Manager: CAWD

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

Vistra Corp (Moss Landing 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)

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

#### **Participants – Non-Voting Members: Absent**

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

Cameron Kostigen Mumper, Associate Manager | Pure Water Soquel

**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 Santa Cruz Representative

**Discussion:**

Jennie Munster opened the meeting and facilitated agenda discussions. Short discussion was had regarding Olivia Woolery's Grade 1 and 2 CWEA certification training that was held recently, with positive reviews.

**Decision:**

None.

**Action Item:**

None.

**C. Review of June 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Minutes**

**Discussion:**

Patrick brought up the meeting minutes on the screen and gave a quick synopsis. Olivia Woolery noted her title should be updated to "Laboratory Supervisor" (removal of "Interim").

**Decision:**

Jennie Munster motioned for approval of meeting minutes and Olivia Woolery seconded. There was a roll call vote to approve the meeting minutes:

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

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: City of Scotts Valley, Vistra Corp**

**ABSTAIN: None**

After a roll call vote the meeting minutes were accepted.

**Action Item:**

None.

**D. Lead Agency Remarks**

No discussion.

**E. Program Director's Report**

**Discussion:**

Aroon Melwani reported on multiple program activities:

- Presentation to Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary: AMS presented CCLEAN legacy contamination data and benthic trends. Interest was strong; Sanctuary staff are reviewing the data and considering inclusion in their condition reports.
- Scope and Proposal: The current year's scope remains consistent, with adjustments to Phase 4 (desktop analysis) and upcoming benthic monitoring for the 5-year cycle.

**Decision:**

None

**Action Item:**

None

**F. Discussion of CCLEAN Contract for PY25**

**Discussion:**

- The group reviewed the draft contract for Program Year 25 (PY25).
- Patrick confirmed the document follows the standard professional services agreement template used in prior years.
- Bryan Condy confirmed he had reviewed the proposal ahead of time and had no questions.
- No concerns or objections were raised regarding the scope, budget, or contracting format.

**Decision:**

Consensus was reached to approve the contract for AMS for PY25. No formal vote required due to full agreement and prior budget approval.

**Action Item:**

Execute contract with AMS for PY25.

## G. CCLEAN Topics or Questions for Water Board Staff

No questions.

## H. Water Board's Report

### Discussion:

Sarah shared multiple items of interest:

- QAPP (Quality Assurance Project Plan) - Comments on the QAPP are still pending but expected shortly.
- Permit Updates
  - Scotts Valley's permit is on hold but next in the queue once resources allow.
  - Monterey One Water and CalAm are being prioritized due to the desalination project; these will be processed as permit amendments, not full reissuances.
  - Soquel Creek is not yet discharging reject water. Their operations are currently limited to internal flow-through without full treatment output.
- Olivia plans to discuss turbidity monitoring and Ocean Plan compliance with Sarah during her site visit the following day.

### Decision:

None.

### Action Item:

None.

## I. Financial Report

### Discussion:

Patrick reviewed the latest CCLEAN financial statement.

- PY24 was coming to an end and there was about \$150,000 in cash remaining. Some of that would be used for AMS final billing, funding AMS 5% contingency, and lead agency fees.
- Discussion was had regarding AMS use of 5% Contingency. AMS will likely draw from the contingency fund to cover overages related to:
  - Data cleanup and normalization during the annual report: Unexpected time demands due to duplicate values and legacy formatting. Historical data was not standardized; significant time was spent eliminating duplicates and formatting inconsistencies. Data is now cleaned and loaded into R for seamless longitudinal analysis.
  - Website updates and redesign tasks.
  - Aroon reported that the total overages were more than the 5% contingency, but AMS will only bill up to the contingency amount.
- Patrick confirmed CAWD will review and finalize flow-based allocations. He and

Aroon discussed validation steps and the need for accuracy in year-end processing.
<b><u>Decision:</u></b>  None
<b><u>Action Item:</u></b>  None

**J. General Announcements**

- Bryan Condy announced this was his final CCLEAN meeting. He will be succeeded by Mike Crane. Bryan thanked the group for years of support, collaboration, and camaraderie. Members expressed appreciation for his leadership on the MOU and Phase 4.
- Anchovy die-off at Elkhorn Slough: Patrick reported this observation and asked whether events like these can affect offshore monitoring results.
- Aroon shared that similar questions arose during his Sanctuary presentation (e.g., battery fire impacts). While CCLEAN sites may not directly overlap, data from the program may help inform broader regional trends.

**K. Next Meeting Date:**

July 23rd at 2:00 PM was the next scheduled meeting for the steering committee.

**4. ADJOURNMENT:** *Jennie Munster adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.*