



CITY OF
PALO ALTO

Board/Commission Name

2025-2026 Workplan Overview

Date approved by Stormwater Oversight Committee 3/14/2024

Staff Liaison: Karin North, Assistant Director
Lead Department: Public Works

About the Commission

The Stormwater Oversight Committee's workplan is included for FY 25; the current Chair is Hal Mickelson and the Vice Chair is Dena Mossar; the committee members include David Bower, Marilyn Keller, Catherine Perman, Ron Owes, and Bob Wenzlau. The terms for David Bower, Marilyn Keller, Catherine Perman and Ron Owes end on May 31, 2024. The Commission was established by Resolution 8573 and amended by Resolution 9677 and is composed of 7 members, who serve terms of 4 years. Each Committee member shall be a resident, employee, or property owner within the City of Palo Alto. For more information about The Stormwater Oversight Committee please visit our webpage, go to <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/City-Hall/Boards-Commissions/Storm-Water-Management-Oversight-Committee>.

Current Commissioners

Please list the names of the members that were appointed at the time this workplan was created:

- Hal Mickelson (Chair)
- Dena Mossar (Vice Chair)
- David Bower (termed out 2024), Marilyn Keller (termed out 2024), Catherine Perman, Ron Owes (term expires 2024), and Bob Wenzlau

Mission Statement

The Stormwater Oversight Committee reviews the projects, programs and expenditures that are funded by the Stormwater Management Fees including proposed stormwater management capital improvement and confirms their conformity to the 2017 ballot measure.

Prior Year Accomplishments The Stormwater Oversight Committee reviews the budget and status of capital projects and that they are in line with the ballot initiative.



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PROJECT/GOAL 1 :

Track and monitor 2017 Ballot Measure, which covers 13 Capital Projects. This workplan focuses on 3 projects and 3 completed project (SD 19000, Loma Verde; SD 22000, East Meadow Drive; SD 26000; East Meadow Circle).

BENEFICIAL IMPACTS	TIMELINE	RESOURCES NEEDED	MEASURE OF SUCCESS	STATE MANDATED / LOCAL LAW / COUNCIL-APPROVED
Reduce ponding and flooding	Workplan over the next 2 years	Need contractor support to install the upgraded pipeline and pump stations	Reduction in the amount of ponding and flooding in the future; confirm that expenditures are in conformity provisions of ballot measure.	YES
HIGH PRIORITY		LOWER PRIORITY		COUNCIL-DIRECTED POLICY UPDATE

High priority to complete the upgrades listed in the Stormwater Fee which will reduce the amount of flooding and ponding of stormwater; track and monitor contruction progress on corporation way system upgrades and pump station (SD-21000)		Track and monitor construction progress on W Bayshore Road Pump Station (SD- 20000). Track and monitor construction progress on W Bayshore Road Trunk Line Improvements (SD- 23000).		No
PROJECT/GOAL 2: Environmental protection and sustainability including regulatory and compliance goals.				
BENEFICIAL IMPACTS	TIMELINE	RESOURCES NEEDED	MEASURE OF SUCCESS	STATE MANDATED / LOCAL LAW / COUNCIL-APPROVED
Regulatory compliance in alignment with the City's policy on sustainability	5-year Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit effective July 1, 2022.	Utilize staff and consultant support to meet requirements listed in the stormwater permit.	City is in compliance with stormwater permit; reduction of trash and an increase of installation of GSI features throughout the City	Yes
HIGH PRIORITY		LOWER PRIORITY		COUNCIL-DIRECTED POLICY UPDATE
High priority for the City to stay in compliance with State mandates on stormwater compliance, which benefits the environment.		Leverage the work to improve water quality entering the Bay.		N/A
PROJECT/GOAL 3: Track and monitor implementation of Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Plan.				
BENEFICIAL IMPACTS	TIMELINE	RESOURCES NEEDED	MEASURE OF SUCCESS	STATE MANDATED / LOCAL LAW / COUNCIL-APPROVED

Improved water quality and environmental enhancement	Ongoing	Leverage money allocated for GSI through the Stormwater Management Fund	Increased acreage of watershed treated through GSI	Yes
HIGH PRIORITY		LOWER PRIORITY		COUNCIL-DIRECTED POLICY UPDATE
1. Finalize and implement GSI Design Guidance and Specifications for City projects. 2. Establish new design process and start implementing designs for City projects. 3. Implement EPA-funded GSI project. 4. Finalize the GSI Maintenance and Monitoring Manual		Review and identify a tool to measure impervious surface throughout City.		N/A
PROJECT/GOAL 4: Review One Water Plan				
BENEFICIAL IMPACTS	TIMELINE	RESOURCES NEEDED	MEASURE OF SUCCESS	STATE MANDATED / LOCAL LAW / COUNCIL-APPROVED
One water plan will analyze using the right water for the correct purpose and how to leverage existing water supplies	FY24-FY25	Project lead by Utilities Staff; resources shared throughout the City; the Stormwater Management Fund will contribute resources for this project	Receive Updates	N/A
HIGH PRIORITY		LOWER PRIORITY		COUNCIL-DIRECTED POLICY UPDATE
The City should analyze all water resources within the City.		Implementation of the One Water Plan will be the next step in the process.		Yes