

**SF Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary  
May 24, 2021  
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>Communities/ Tribes</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>• Florence Wedington, EBMUD</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> </ul>	

Others Present:

Devon Becker, ACWD  
 Marco Berger, Multicultural Center of Marin  
 Tess Byler, San Francisquito Creek JPA  
 Taylor Chang, SFPUC  
 Vernon Medicine Cloud, Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley  
 Maddie Duda, Lotus Water  
 Natasha Dunn, SFEP  
 Maggie Dutton, CCWD  
 Roxana Franco, Nuestra Casa  
 Robin Freeman, Dellums Institute for Social Justice  
 Adam French, Amah Mutsun Land Trust  
 Terrie Green, Marin City Green  
 Ryan Hirano, Woodard & Curran  
 Jennifer Krebs, representing Sonoma Water  
 Darcie Luce, SFEP  
 James Muller, SFEP  
 Michelle Novotny, SFPUC  
 Leslie Perry, SFEP  
 Chelsea Spier, DWR  
 Alex Tavizon, CIEA  
 Reena Thomas, EBMUD

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

Natasha Dunn reported that for Round 2 Project 10 Bayfront Canal is the last outstanding project. Construction bid has been awarded. Construction should begin by June 10 and wrap up by December 2021.

James Muller reported that for Round 4 there is movement on Project 7 Mountain View Shoreline and Project 8 Eden Landing. The State Coastal Conservancy Board is meeting on Thursday and is expected to approve a modification to the project agreement with US Army Corps of Engineers. Once this is complete, the grant will be amended and submitted to DWR around June or July.

Jennifer Krebs provided the AQPI update. The new X-Band radar will be installed at Rocky Ridge on July 14. SFPUC will place a new X-Band radar on Sawyer Ridge in late 2021/early 2022. Invoice 13 was submitted to DWR two weeks ago. The project applied for a grant extension through end of 2023 to complete permitting for the C-Band radar.

## **3. Discussion of Actions to Improve Equity in Bay Area IRWMP**

There are two working groups representing communities and Tribes, respectively, that are selecting their representatives to the Coordinating Committee. There has been difficulty scheduling meetings for the communities working group. Mr. Muller is considering drafting a document summarizing the discussions to date. The working group representing Tribes has finalized their governance recommendations. Alex Tavizon plans to share with Mr. Muller and the Coordinating Committee. The plan is to have the communities and Tribal representatives filled by July.

Taylor Chang reported on the effort to address equity with the Roundtable of Regions. She is working with Yuba IRWM region to establish funding to kick off an equity working group. Yuba will be funding community and Tribal representatives to participate in a process of defining equitable outcomes for integrated water management projects. The recruitment of community and Tribal representatives to participate in the working group has kicked off. The plan is to convene the working group for its first call in June.

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

SFEP is amending the contracts for all outreach partners to participate in the tap water quality testing effort. SFEP is working on the contract with Simple Lab for the water quality testing. The entire grant has now been budgeted. It was originally there would be grant funding budgeted for developing tools and resources to help carry the project on after the grant. However, the outreach partners' project development needs were bigger than expected and the grant funding will be prioritized for this work.

Maddie Duda is working with the outreach partners to finalize the regional needs assessment report. It will be submitted to DWR in July. The South Bay partner and the two partner organizations representing people experiencing homelessness are conducting their needs assessments.

Ryan Hirano reported on capacity building efforts with the outreach partners. He prepared recommendations for funding opportunities for each outreach partner. He sends out weekly updates and resources to the partners on a collaborative Google Drive.

Alex Tavizon reported on the Tribal outreach program. The Tribal partners had a Tribal Advisory Committee meeting at the beginning of May where they finalized their recommendations for the governance structure. Mr. Tavizon is working on finalizing the Tribal portion of the regional needs assessment report and noted that the report contains a regional land acknowledgment. The Association of Ramaytush is working with the San Francisco Estuary Institute on a potential climate resiliency project collaboration. The Him re-n Ohlone Tribe is working on a potential project in Coyote Hills Regional Park. Mr. Tavizon connected with Vernon Medicine Cloud with the Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley to discuss participation in the tap water quality testing program.

There was a question whether there are any potential Tribal projects addressing sea level rise. Mr. Tavizon responded that there are potential project ideas in East Palo Alto, San Francisco, and areas near San Gregorio Creek.

Regarding the overall status of the tap water quality testing program, the outreach partners are strategizing on how to deploy testing in their communities. The contract with Simple Lab will be finalized by mid-June. There is outreach occurring to water utilities that serve the areas that will be doing tap water quality testing.

Action Items:

- Ms. Duda will share preliminary results from the needs assessments of the South Bay partner and the two partner organizations representing people experiencing homelessness next CC meeting.

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

Prop 1 Round 1 projects are now included in summary update sheet included with the Coordinating Committee meeting packets. SFEP is processing Q1 submittals. Project 4 Calistoga Water and Habitat project is finalizing their funding agreement and 1st invoice. SFEP is requesting a grant amendment with DWR to formally include Project 6 River Oaks Stormwater Capture.

DWR held a workshop on May 6 to report out on lessons learned from Prop 1 Round 1 and the proposal for Round 2. A big take away from Round 1 was requesting that DWR shorten the timeline for Round 2. DWR may offer 2 application deadlines, one in March 2022 and another in September 2022. DWR noted that these timelines may shift if Round 2 is consolidated with drought funding opportunities associated with the Governor's new budget priorities. There was a comment that the later deadline of September 22 may work better for the Bay Area because it will give more time for project development.

Brian Mendenhall reported that the Process and Planning Committee is considering regional scoring criteria in addition to DWR's scoring criteria.

## Action Items:

- The Process and Planning Committee will provide suggestions for regional scoring criteria at the June Coordinating Committee meeting.

## **6. Status of 4-Party Funds**

Mr. Muller reported that the ABAG contracts team reviewed the approach for transferring the funds from Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) to SFEP for administration. The plan is to add ABAG to the 4-party agreement, which will allow ABAG to invoice MMWD for the rest of the 4-party funds. The plan is to use the 4-party funds to fund community participation in BAIRWMP meetings. The next step is for the 4 parties to adopt the amended agreement.

## **7. Discussion of Structure of Future Meetings**

Mr. Muller commented that the Coordinating Committee received feedback that meetings haven't done the best job making space for community member input. Since then, changes have occurred to streamline the agenda. For example, the report out on Prop 84 Rounds 2-4 has been streamlined.

Mr. Muller led the discussion regarding suggestions to improve the Coordinating Committee meetings. When new people join the Coordinating Committee, there is a lot of time spent on getting them up to speed. One suggestion is to have an annual meeting, which provides a general overview of IRWM and provides space for evaluation and continuous improvement. The annual meetings could be recorded and the presentation posted to the website for later viewing. There was a comment to have a strategic planning portion of the annual meeting to align the group's goals with its activities. The group decided to have the annual meeting in January 2022.

There was a suggestion to identify Coordinating Committee liaisons. Possibly the sub-regional representatives could serve in this role. The sub-regional representatives are Brian Mendenhall for the South Bay, Michelle Novotny for the West Bay, Mark Boucher or Maggie Dutton for the East Bay, and Jake Spaulding or Matt Sagues for the North Bay.

There was a suggestion to create more space for creative planning such as bundling projects between community partners and agencies.

Another suggestion was to survey everyone participating in Coordinating Committee meetings to understand what participants want to get out of the meetings.

There was a comment that the invitation is still open for Coordinating Committee members to participate in the DACTIP core team meetings.

Maggie Dutton commented that there are resources available statewide about IRWM that help orient people to IRWM when they are new. She also mentioned that DWR is preparing webinar series this summer on how to apply for grants, targeting communities and Tribes.

Action Items:

- Ms. Chang will follow up with Jake Spaulding and Matt Sagues to see if one of them would be willing to be the North Bay sub-region representative.
- Ms. Chang will review the website to determine if the sub-regional contacts need to be updated.
- Steve Ritchie and Ms. Chang will assemble a group to start planning for the annual meeting in January.
- The DACTIP core team will work on identifying community and Tribal representatives to participate in the planning for the annual meeting.