



# CASQA

California Stormwater Quality Association

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## 2003 Accomplishments

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### ***General Accomplishments***

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- CASQA membership reached 89 members in its' first year
  - Initiated a periodic *CASQA Update* to provide CASQA and stormwater news to members, issued 14 updates in 2003
  - The *CASQA Update*, meeting notices and announcements reached over 500 stormwater professionals
  - Provided speakers for other various associations and organizations including the Los Angeles/San Gabriel River Watershed Council, Industrial Environmental Association, Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California
  - Held four quarterly general membership meetings that were attended by more than 300 stormwater professionals
  - Conducted the election for the 2004 Board of Directors
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### ***Board of Directors Accomplishments***

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Chair: Sandy Mathews

- Held six Board of Directors meetings
- Developed a membership brochure
- Established the Finance and Executive Director Scoping and Selection Committees
- Initiated process to hire an Executive Director
- Completed the supplemental filings and obtained the final determination of CASQA's status as a nonprofit public benefit corporation

### ***Finance Committee***

Chair: Karen Henry

- Developed annual operating budget
- Provided oversight for CASQA's revenues and expenditures
- Provided bi-monthly updates to the Board and Executive Program Committee (EPC)
- Established a contract for tax preparation and auditing services
- Established a reimbursement policy and procedure

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## ***Executive Program Committee Accomplishments***

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Chair: Karen Ashby

- Held six EPC meetings
- Submitted fourteen comment letters and testimony to the state and federal regulators on various stormwater related issues (see Subcommittee accomplishments below)
- Provided representatives to actively participate in several State Board stakeholder forums, including the Fee Stakeholder group, the State Board Cost Survey of MS4 permit implementation, and the Sediment Quality Objectives public advisory group

### **1. Web Page Maintenance and Development Subcommittee**

Chair: Bill Busath

- Maintained website, posted agendas, meeting summaries, presentations, etc.
- Established a contract to develop a new website

### **2. Legislation Subcommittee**

Co-Chairs: Steve Stump / Jason Uhley

- Developed bi-monthly legislative reports for members and provided them for posting on the website
- Developed and distributed a Fact Sheet regarding ACA 10

### **3. Stormwater Policy and Permitting Subcommittee**

Chair: Bill Busath

- Coordinated May 2003 CASQA meeting on "Stormwater Program Funding"
- Coordinated November 2003 CASQA meeting on "Stormwater Program Evaluations"
- Provided updates regarding the status of permit renewals/appeals
- Submitted comments to the State Board regarding the Potential Permit Fee Increase for Municipal Stormwater Permittees (March 27, 2003)
- Submitted comments to the State Board regarding the proposed Waste Discharge Requirements for Low Threat Discharges (April 2, 2003)
- Submitted comments to USEPA, Office of Water, regarding the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the Clean Water Act Regulatory Definition of "Waters of the US" (Docket #OW-2002-0050) (April 16, 2003)
- Submitted comments to the State Board regarding the Proposed Revisions to the State Water Resources Control Board's Annual Fee Schedule (July 23, 2003)
- Submitted comments to the State Board regarding the revisions to the State Policy for Implementation (SIP) of Toxic Standards for Inland Surface Waters/Enclosed Bays and Estuaries of California (September 18, 2003)
- Provided testimony at the State Board meeting regarding the Proposed Revisions to the Annual Fee Schedule (September 30, 2003)
- Initiated a dialog with the State Board staff regarding the development of a statewide policy for stormwater discharges (October 28, 2003)

#### **4. Pesticides Subcommittee**

Chair: Geoff Brosseau

- Submitted comments to the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch, Office of Pesticide Programs, and USEPA regarding the Carbaryl Revised Risk Assessment and Risk Management (Docket #OPP-2003-0101) (June 2, 2003)
- Submitted letter to Senators Feinstein and Boxer regarding S. 1664, The Pesticide Registration Improvement Act of 2003 (December 4, 2003)
- Submitted comment letter on the Draft Statewide General NPDES Permit for the Discharge of Aquatic Pesticides for Aquatic Weed Control in Waters of the US other than Irrigation Systems, Drinking Water Canals and Surface Water Impoundments (December 19, 2003)

#### **5. Watershed Management and Impaired Waters Subcommittee**

Chair: Richard Watson

- Coordinated the September 2003 CASQA meeting on “Basin Planning/Water Quality Standards/TMDLs”
- Submitted comments to the State Board regarding the Draft Water Quality Control Policy for Guidance on Assessing California Surface Waters (September 12, 2003)
- Submitted comments to the State Board regarding the Draft TMDL Guidance – A Process for Addressing Impaired Waters in California (September 12, 2003)

#### **6. Phase II Implementation Subcommittee**

Co-Chairs: Jennifer Gonzalez / Vivian Nelson

- Distributed information to Phase II communities
- Submitted comments to the State Board regarding the Proposed Fourth Draft General Permit for Discharges of Stormwater from Small MS4s (April 21, 2003)
- Submitted informal comments and participated in group teleconferences on the Draft Phase II Reporting Format (November 25, 2003)

#### **7. Construction Subcommittee**

Co-Chairs: Rick Sidor / Kathy Kinsland

- Provided the CASQA Construction Storm Water Sampling and Analysis Guidance Document to the State Board for their use in creating a “state” developed guidance document
- Monitored the State Board’s progress on the 2004 General Construction Activities Permit
- Submitted comments to the State Board regarding the Preliminary Draft Construction Storm Water Sampling and Analysis Guidance Document (September 8, 2003)
- Monitored the EPA’s proposed construction effluent guidelines for potential impacts upon California regulations
- Submitted comments to the State Board regarding the proposed General

- Permit for Small Linear Underground/Overhead Projects (May 21, 2003)
- Monitored the State Board's new fee schedule for construction permit coverage

#### **8. Industrial Subcommittee**

Chair: Maureen Daggett

- Monitored the development of the revised General Industrial Permit and worked with State Board staff on addressing comments
- Submitted comments to the State Board regarding recommendations for the revision of the Statewide Industrial General Permit, Water Quality Order No. 97-03-DWQ (June 27, 2003)
- Monitored the SWRCB's new fee schedule for industrial permit coverage
- Initiated the development of a formal guidance for the revised General Permit

#### **9. Public Involvement/Public Participation Subcommittee**

Chair: Sharon Gosselin

- Continued to meet and share program approaches and ideas

#### **10. Best Management Practices Subcommittee**

Chair: Scott Taylor

- Completed the development of the 2003 California Best Management Practices Handbooks, published handbooks and posted to the web, and participated in the multiple workshops that were held statewide
- Launched the BMP Handbook website <http://www.cabmphandbooks.com> where the Handbooks can be downloaded as PDF files for free or hardcopies may be ordered
- Sold more than 340 handbooks since the workshop series

#### **11. Stormwater Monitoring and Science Subcommittee**

Co-Chairs: Jon Van Rhyn / Jason Uhley

- Met with other agencies and organizations involved in coordinating monitoring and research projects to define potential avenues of future collaboration
- Participated in and tracked the progress of the Southern California Stormwater Monitoring and Research Agenda
- Began exploring linkages of monitoring and research to program effectiveness assessments (results presented at November 2003 general meeting)

#### **12. Workshop Subcommittee**

Chair: Bob Collacott

- Organized and held a series of workshops at five locations throughout the State to publicize and promote the use of the revised California BMP Handbooks, resulting in more than 1,500 stormwater professionals being trained
- Conducted a workshop on the Industrial BMP Manual at the IEA Conference in November, 2003