



California Stormwater Quality Association™

2004 Accomplishments

General Accomplishments

- CASQA membership increased to just over 100 memberships during its' second year
- Continued to issue the bi-weekly *CASQA Update* to provide CASQA and stormwater news to members, issued 25 updates and 2 *Alerts* in 2004
- The *CASQA Update*, meeting notices and announcements reached over 500 stormwater professionals
- Re-designed the CASQA website
- Developed and distributed the 2003 Annual Report
- Tracked and provided comments (20 letters) and testimony on issues affecting the stormwater community including:
 - California Performance Review
 - Statewide Implementation Policy (SIP)
 - 303(d) Listing Policy (2)
 - TMDL Guidance and Policy
 - Ocean Plan Triennial Reviews and Amendments (2)
 - Statewide General Construction Permit (3)
 - Statewide General Aquatic Pesticide Permit (2)
 - Pesticide Risk Assessments and/or Re-registration for Atrazine, Metam Sodium, PHMB, and Carbaryl (5)
 - State Sponsored Stormwater Cost Survey
 - Water Quality Standards for Coastal and Great Lakes Recreation Waters
 - Monterey Regional Stormwater Management Program
- Provided speakers for various associations and organizations including:
 - Phase II School Districts in San Joaquin County
 - Industrial Environmental Association
 - League of California Cities
 - California Water Environment Association
 - StormCon Conference
- Provided an article to the Western City Magazine highlighting several stormwater programs throughout the state as well as information as requested by Inside EPA
- Provided representatives for several advisory committees and/or meetings with other agencies including the:
 - AB982 Public Advisory Group (PAG)
 - Aquatic Pesticide Monitoring Program (APMP) Steering Committee
 - NPDES Fee Stakeholder Group
 - Sediment Quality Advisory Committee
 - Publicly Owned Point Systems (POPS) group
- Held four quarterly general membership meetings that were attended by more than 300 stormwater professionals
- Partnered with organizations to conduct CASQA BMP Handbooks workshops, including:
 - CWEA P3S (February 2004)
 - Building Industry Association (March and October 2004)
 - APWA (April 2004)
- Conducted the election for the 2005 Board of Directors

Board of Directors Accomplishments

Chair: Karen Ashby

Executive Director: Geoff Brosseau

- Hired an Executive Director
- Held six Board of Directors meetings
- Developed several internal Policies and Procedures
- Developed, conducted and analyzed a member survey. Utilizing the survey results, started to develop a Strategic Vision for the organization.
- Established the Awards, Bylaws Review and Membership Committees
- Established contracts with various firms to assist the organization with several key tasks including: legal services, website development and maintenance, BMP Handbook order fulfillment, and financial services
- Entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the State Board for the hosting and maintenance of a statewide public education resources directory

Awards Committee

Chair: Jeff Endicott

- Established Awards Committee this year for advancing the stormwater quality management profession by identifying and recognizing exemplary leadership, outstanding projects, activities, and contributions to the field of stormwater quality management
- Presented CASQA's first Leadership Award to Doug Harrison who retired after many years of service to the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District. Mr. Harrison was instrumental in establishing the California Stormwater Quality Task Force, the predecessor of CASQA, and in the formation of the CASQA itself
- Developed a plan for continuing the CASQA Awards program, with the second awards to be made in October 2005

Bylaws Review Committee

Chair: Sandy Mathews

- Reviewed CASQA Bylaws and recommended changes to the Board of Directors to improve the clarity and allow for more efficient administration of CASQA
- Developed a Policy and Procedure to guide future bylaw review efforts

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)
- Prepared accounts and assisted in tax preparation and auditing

Membership Committee

Chair: Chris Crompton

- Reviewed and received approval for changes in the membership fee structure that reduced costs for individuals and communities under 100,000 population
- Completed a survey of CASQA membership to identify which CASQA services were most important
- Updated the membership rosters to increase the number of contacts allowed for each membership category
- Initiated a campaign to increase Phase 2 community participation in CASQA

- Identified and prioritized website content that needs to be developed by the Website Subcommittee
- Developed new letterhead and related materials for CASQA
- Completed a major update of the CASQA brochure
- Reviewed the 2003 CASQA Annual Report and made recommendations for changes to the format for the report in 2004
- Initiated and monitored efforts to secure trademark registration for the CASQA name
- Developed a release form for posting presentations from CASQA meetings on the website
- Conducted regular meetings, approximately monthly, throughout the year with consistent meeting attendance

Executive Program Committee Accomplishments

Chair: Bill Busath

- Held six EPC meetings
- Submitted twenty 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. Best Management Practices Subcommittee

Chair: Scott Taylor

- Completed Handbook errata contract with CDM, posted errata files to web
- Completed two addendums with IKON for shipping outside of CA and revisions to existing Handbook stock to reflect errata
- Revised website to allow payment by credit card for Handbook
- Developed agreement with OWP for use of Handbooks in on-line courses
- Reviewed OWP course content for 4 online courses
- Developed agreement with BIA and assisted in two BIA workshops, providing Handbooks for sale
- Developed ad copy and implemented national advertising for Handbooks in 5 magazines

2. Construction Subcommittee

Co-Chairs: Kathy Kinsland / Joe Crea

- Reviewed the State Board's Construction General Permit Sampling and Analysis Fact Sheet Amendment and worked with the CASQA Board to prepare CASQA's comments on the Fact Sheet
- Monitored the State's progress on preparing the revised General Permit for Construction – permit originally designated to be released late summer 2004 but date was revised to early 2005
- Participated in panel discussion at CASQA meeting with State Board staff regarding upcoming changes to the Construction General Permit

3. Effectiveness Assessment Subcommittee

Co-Chairs: Jon Van Rhyn / Daniel Rourke

- Created the Effectiveness Assessment Subcommittee and recruited 10-14 members
- Completed 75% of draft effectiveness assessment concepts "whiter paper"

- Developed and distributed a Request for Proposal (RFP) to assist committee in the development of effectiveness assessment concepts and approaches. The services will include editing the draft concept document, developing and conducting a member survey and developing a detailed scope of work and outline for an effectiveness assessment guidance document.
- Received, reviewed, and scored 6 proposals in response to the RFP
- Awarded a contract to the consulting team of Larry Walker and Associates, EOA, RBF, and AEI-CACS.

4. Industrial Subcommittee

Chair: Maureen Daggett

- Monitored the development / re-issuance of the revised General Industrial Permit and worked with State Board staff on addressing comments
- Monitored and provided comments within CASQA regarding:
 - Stormwater policy
 - Los Angeles Basin Plan: TMDLs-CTR limits
- Participated on CASQA panel regarding General Industrial Permit re-issuance
- Monitored the State Board's new fee schedule for General Industrial Permit coverage. Participated in State Board Fee Stakeholder Group and was successful in getting fee reduction for SQAPs.

5. Legislation Subcommittee

Chair: Jason Uhley

- Tracked over 76 bills in the Senate and the Assembly during 2004 and initiated work on several position papers relative to bills of interest
- Developed and made available to members quarterly status updates on legislation
- Developed and posted to website a summary of chaptered legislation from the 2003/2004 session
- Tracked the status of Regional Board appointments

6. Phase II Subcommittee

Co-Chairs: Jennifer Gonzalez / Kelye McKinney

- Completed review of State Board Phase II Annual Report Format
- Evaluated the need for a model post construction program for Phase II municipalities. Surveyed municipal Phase II entities subject to Attachment 4 Post-Construction/New Development requirements to determine who is implementing Attachment 4 and who is planning to develop a Functionally Equivalent Program (FEP) to determine if there was interest in developing a model FEP. Responses indicated that municipalities had either already developed an FEP or planned to develop one on their own due to time constraints.
- Worked with State Board to survey Phase II members for level of interest in EPA sponsored training workshops. Members of Phase II group participated in workshops.
- Worked with CASQA Board to prepare letter to Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding Areas of Special Biological Significance

7. Public Involvement / Public Participation Subcommittee

Chair: Sharon Gosselin

- Developed and put into place a PI/PP Yahoo! user group to encourage the ongoing exchange of resources, experience, and ideas

- Entered into partnership with the State Board to develop an electronic resource guide for stormwater outreach materials and opened the door to other cooperative opportunities
- Held eight PI/PP Subcommittee meetings
- Collaborated with other CASQA subcommittees/work groups including the Website and Workshops Subcommittees
- PI/PP representative participated in several conferences and promoted participation in the CASQA PI/PP Subcommittee

8. Stormwater Monitoring and Science Subcommittee

Co-Chairs: Linda Garcia / Jo Ann Weber

- Resurrected the subcommittee
- Updated the SMS Monitoring and Research Priorities List
- Provided comments on draft State Board Bacteria Study proposal submitted to the EPC
- Prepared an RFP to "Develop Research Agenda Priorities and Identify Relevant Stormwater Research
- Selected consultant from RFP responses

9. Stormwater Policy and Permitting Subcommittee

Chair: Richard Boon

- Tracked and provided comments and testimony on issues affecting the stormwater community including:
 - California Performance Review
 - Statewide Implementation Policy (SIP)
 - 303(d) Listing Policy
 - Ocean Plan Triennial Reviews and Amendments
 - Pesticide Risk Assessments and/or Re-registration for Atrazine, Metam Sodium, PHMB, and Carbaryl
 - Water Quality Standards for Coastal and Great Lakes Recreation Waters
 - Monterey Regional Stormwater Management Program
- Advocated need for development of statewide policy on stormwater
 - Met with SWRCB staff to identify issues to be addressed in statewide policy

10. Watershed Management and Impaired Waters Subcommittee

Chair: Richard Watson

- Monitored development of the Water Control Policy for Developing California's Clean Water Act 303(d) List and reviewed comments and recommendations of the AB982 Public Advisory Group and other organizations
- Drafted written comments on the December 2003 Draft Final Water Control Policy for Developing California's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List and the Associated Functional Equivalent Document (FED)
- Drafted written comments on the July 2004 Draft Final Water Control Policy for Developing California's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List
- Presented testimony to the State Water Resources Control Board on the September 2004 Draft Water Control Policy for Developing California's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List
- Drafted written comments on the Draft TMDL Guidance and Policy
- Organized and conducted the May 14 Association Membership Meeting program on "Watershed and Regional Solutions"

- Monitored TMDL development by the various Regional Water Quality Control Boards

11. Website Subcommittee

Chair: Stephanie Reyna

- Launched the new website in June 2004 and it is 90% complete. The subcommittee worked diligently on theme, content, graphic and navigation for this web page as well as working to implement an online ordering format. The overall look of the web page was modernized and better visuals were utilized.
- Acquired 14 domain names for this website
- Developed new logo for CASQA
- Worked closely with the PI/PP Subcommittee who are jointly working with Cal/EPA to bring together a statewide resource directory which will be maintained on the CASQA website

12. Workshops Subcommittee

Chair: Dan Bounds

- Revitalized subcommittee participation with new members
- Evaluated potential workshops opportunities
- Initiated planning and secured venue for CASQA's first annual conference
- Initiated planning for workshops on upcoming new State general stormwater permits for construction and industrial activities