

**SF Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee  
Meeting Summary  
December 5, 2016  
Location: Contra Costa Water District  
2411 Bisso Lane, Concord, CA; Delta Conference Room**

**1. Roll Call – Appointed FA representatives Present**

<b>WS-WQ</b>	<b>WW-RW</b>	<b>FP-SW</b>	<b>Watershed</b>	<b>Other</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Seedall, CCWD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheryl Munoz, SFPUC representing BACWA (by phone)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brian Mendenhall, SCVWD</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Norma Camacho, Vice Chair, SCVWD (by phone)</li> <li>• Steve Ritchie, Chair, SFPUC</li> </ul>

Others Present:

Brad Arnold, DWR  
 Brenda Buxton, Coastal Conservancy  
 Taylor Chang, SFPUC  
 Rebecca Darr, SFEP  
 Paul Detjens, CCCFCWCD  
 Nahal Ghoghaie, EJCW  
 Jeanie Linden, CCWD  
 Kate Nicholson, EJCW

By Phone:

Colin Bailey, EJCW  
 Chris Choo, Marin County DPW  
 Minona Heaviland, Sonoma Ecology Center  
 Tracy Hemmeter, SCVWD  
 Mehdi Mizani, DWR  
 Carl Morrison, Morrison & Associates  
 Robyn Navarra, Zone 7  
 Sherri Norris, CIEA  
 Mary Thomas, City of Hayward

**2. Status on Round 2, 2014 Drought Round, and 2015 Round 4**

For Round 2, DWR completed review of the Quarter 7 submission and is expected to provide approval of the report this week. The Quarter 8 submission is under review by SFEP. EBMUD’s project has been completed and the project completion report is being finalized.

For 2014 Drought Round, the Quarter 3 payment was received by SFEP and will be disbursed to local project sponsors. The Quarter 4 report is under review by SFEP and should be uploaded by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

For 2014 Round 4, 3 of the State Coastal Conservancy projects will be delayed until February. Rebecca Darr also updated the group on the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit project. As a result of the design scope and construction schedule for the project changing from the original proposal, DWR is asking the CC to make a determination on an alternative path forward for the Anderson Dam project or propose replacement project(s). DWR expected that all projects would be completed by 2020, per the agreement, but SCVWD now expects construction on Anderson Dam to begin in 2020 with a completion date of 2024. Ms. Darr and DWR have discussed the State process for potentially identifying a replacement project that will fulfill similar benefits for the Bay Area that the Anderson Dam project was expected to achieve.

Norma Camacho requested that SCVWD be allowed a few weeks to come up with a solution internally, before the CC begins to look for replacement projects. SCVWD would like to explore options with DWR on how to re-craft the Anderson Dam project so that it still meets DWR's goals for Prop 84 Round 4 and is consistent with project delivery by 2020. Mehdi Mizani commented that DWR will be open to this approach if the project meets the goals as they were stated in the grant proposal, and adheres to the guidelines and PSP from Round 4. The CC, DWR, SCVWD, and SFEP agreed that SCVWD will discuss internally and report back in late December or early January.

If it is determined that the Anderson Dam project can no longer be funded, Steve Ritchie suggested that as a contingency plan, the CC would need to develop a recommendation on alternative projects to fund. The alternative projects would have to be reviewed and scored, with an emphasis on finding replacements that benefit the Santa Clara County/South Bay region. Mr. Mizani stated that the alternative projects would not be required to submit all of the original documentation on cost-benefit analysis that was required in the grant proposal.

Mark Seedall asked if it was possible to redistribute the Anderson Dam funds to already funded projects from Round 4, if the Anderson Dam project can no longer be funded. Mr. Ritchie responded that the funds should be allocated fairly to the 4 sub-regions. If SCVWD's project can't be funded, they would be expected to be involved in finding a replacement project for their region.

Action Items:

- Ms. Camacho will organize a conference call in late December/early January with SFEP, Mr. Ritchie, and DWR to discuss alternatives for the Anderson Dam project.

### **3. Website Discussion**

Brian Mendenhall stated that to date, he has released 2 RFPs for website consultants. He received one response to the 2<sup>nd</sup> RFP. The consultant seemed well qualified, but the cost is more than the CC's budget for hiring a website consultant. The consultant is requesting \$70,000, which doesn't include the cost for hosting and website maintenance. The group expressed hesitancy to spend additional funds on hiring a consultant.

As an alternative to hiring a website consultant, Mr. Mendenhall suggested that the group consider converting the BAIRWMP website to a WordPress site. With WordPress, a template for the website can be created that is easy to use and edit. It is free to create a WordPress site, but it will cost a small fee to remove the word "WordPress" from the domain name. Mr. Mendenhall estimates that it will take about 40 hours of work to transfer the website to WordPress. He is in discussion with management at SCVWD to determine if the agency can take on this responsibility. The group expressed support for moving the website onto WordPress.

Mr. Mendenhall mentioned that the downside to WordPress is that it doesn't support the creation of a database. The database could be managed in Microsoft Excel or Access by a willing agency. Mr. Mendenhall mentioned that SCVWD could be open to managing the database. It was mentioned that there is a possibility to create the database as a part of the work that is being funded in the DACI grant round.

#### **Action Items:**

- Mr. Mendenhall will determine how to transfer the BAIRWMP website to WordPress.
- Mr. Mendenhall and Robyn Navarra will discuss options for database management.

### **4. Approach to Prop 1 IRWM DAC Involvement Funds**

Mr. Morrison stated that the Prop 1 IRWM DACI grant proposal for the Bay Area Funding Area was submitted to DWR on November 30<sup>th</sup>. DWR confirmed they received the proposal. Mr. Morrison commented that there was a special CC conference call on November 7<sup>th</sup> in which the group gave final comments on the proposal. The proposal was submitted without recommendation for funding implementation projects. However, the proposal includes a placeholder to fund implementation projects in the future if it's determined that all outreach efforts have been exhausted. The proposal also included a list of potential outreach partners that is not meant to be exhaustive and doesn't guarantee funding to the organizations that are listed. Mr. Morrison also stated that the 2 EJCW fellows have begun outreach to potential partners in anticipation of the grant's approval from DWR.

Ms. Norris commented that it is important for East Contra Costa County to be involved in the outreach process. She stated that she will begin to do outreach to East County and other groups that weren't listed in the proposal as potential outreach partners.

There was a question regarding how the \$6.5 million allocated to the Bay Area will be spread among the outreach partners. Mr. Morrison clarified that EJCW will not be receiving the full \$6.5 million. The grant funds will mainly be dispersed to smaller organizations that have outreach projects.

Action Items:

- Mr. Seedall will send East Contra Costa County's letter of support for the Bay Area Funding Area's grant proposal to Nahal Ghoghaie.

**5. Announcements**

On January 12, 2017 the IRWM Roundtable of Regions will be hosting a summit in Sacramento from 10am to 4pm to discuss Prop 1 and the future of IRWM.

Assembly Bill 401 requires the State Water Board to prepare a plan by the end of 2017 for a lower income water ratepayer program. Colin Bailey stated that input from water agencies will be important in shaping this plan. Mr. Bailey will provide updates on workshops to participate in February and March 2017.

Jeanie Linden is retiring on December 29<sup>th</sup> and this will be her last CC meeting.

Measure AA and IRWM are complementary efforts. EJCW has been invited to participate in the advisory committee for Measure AA. To apply to serve on the advisory committee, see this link: <http://files.constantcontact.com/b88a4661501/05aa1aa3-eacb-4083-a90a-00fcb872a940.pdf>. Brenda Buxton will provide updates on Measure AA.

**BAIRWMP Coordinating Committee**  
Schedule of Future CC Meetings

Date	Location
February 27, 2017	EBMUD
March 27, 2017	StopWaste
April 24, 2017	??
May 22, 2017	??
June 26, 2017	??