

**SF Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary**  
**October 28, 2019**  
**Nuestra Casa, 1842 Bay Road, East Palo Alto, 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"><li>• Mark Seedall, CCWD (by phone)</li><li>• Steve Ritchie, SFPUC, chair</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>• Mark Boucher, CCCFCWCD</li><li>• Brian Mendenhall, Valley Water</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Josh Bradt, SFEP</li><li>• Brenda Buxton, SCC</li><li>• Judy Kelly</li></ul>	

**Others Present:**

Taylor Chang, SFPUC  
Maddie Duda, Lotus Water  
Natasha Dunn, SFEP  
Roxana Franco, Nuestra Casa  
Julio Garcia, Nuestra Casa  
Ryan Hirano, Woodard & Curran  
Glenn Matterman, San Francisquito Creek JPA  
James Muller, SFEP  
Michelle Novotny, SFPUC  
Airel Okamoto, Estuary Magazine

**On the Phone:**

Devon Becker, ACWD  
Kait Byrne, City of Hayward  
Maggie Dutton, CCWD  
Adam French  
Nahal Ghoghaie, Eco Equity  
Paul Gilbert-Snyder, EBMUD  
Karen Koppett, Valley Water  
Jennifer Krebs, representing SCWA  
Robyn Navarra, Zone 7  
Sherri Norris, CIEA  
Matt Sagues, MMWD  
Chelsea Spier, DWR  
Alex Tavizon, CIEA

## **2. Status on Prop 84 Rounds 1-4**

Josh Bradt reported for Round 1, he is waiting for final retention payment from DWR. All project completion reports have been submitted.

Natasha Dunn gave an update on Round 2. Project 18 Upper York Creek is experiencing permitting delays because the design has changed drastically. Construction will be completed next year. Project 10 Bayfront Canal/Atherton Channel construction is expected in spring 2020.

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. A project completion site visit took place to see Project 1 Lower Cherry Aqueduct.

For Round 4, Project 6 San Francisquito Creek project will receive retention payment soon. Brenda Buxton prepared a revised 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 memo also proposes 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 grant term ends no later than October 2022 and Ms. Buxton is confident the project will be completed by then. The group did not have any objections to the proposal and directed Ms. Buxton and Mr. Muller to move forward with a grant amendment.

Jennifer Krebs gave an update on the AQPI project. Sonoma Water has been dealing with the Kincaid fire. Later this week, Valley Water is hosting a ribbon cutting at their Penitencia Water Treatment Plant. The following day there will be a user training meeting for technical staff who will be using the data from the radars.

### Action Items:

- Ms. Buxton and Mr. Muller will move forward with the grant amendment to shift the project funds from Projects 7 Mountain View Shoreline Portion of the South Bay Salt Ponds Restoration (SBSPR) and Project 8 Eden Landing Portion of the SBSPR totaling \$8,073,110 to construct the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline portion of the project (South Bay Shoreline Project).

## **3. Status of Prop 1 IRWM DACTIP**

Mr. Muller provided an update on the Prop 1 IRWM DACTIP administration. The grant agreement was signed in September. SFEP is moving quickly to get the 11 contracts with project partners signed. SFEP hosted a kick off meeting and now have website for project partners with invoice templates and a recording of the kick off meeting presentation. There is 1 executed contract with GreenAction. 90% of the contracts will be executed in November. CIEA has a longer contract and bigger budget so the contract execution may take a bit longer.

Mr. Bradt is taking the lead on the first Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. The TAC will discuss scoping for Phase 2, and also work with the outreach partners to highlight needs assessments.

Nuestra Casa presented on their needs assessment findings. Last year, they developed a needs assessment survey and conducted 700 surveys in schools, churches, parks, and a health center. The focus was to hear from the community about real or perceived water quality issues. 55% of respondents listed unsafe drinking water as an issue. 45% listed water tastes bad as an issue. 41% listed old infrastructure/pipes as an issue. 38% listed flooding as an issue. They also compiled qualitative data from the surveys. This included comments about poor water quality, geography in the city dictating better or worse water quality, health impacts from poor water quality, and tenants not being provided information about water quality. There is a desire for collaborative, transparent water testing in the community. Nuestra Casa plans to present their findings to the city council towards the end of the year. Steve Ritchie commented that he will raise these issues with the Bay Area Water Agencies Coalition, a group of water agencies in the Bay Area.

#### **4. Discussion of Prop 1 Implementation Funding**

The grant application is due November 15. Mr. Muller asked for an extension to December 3 because a number of the project partners are engaged in emergency operations due to the Kincaid fire. Maddie Duda shared an update on Sept. 30 lessons learned workshop. One of the big outcomes was that the partners want to share their findings with each other and shape a more regional approach to the needs assessment. There is another workshop planned for February.

#### **5. Discussion of Plan Update**

Michelle Novotny reported that she received 18 comments from 4 agencies on the Plan Update. All comments were integrated. Ms. Novotny is working with Ms. Duda and Ryan Hirano to prepare a short memo for organizations to include as they take the Plan Update to their boards for approval. The action item for the CC is to approve the Plan Update for submittal to DWR. Then individual agencies will adopt the approved Plan.

There was a comment from Kait Byrne to include the City of Hayward on the list of Bay Area Recycled Water Programs.

There were no objections to approving Plan Update and the action was approved.

#### **Action Items:**

- Ms. Novotny will incorporate Ms. Byrne's comment to include the City of Hayward on the list of Bay Area Recycled Water Programs.

#### **6. Improved Communications for IRWMP**

Brian Mendenhall reported that he's been talking with Estuary magazine to improve outreach about IRWM and IRWMP projects. Mr. Mendenhall introduced Ariel Okamoto, who is the editor of Estuary

Magazine. The magazine focuses on integrated, coordinated and multi-benefit projects. Projects are often featured on habitat restoration and educating the public. The magazine is distributed to 8,000 people, including elected officials. Ms. Okamoto is looking for a 3 year commitment.

There was discussion if the 4-party funds could be used to contribute to the magazine so that Bay Area IRWM activities and projects are highlighted to improve outreach. The 4-party funds were given by 4 agencies: Marin Water, BACWA, Contra Costa County Flood Control District, and Coastal Conservancy. The agencies would have to approve the use of the funds.

It was also discussed that the funds could be used to improve the Bay Area IRWM's website. It was asked if the 4-party funds can be used for stipends, food, and drink for DACTIP community members to attend meetings. These are activities that can't be funded with grant money.

Ms. Buxton suggested that a smaller group get together and develop recommendations to the CC on what the funds should be used for.

Action Items:

- Mr. Mendenhall will convene a group to discuss priorities for spending the 4-party funds. Then the group will come to the CC with a recommendation.