CASQA Members

Regular Members = 44%
(stormwater permit holders)
- Individual Municipal Permittees: 20%
- Areawide Program Permittees: 17%
- Construction or Industrial Permittees: 5%
- Institutional Permittees: 2%

Affiliate Members = 56%
(do not hold a stormwater permit)
- Individuals: 35%
- Organizations (Consultants, Vendors, Trade Associations, Non-Profits): 21%

Collective voice represents over 23 million people
Assistant Executive Director

- Karen Cowan,
  CASQA Assistant Executive Director
CASQA’s Vision 1.1

- 2017: Update (Vision 1.1) to include STORMS, SB 231, and Governor’s Water Action Plan

* Available on CASQA’s Website *
Stormwater Funding: SB 231

- CASQA Advocated for its passage
  - Signed October 6, 2017
  - Effective January 1, 2018

- Provides legal clarity under Prop 218
  - Definition of sewer includes storm sewer
  - Sewer fees are exempt from voter approval requirements
National Coordination

- National Municipal Stormwater Alliance (NMSA)
  - State level organizations working together at the national level on MS4 issues
  - NMSA’s Vision aligns closely with CASQA’s Vision
  - In 2017, CASQA became a charter member
  - Membership consists of 15 statewide organizations (and growing)
Statewide Coordination

- STORMS
- Joint Powers Authority (JPA)
- Trash Amendments
- Urban Pesticide Reduction
Regulatory Initiatives

- 2014-2016 303(d) List
- Bacteria Policy and Variance Policy
- Biostimulatory / Biological Integrity project
- Industrial General Permit Amendments
- Mercury Objectives and Beneficial Uses
- Permit Fees
- Pesticides Registrations / Re-evaluations (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [EPA], California Department of Pesticide Regulation)
- Phase II Small MS4 Permit Amendments
- Sediment Quality Objectives Amendments
- STORMS Stormwater Strategy and Projects
- Trash Amendments
- Waters of the U.S. Rule (EPA)
December 14, 2017

Jesus Tovar-No, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board

Subject: Sediment Quality Objectives

Dear Mr. Tovar-No,

The California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) is writing to comment on the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Proposals Amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for Enclosed Bay and Estuaries: Sediment Quality Provisions (Proposed Amendments).

CASQA commends the efforts of the State Water Board in developing the updates to the Sediment Quality Objectives (SQQs) to address human health and believe those objectives incorporate needed improvements to the science and implementation of linkages between sediments and fish tissues for suspended particulate and PGBs. In particular, CASQA would like to support the State Water Board's use of Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) Advisory Tissue Levels for the Tier 1 Assessment in the Proposed Amendments.

While CASQA supports the overall approach to the SQQs provided in the Proposed Amendment, there are a number of clarifications and modifications that are recommended to support the application of the Proposed Amendments through California. CASQA presents the following comments with the intention of improving the Proposed Amendments.

General Comment: Implementation of Proposed Amendments support necessary initiative

As agencies responsible for implementation of regulatory initiatives like the Proposed Amendments, our assessment of the implementation of the Proposed Amendments is likely to be quite necessary initiative. And while we recognize and appreciate the State Water Board making some changes that will reduce the burden (e.g., reducing the frequency of monitoring from every three years to every five years), we request that the State Water Board continue to look for ways to make implementation of the Proposed Amendments less necessary initiative whenever possible. Some of our specific comments below provide suggestions for reducing the implementation burden.

CASQA Work Products

- 25 Comment Letters
- 2 Reports
- 6 Testimonies
CASQA 13th Annual Conference: Sacramento, CA

- 1,200+ Participants
- 90+ Presentations, Panels, Forums
- 10 Training Workshops
- 21 Posters
- International Webcast (China)
- Field Tour
- New Member / New Attendee Event
- Networking Event
- Plenary Session / Keynote
CASQA 2018: Looking Forward

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CASQA Organizational Goals

Big Picture: Consistent from year to year

- Vision Principles
- Vision Actions and Goals
- Vision Objectives

Key strategic planning effort in 2018

Prioritization Process

Evaluated Annually

CASQA Projects
2018 Focus

- Stormwater Funding
  - Vision Action 2.7

- Integrated Water Resources Management
  - Vision Action 1.1

- True Source Control
  - Vision Action 1.3
National and Statewide Coordination

- EPA Region 9
  - Workshops on “Lessons Learned”
- State Water Board STORMS
  - Implementation Committee
  - Pesticide Amendments
- NMSA
  - Coordination for common issues at national level
Key CASQA Projects

- Trash Amendments: Training
- Petition to DTSC for Zinc in Tires
- Copper Brake Pads: Reduction Estimates
- Incorporation of TMDLs into the Industrial General Permit
- Online BMP Handbooks
  - Construction (Update)
  - Industrial (Update)
  - New / Re-Development
- Source Contribution Tools and Methodology Database
  - Online portal
Regulatory Initiatives

- Bacteria Provisions and Variance Policy
- Industrial General Permit Amendments
- Sediment Quality Objectives
- Toxicity Amendments
- Urban Pesticides Reduction
- Construction General Permit Reissuance
CASQA 14th Annual Conference: Riverside, CA

- *Connecting the Drops from Summit to Sea*
- Riverside Convention Center:
  - October 15-17, 2018
  - Registration opens Spring 2018
  - [www.casqa.org](http://www.casqa.org) for all details
Resources @ www.casqa.org

CASQA Vision
CASQA Org Chart
Board Info
Meeting Calendar
Subcommittee Contact Info

CASQA Vision
In 2015, CASQA released its Vision and Strategic Actions for Managing Stormwater in the 21st Century. The purpose of the Vision and Strategic Actions is to address the primary issue for stormwater management: the lack of consensus on how best to meet the goals of the Clean Water Act for stormwater. CASQA developed the Vision and Strategic Actions for CASQA, its members and the public to pursue a comprehensive plan for stormwater that will achieve the goals of the Clean Water Act and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of stormwater management.

In 2017, CASQA updated the Vision to version 1.1 based on developments in stormwater management in the three years since the original Vision was developed in 2014 and adopted in early 2015.

CASQA Vision and Strategic Actions for Managing Stormwater in the 21st Century (December 2017)


Event Information
Registration

Event Information
CASQA holds a number of events throughout the year, which include the Quarterly Meetings and the Annual Conference. Everyone is welcome; CASQA membership is not necessary to participate. The Quarterly Meetings are a one-day meeting/webcast and typically explore one topic in depth. The CASQA Annual Conference offers a full agenda of stormwater focused training workshops, presentations, and exhibits, as well as a unique opportunity to interact with professionals in the stormwater field. Each year the conference draws leading members of the stormwater community including local, state, and federal decision makers, stormwater program coordinators, contractors, consultants, engineers, lawyers, scientists, and planners.

Annual Conference *
Save-the-Date for CASQA’s 13th Annual Conference: Sacramento - September 25-27, 2017
We look forward to seeing you at the Sacramento Convention Center / Hyatt Regency Sacramento. Registration will open in Spring 2017.

Quarterly Meetings/Webcasts *
Join us in person or view the webcast to explore the topic of our next quarterly meeting.

Webinars *
Resources @ www.casqa.org

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Working together we can make a difference!

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