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MEMORANDUM

TO: BAWSCA Board of Directors
FROM: Tom Smegal, CEO/General Manager
DATE: August 7, 2026
SUBJECT: Chief Executive Officer/General Manager's Letter

Introduction and Conversation with County of San Mateo Department of Emergency Management (SMCEM)

BAWSCA staff and member agency Water Management Representatives met on August 6, 2026 at SMCEM's Emergency Operations Center where a presentation was provided by Shruti Dhapodkar, San Mateo County's Director of the Department of Emergency Management. The purpose of the presentation and discussion which followed was to explore ways to better coordinate emergency preparedness and response between the County and water providers. Approximately 50 member agency staff members were in attendance including SFPUC representatives and SMCEM staff.

Dr. Dhapodkar detailed the SMCEM's work and attendees engaged in a vigorous discussion about actions and frameworks which might be put in place to improve emergency planning and response coordination. The discussion aligns with BAWSCA's work on Strategy 2050 on emergency resilience which was presented to the board in July.

Follow-up discussions between SMCEM and BAWSCA staff will take place in the coming months. A part of that engagement will focus on if and how BAWSCA and its member agencies should participate in emergency exercises with the SMCEM, and whether BAWSCA or one or more of its member agencies should have a seat on the SMCEM operations team during emergencies. As it develops, coordination with San Mateo County can provide a template for work with Alameda and Santa Clara Counties in the future.

BAWSCA's Landscape Education Program – FY 2025-26 Wrap-Up

As part of BAWSCA's subscription conservation program made available to interested member agencies, BAWSCA offers a Landscape Education Program. This program includes a series of webinar lecture classes that are 1 to 1.5 hours long and in-person lecture classes and hands-on workshops that are 2 to 3 hours long, all of which are offered free of charge to residents and professional landscaping service providers within the BAWSCA service area. The Landscape Education Program introduces attendees to the concepts of water-efficient landscaping using California native and drought-tolerant plants and water-efficient irrigation system design, operation, and maintenance.

The last of the classes scheduled for Spring 2026 was held on Sunday August 2, 2026. BAWSCA hosted 30 lectures/workshops with roughly 700 total attendees. The most popular topics included Efficient Irrigation & Tree Care, Gardening with Succulents, Water-Efficient Landscape Design, and Edible

August 12, 2026

Gardening. BAWSCA is currently creating the next schedule for Fall 2026. Each offering will be posted on the BAWSCA website once finalized.

Coastside County Water District's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On Wednesday July 29, 2026, Tom Francis, BAWSCA's Water Resources Manager, attended CCWD's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony celebrating the completion of the Half Moon Bay Prestressed Concrete Tank and Seismic Upgrades Project. Approximately 50 people attended the ceremony. Attendees included local elected officials, including the Mayor of Half Moon Bay as well as a representative of Congressman Kevin Mullin.

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