

**SF Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary
September 23, 2019
StopWaste, 1537 Webster 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 (by phone) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl Munoz, SFPUC representing BACWA (by phone) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Mendenhall, Valley Water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josh Bradt, SFEP (by phone) • Brenda Buxton, SCC • Judy Kelly, NBWA 	

Others Present:

Phoenix Armenta, West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project
 Lisa Bankosh, Vice-chair, Valley Water
 Jolene Bertetto, EBMUD
 Taylor Chang, SFPUC
 Maddie Duda, Lotus Water
 Teresa Eade, StopWaste
 Paul Gilbert-Snyder, EBMUD
 Ryan Hirano, Woodard & Curran
 Jennifer Krebs, representing Sonoma Water
 James Muller, SFEP
 Michelle Novotny, SFPUC
 LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible

On the Phone:

Devon Becker, ACWD
 Natasha Dunn, SFEP
 Nahal Ghoghaie, Eco Equity
 Deja Gould, IPOC
 Leslie Perry, SFEP
 Robyn Navarra, Zone 7
 Sherri Norris, CIEA
 Alex Tavizon, CIEA

2. Status on Prop 84 Rounds 1-4

Josh Bradt reported Round 1 has been closed. He is waiting for final retention payment from DWR for the grant administration. SFEP will continue to process the retention payments for the remaining projects. Project 21 San Pablo Ave Stormwater Spine is under construction as of last week.

Natasha Dunn gave an update on Round 2. Project 18 Upper York Creek is still experiencing permitting delays because the design has changed drastically. Two phases of the project need to be constructed next year so that the project is complete by July 2020. Ms. Dunn is doing an onsite visit next week. Ms. Dunn will have more information at the next Coordinating Committee (CC) meeting.

Q19 invoice was uploaded in August. Several payments have not yet been approved by DWR due to a delay caused by a budget extension. Ms. Dunn is working with Jessica Arm to receive the payments.

James Muller gave an update on drought Round 3. Q15 invoice was submitted in September. Rounds 2,3, and 4 are now all on the same invoicing schedule. DWR is currently reviewing Amendment 5 to reallocate \$702,500 in admin funds to Projects 7 Drought Relief for South Coast San Mateo County and 10 MMWD's WaterSMART Irrigation with AMI. There is a site visit scheduled for Project 1 Lower Cherry Aqueduct in late October.

For Round 4, 35% of grant funds have been spent and the match funds documented have increased to 55%. Brenda Buxton prepared a memo explaining the delays occurring for Projects 7 Mountain View Shoreline Portion of the South Bay Salt Ponds Restoration (SBSPR) and Project 8 Eden Landing Portion of the SBSPR. The constraint at Eden Landing is 2 years of CEQA delays. The constraint at Mountain View constraint is the permitting from the city regarding truck access routes. DWR is not willing to grant a time extension beyond 2022 and Projects 7 and 8 won't be completed by then. Therefore, State Coastal Conservancy is proposing to shift those project funds totaling \$8,073,110 to construct the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline portion of the project (South Bay Shoreline Project). The memo details the benefits that would be achieved, including levee construction and wetland restoration. The South Bay Shoreline Project is located in Alviso Marina. Ms. Buxton expressed confidence in being able to spend the estimated \$8 million on the South Bay Shoreline Project by 2022. Ms. Buxton is looking for feedback from the CC on how to frame the proposal.

There was a question about reallocating funding to a new versus existing project in the round. Ms. Buxton is working with Mr. Muller and DWR on a proposal to eliminate either Project 7 or 8 and re-scope the remaining project to cover the South Bay Shoreline Project. It wouldn't be adding another project; it would be amending and re-scoping an existing project that would provide similar benefits. DWR is open to considering the proposal. Once the CC approves, Mr. Muller would work with DWR to amend the grant agreement.

Jennifer Krebs gave an update on the AQPI project. Valley Water is hosting a ribbon cutting at their Penitencia Water Treatment Plant on October 30. The following day there will be a user training meeting for technical staff who will be using the data from the radars.

Action Items:

- Taylor Chang will send Ms. Buxton's memo on the proposal to transfer funds from Prop 84 Round 4 Projects 7 and 8 to South Bay Shoreline Project to the CC listserv.
- For the next CC meeting, Ms. Chang will put a vote on the Coastal Conservancy's proposal to transfer funds from Prop 84 Round 4 Projects 7 and 8 to South Bay Shoreline Project.

3. Status of Prop 1 IRWM DACTIP

Mr. Muller provided an update on the Prop 1 IRWM DACTIP administration. SFEP's grant agreement with DWR is executed. SFEP is now working on executing contracts with the outreach partners.

Mr. Muller is working on forming a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to assist with the development of Phase 2. An updated memo on the TAC's scope of work will be circulated to the CC listserv. Mr. Muller is seeking volunteers to serve on the TAC. Interested parties should email Mr. Muller. The TAC will be meeting over the next couple months with the intention of deciding at the January CC meeting on the scope of Phase 2. Participation on the TAC will provide the opportunity for CC members to have a voice in the projects that get formed as a result of the needs assessments and help the outreach partners on determining options. CC members that represent utilities that serve the geographic areas of the potential projects should participate. The first TAC meeting will be right after the October CC meeting.

It was discussed that the TAC be limited to 10 members, but this isn't a firm cap.

There was a question about the contract language in the outreach partner contracts regarding ownership of data because outreach partners should have ownership over their data. Mr. Bradt is drafting language that is currently under legal review at SFEP.

Maddie Duda circulated a sign-up sheet for a carpool to the October CC meeting, which will be held in East Palo Alto at Nuestra Casa. There will be outreach partners presentations on the needs assessment work at the October, December, and January CC meetings.

Action Items:

- Ms. Duda and Ms. Chang will send out an electronic sign-up sheet for carpooling to the October CC meeting.
- Mr. Muller and Ms. Chang will send An updated memo on the TAC's scope of work to the CC listserv.

4. Discussion of Prop 1 Implementation Funding

Mr. Muller received feedback from DWR on Friday about the Bay Area's proposal. Templates and guidance will be going out tomorrow to the project applicants that were selected for inclusion the region's proposal. Project applicants will be required to submit additional documentation to SFEP by November 1 for the final grant proposal to DWR. SFEP will submit the final grant proposal to DWR 2 weeks after that by November 15, without consultant support to prepare the proposal. The grant award would happen in spring 2020.

DWR had substantive comments on 3 projects. Mr. Muller reported that all the comments can be addressed and won't lead to major changes to the projects. One of DWR's concerns was about project readiness for the San Jose stormwater project. Mr. Muller reported that the concern should be minimal because the project should be done with permitting in time.

There will be another implementation funding round in spring or summer 2020, which will include funding for DAC implementation projects.

There was a comment about the challenges with having small community-based organizations compete with large agencies for funding. There is a need for making the funding process more equitable.

Ms. Duda shared a lessons learned document from the Prop 1 Round 1 implementation project solicitation. She gathered feedback from both the Project Scoring Committee (PSC) members as well as project applicants. There is a need for discussion of what the priorities of the region are and how to better orient the PSC's scoring process to align with those priorities and achieve truly integrated projects. There was feedback on the document that it also list the outreach activities that were done.

Ryan Hirano and Ms. Duda are facilitating a lessons learned workshop for the DACTIP outreach partners. Materials will be made available on the website.

Nahal Ghoghaie commented she is working on a similar effort with Measure AA, compiling community feedback on how to make Measure AA more equitable. In addition to the Prop 1 implementation lessons learned, it's helpful to think about other regional efforts.

LaDonna Williams commented it would help small community-based organizations to think about alternative forms of applications, such as submitting a video describing the project its benefits.

Action Items:

- Ms. Ghoghaie will share the report on Measure AA lessons learned with Ms. Chang for distribution to the listserv.

5. Discussion of Plan Update

Michelle Novotny reported that the draft Plan Update was sent to the CC listserv. Comments on the Plan Update are due at 5PM on Friday October 11. The draft Plan Update is also posted on the website and will be noticed in the San Francisco Examiner. Ms. Novotny asked if there are other agencies that have contracts with newspapers so that she can put notices in those papers too.

Ms. Novotny summarized the main updates to the Plan. There were extensive updates to the disadvantaged communities outreach section. CIEA provided updates to the section regarding outreach to Tribes. Other updates included the groundwater contaminants listing and minor climate change updates. Ms. Novotny created a spreadsheet that outlines the plan update requirements and where the updates are reflected in the document.

The Plan Update will be adopted at the October CC meeting, in advance of submitting the region's application to DWR for Prop 1 implantation funding. Then the Plan Update must be adopted by the agencies that have functional area representatives i.e. voting members. In the months following DWR's approval of the Plan Update, any project applicants that are being funded in Round 1 implementation must also adopt the Plan Update.

Action Items:

- Ms. Novotny will confirm with DWR when they will approve the Plan Update and report back at the October CC meeting.