

**SF Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary  
August 24, 2020  
Conference Call Dial-in Only**

**1. Roll Call – Appointed Functional Area Representatives Present**

<b>Water Supply- Water Quality</b>	<b>Wastewater- Recycled Water</b>	<b>Flood Protection- Stormwater</b>	<b>Watershed</b>	<b>Disadvantaged Communities</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve Ritchie, Chair, SFPUC</li> <li>• Mark Seedall, CCWD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheryl Munoz, City of Hayward, representing BACWA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brian Mendenhall, Valley Water</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Josh Bradt, SFEP</li> <li>• Brenda Buxton, SCC</li> </ul>	

Others Present:

Lisa Bankosh, Valley Water, Vice-chair  
 Devon Becker, ACWD  
 Taylor Chang, SFPUC  
 Maddie Duda, Lotus Water  
 Natasha Dunn, SFEP  
 Robin Freeman, Brower, Dellums Institute for Sustainable Policy Studies and Action  
 Adam French, Amah Mutsun Land Trust  
 Cristina Grosso, SFEI  
 Ryan Hirano, Woodard & Curran  
 Karen Koppett, Valley Water  
 Jennifer Krebs, representing Sonoma Water  
 Darcie Luce, SFEP  
 Danielle McPherson, BAWSCA  
 James Muller, SFEP  
 Trish Mulvey, CLEAN South Bay  
 Michelle Novotny, SFPUC  
 Kanyon Sayers-Roods, Association of Ramaytush Ohlone  
 Chelsea Spier, DWR  
 Alex Tavizon, CIEA  
 Aston Tennefoss, DWR  
 LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible

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

For Round 1, Josh Bradt did not report any changes from the last Coordinating Committee meeting. The round should be closed out by next month.

For Round 2, a schedule extension request was submitted due to the delays in Project 10 Bayfront Canal and Project 18 Upper York Creek. The schedule would be extended to the end of 2021. Project 10 has a firm project schedule and the consultants are working on permits and easements. A multi-jurisdiction MOU is being circulated for approval. Project 18 construction is underway and will be complete in October. Project 9 Petaluma Flood Reduction and Project 15 San Francisco Airport have submitted final billing. 4 projects are still waiting retention payments from the state.

For Round 3, the grant term has been extended to December 2020. The grant completion report is being drafted and will be submitted to DWR in December.

For Round 4, the grant term will be extended to 2023 to accommodate delays with Project 7 Mountain View. SFEP determined they have enough administration funds to accommodate this extension. Project 8 Eden Landing project will be re-scoped because it cannot be completed in time.

Jennifer Krebs provided the AQPI update. Sonoma Water is still in emergency response and dealing with the fires. The NOAA team is working on updates to the AQPI user interface. Smoke has impacted being able to re-start work at the Monterra Mountain site.

### **Action Items:**

- James Muller will follow up on the status of the San Mateo projects and potential impacts from the fires.

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

SFEP is working to amend the grant agreement with DWR to extend the schedule and add scope. It is being proposed to extend the term to the end of 2021. The agreement is also being amended to add the tap water quality project and increase the budget for technical assistance, project development, and grant admin. Since the needs assessments are wrapping up, project development will be the next big push. It was mentioned that flooding, trash accumulation in waterways, and tap water quality are the main issues identified from the needs assessments.

Maddie Duda and Ryan Hirano have been working with SFEP and Brian Mendenhall to reach out to and potentially contract with groups in the South Bay, including San Jose Conservation Corps, MEPA, and Silicon Valley NAACP. They are also engaging with Downtown Streets Team to address the needs assessment for the homeless. LaDonna Williams commented that NAACP has not been supportive of frontline and disadvantaged communities, particularly South Vallejo.

The tap water quality program is being scoped to start piloting in East Palo Alto with support from Nuestra Casa and the Luskin Center. It will serve as a model for how the program could roll out for the rest of Bay Area.

Tribal outreach partner needs assessments are completed. Amah Mutsun has provided feedback on the tap water quality effort. CIEA will be sending out the finalized needs assessments for review to the Tribes. At the next few Coordinating Committee meetings, Tribes will be presenting on their needs assessments.

At today's Technical Advisory Committee meeting, the group will be discussing the tap water quality program, the regional needs assessment, a citizen science funding opportunity, and communication strategies to report back to communities on the needs assessment findings in the time of Covid.

#### **4. Discussion of Equity in Bay Area IRWMP**

Since the last Coordinating Committee meeting, a small subcommittee has been formed to discuss the issue of equity in IRWM and come back with recommendations. The subcommittee developed a draft policy statement and a draft letter to the Roundtable of Regions suggesting this issue be addressed as a statewide effort. Ms. Williams acknowledged this letter as a positive step forward.

Mr. Muller provided feedback on the draft policy statement and letter based on input from the DACTIP outreach partners. There was a suggestion to use the language "African American, black, indigenous, and people of color" and "Native Nations and indigenous communities" instead of Tribes. It was suggested to explicitly say "California Tribes" if also using "Native Nations and indigenous communities". It was suggested to include a sentence about how the Coordinating Committee will prioritize projects to benefit people of color, as well as description of the current DACTIP work.

Over the next 6 months, the Coordinating Committee should start the process of re-examining the project scoring process. It would be useful to have a schedule for this process. Devon Becker, Brian Mendenhall, and Alex Tavizon offered to participate on this subcommittee.

Mark Seedall asked if DAC projects will have more flexibility to prepare projects and suggested this issue be addressed in the letter.

There will be an IRWM virtual summit on October 8, 13, and 14.

#### **Action Items:**

- Taylor Chang will set up conference call with the project scoring subcommittee volunteers to begin updating the scoring criteria.
- Ms. Chang will modify the draft policy statement and draft letter. She will send the letter to the Roundtable of Regions.

## **5. Status of Prop 1 Implementation Funding**

SFEP has submitted all documents to the state related to the eligibility requirements. They also submitted schedule changes for the projects due to Covid.

City of San Jose and SFPUC are the two remaining entities that need to adopt the Plan Update this month. SFEP is expecting to execute the grant agreement after that.

Mr. Muller pointed out that the PSP (pages 29 and 37) has a new requirement. Projects that do not have CEQA done will be considered placeholder projects and will be amended into the grant agreement.

There was a question about when Round 2 funding will be available. Mr. Seedall commented he heard from DWR that Round 2 PSP will be released in fall of 2021.

## **6. Announcements and Next Steps**

The November and December meetings will be combined and will be held on December 7.