

Strategy to Optimize Resource Management of Storm Water (STORMS)



Core Implementation Committee Roles, Ground Rules, and Responsibilities

COMPOSITION & ROLES

The STORMS Core Implementation Committee consists of participants representing one or more of the nine sectors identified in STORMS Section 5 - Implementation Resources. The Core Implementation Committee is a coordinating and advisory body that provides a forum for information exchange, consideration of STORMS project challenges & improvements, and development of collective feedback and recommendations to Water Board Staff and Management. Each meeting will have a designated meeting chair, and responsibility to chair meetings should rotate amongst participants, and each meeting will have a designated scribe.

STORMS Sub-Committees will be identified and created by the Core Implementation Committee. Sub-Committees will consist of participants representing one or more of the sectors providing technical input on projects implemented in STORMS.

RESPONSIBILITIES

CORE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Core Implementation Committee responsibilities include the following:

- Identification of one Primary and one Secondary representative for each organization (CCKA, CASQA, ACWA, CASA & CCEEB) to participate in the Core committee. The participants should stay consistent.
- Each organization's representative must be adequately informed and empowered to represent the organization.
- Conduct regular meetings to review STORMS projects (including pilot projects) including:
 - Identifying the level of stakeholder participation necessary for each project.
 - Identifying expert stakeholders who will be invited to participate in sub-committees.
- As appropriate and timely, communicate regularly with sector representatives on storm water related issues, and solicit feedback and input by engaging and keeping informed their counterparts outside of the Implementation Committee
- Maintain up-to-date knowledge on statewide storm water issues and related Water Board programs.
- Each Primary representative can "champion" or "co-champion" 1-2 projects identified in STORMS (at a given time) to ensure that an adequate level and amount of input is provided

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to Water Board Staff and Management. As a champion, the representative should be prepared to

- Lead subcommittee meetings
- Provide resources where appropriate – time, etc.
- Serve as the cheerleader for the Project and express the interests of all Implementation Committee members
- Participate in and provide suggested contacts for the stakeholder outreach for each of the Projects
- Attend all stakeholder meetings
- Provide updates on the progress of the committee at:
 - State Water Board Meeting Informational Items
 - Other opportunities such as CASQA Quarterly meetings or other conferences
- Where an overarching issue requires a separate sub-committee not tied to a particular project be established, the Core Implementation Committee shall determine what technical experts or stakeholders should be convened.

SUB-COMMITTEE PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

Sub-Committee participant responsibilities include the following:

- Represent one's organization/sector at sub-committee meetings in an informed and empowered manner by being adequately informed and prepared to participate in technical discussions related to the STORMS projects.
- Actively participate in sub-committee meetings or provide an informed alternate when attendance is not possible.

GROUND RULES

- Meetings will be conducted with respect, civility, trust, openness.
- The meetings should encourage the sharing of ideas to inform the SWRCB STORMS team as they implement the STORMS projects as well as work to identify and explore additional projects that fit with the principles of the STORMS effort.
- Where conflict may arise, the discussions will focus on solutions and creative alternatives to address areas of conflict for any given project.
- Participants should come to the meetings prepared with specific, concrete feedback, solutions and alternative implementation direction.
- Any proposed solutions should factor in the limited financial resources available to the Water Boards over the next few years and the other priority issues staff is continuing to work on.
- Discussion topics should be mindful of statutory and regulatory requirements and specific implementation parameters to achieve the goals of the STORMS projects.
- Outside discussion amongst stakeholders is encouraged to better understand contrasting viewpoints.
- IC members should proactively identify sensitive discussions and documents for IC members to consider.