

SF Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary
February 25, 2019
Location: East Bay MUD, 375 11th Street, Oakland, CA

1. Roll Call – Appointed Functional Area Representatives Present

Water Supply- Water Quality	Wastewater- Recycled Water	Flood Protection- Stormwater	Watershed	Disadvantaged Communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Seedall, CCWD • Steve Ritchie, SFPUC, Chair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Williams, BACWA (by phone) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Mendenhall, SCVWD • Mark Boucher, CCCFCWCD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josh Bradt, SFEP (by phone) • Judy Kelly, NBWA (by phone) 	

Others Present:

Devon Becker, ACWD
Maddie Duda, EJCW
Natasha Dunn, SFEP
Jarrad Fisher, San Mateo RCD
Roxana Franco, Nuestra Casa
Julio Garcia, Nuestra Casa
Nahal Ghoghaie, EJCW
Paul Gilbert-Snyder
Ryan Hirano, EJCW
Jennifer Krebs, representing SCWA
Sandy Mathews, CCCWP
James Muller, SFEP
Claire Nordlie, EBMUD
Michelle Novotny, SFPUC
Sherri Norris, CIEA
Britton Schwartz, EJCW
Alex Tavizon, CIEA

On the Phone:

Jessica Arm, DWR
Leonard Ash, ACWD
Colin Bailey, EJCW
Carmel Brown, DWR
Tess Byler, San Franciscquito Creek JPA
Kate Byrne, City of Hayward
Chris Choo, MMWD
Pat Costello, City of Napa
Jacques DeBra, EKI Environment & Water

Maggie Dutton, CCWD
Adam French
Chris Lim, CCCRC
Robyn Navarra, Zone 7
Lisa Pontecorvo, StopWaste
Teji Sandhu, DWR
Deja and Johnella, representing Indian People Organizing for Change (IPOC)

2. Status of Prop 84 Round 1, Round 2, Drought Round, 2015 Round 4

For Round 1, Josh Bradt provided a brief update. Not much has changed from the last Coordinating Committee meeting. He is completing the final invoice and should have a more detailed report at the next meeting. 4 projects submitted their retention invoices.

For Round 2, James Muller passed out implementation schedule for project 18 Upper York Creek Dam Removal project. There was a delay in permitting due to the federal government shutdown, but it is still on track to meet construction deadlines. Not expecting to delay another year. Estimated construction completion in October 2019. Mr. Muller will provide more info on project 10 Bayfront Canal at the next meeting.

Jennifer Krebs presented an update on AQPI. DWR and NOAA are working with Sonoma Water on invoice 7. Sonoma Water is also working on Invoice 8. By end of 2019, it is planned to have 4 X-band radars in the Bay Area. Brad Sherwood is coordinating a strategic planning meeting in a couple weeks to figure out what to do with the project once the grant funds are expended.

Action Items:

- Mr. Muller will send Taylor Chang a copy of the York Creek Dam Removal handout for distribution to the attendees by phone.

3. Discussion of Approach to Prop 1 Implementation

Mr. Mendenhall reported that DWR confirmed the final PSP will come out in March. DWR confirmed that DACs refers to both DACs and EDAs. It doesn't include URCs.

DWR confirmed that if the group proposes a regional project that includes benefits to DACs, the match would depend on the percentage of the project that included DACs. It could result in a partial waiver of the match.

DWR confirmed that for the workshop, the group's grant application should have the summary page and draft PIFs complete. As many project proponents that can attend the workshop should. DWR will also be bringing other state agencies.

DWR confirmed the CEQA compliance requirement is exempted for DACs, EDAs, and Tribes. DWR is planning to extend the 6 months CEQA requirement in the final PSP.

Mr. Mendenhall commented at the January meeting, the group decided to wait to formally solicit projects because the final PSP hadn't been released yet.

DWR may extend the pre-application workshops into August.

Regarding participation in the Project Scoring Committee (PSC), Mr. Mendenhall commented that Metra Richert from Valley Water will replace him. Devon Becker confirmed his participation. Maddie Duda confirmed her participation. Sherri Norris commented there is potential interest from the Tribal partners to participate.

It was discussed that the group is willing to stick with DWR's default allocation for Round 1, which would allocate 30% of Round 1 funds to DAC implementation and 70% for general implementation. If there are not enough DAC implementation projects in Round 1 to meet the 30%, the funding will roll over into later rounds.

DWR will consider on a case-by-case basis if a DAC isn't defined by the DWR mapping tool. If more specific data or other data can be shown to identify a DAC, DWR will consider.

DWR confirmed that projects that apply for DAC funding don't have to 100% benefit DACs, but has to be genuinely meeting the needs of DACs. DWR will have a sliding scale that they will show in the final PSP.

Action Items:

- Mr. Mendenhall to work with Ms. Chang to notify the listserv of the release of the final PSP and consideration that the CEQA requirement may be extended.
- Ms. Chang will update the list of PSC members.

4. Approach to Prop 1 DACI Grant Administration

EJCW is continuing to prioritize the grant admin work and get the invoicing delays caught up. EJCW submitted the revised Q4 invoice in February. EJCW will submit Q5 invoice late this week. Q6 invoice will be submitted by the end of March.

EJCW is initiating conversations with Horizon and SFEP to secure external support to help with the grant admin. EJCW would like to focus on their core competency of working with their program partners, and is considering moving away completely from the grant admin so they would no longer be the grantee and would act as a project partner. Ms. Schwartz announced that she will be leaving the organization at the end of March and that EJCW will be hiring a replacement. She currently works part-time and did not believe it was possible for EJCW to complete the work through a part-time position.

Ms. Novotny stated that being both a project partner and the grant administrator put EJCW in a difficult position, and that we should consider how to move the grant administration work to a different contractor. EJCW concurred.

Ms. Norris requested that DWR consider an extension on advanced payment funds. CIEA's contract with EJCW is still not signed and it is creating bottle neck for the Tribal partners. DWR has heard the request and to approve it, they are considering the performance thus far.

Action Items:

- EJCW and CIEA will continue to work with DWR on the grant admin.

5. Approach to Prop 1 IRWM DAC Involvement Funds

Nahal Ghoghaie introduced Julio Garcia, Program Director at Nuestra Casa, and Roxana Franco to give a presentation. Nuestra Casa represents East Palo Alto. The community is surrounded by tech companies like Instagram, Google, and Amazon. There are 1800 units of affordable or low income housing for folks that work for these big organizations as janitors and cooks.

Nuestra Casa advocates for this community in terms of Know Your Rights and family preparedness plans. The organization has 15 outreach workers and they provide training and support to work in the community. Nuestra Casa will be hosting a community forum on the Prop 1 IRWM DAC project. They will engage the community on what they think about water and what is important to them. They will do 500 community assessments and will share results with the group, the community, city hall, and county officials. East Palo Alto is partially served by 3 ground water wells. It is a recognized problem that there is brown water color from the water coming from Gloria Way well and Paddy well.

Ms. Duda provided an update on the needs assessment. 1/3 of the outreach partners have started their community meetings. Most of the partners will have their meetings in the next month or two. Some have results from their surveys already. Ms. Duda is in the process of data collection.

Britton Schwartz announced she is leaving EJCW in April. She will be forwarding the job announcement to the group.

Alex Tavizon provided an update on Tribal outreach. CIEA engaged with 4 Tribal partners and are working with them to complete their tasks lists and draft budgets. CIEA hasn't started the needs assessment yet because they aren't in contract yet. Their goal is to have the Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) with 4-5 partners in place in March. From April to June they will have community meetings and work on the needs assessment.

Action Items:

- Ms. Ghoghaie will share a draft of Nuestra Casa's engagement event flyer and the water quality report from the wells in East Palo Alto.
- Ms. Chang will share with the group Ms. Duda's written update on the needs assessment work.

6. Addition of Stormwater Resource Plans to the Plan

Mr. Mendenhall briefly discussed the Santa Clara Basin SWRP. It includes all of Santa Clara County except Morgan Hill and Gilroy. It identifies, screens, and prioritizes projects into 3 categories- LID, regional, and green streets. The SWRP was finalized in December. There were no objections from the

group to add Santa Clara Basin SWRP as an appendix to the 2013 BAIRWM Plan. Link to the Santa Clara Basin SWRP: http://scvurppp.org/scvurppp_2018/swrp/

Sandy Mathews presented the Contra Costa SWRP. Its official name is Contra Costa Watershed Stormwater Resource Plan. It identifies many opportunities for GI projects. The final SWRP was submitted to the state in January. The Contra Costa Clean Water Program also created a GIS based tool that municipalities can use to add projects. It will prioritize and score each project. Link to the Contra Costa Watershed SWRP: <https://www.sonomawater.org/swrp>

Action Items:

- Ms. Chang will draft an appendix for adopting the Contra Costa Watershed SWRP at the next CC meeting.

7. Announcements and Next Steps

Ms. Duda is researching how to develop a mapping tool using crowd sourcing. She will continue to provide updates.

Jessica Arm will be transitioning out of her role as the Bay Area IRWM CC representative. Teji Sandhu will be the new DWR rep at the CC meetings.

The next CC meeting is at CCWD on March 25. The following CC meeting is at SFPUC on April 22.

The May 27 meeting falls on Memorial Day so the group changed the date to May 20.

Action Items:

- Ms. Chang will check in with StopWaste if they can host the CC meeting on May 20.