

**SF Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary
January 24, 2022
Conference Call Dial-in Only**

1. Roll Call – Appointed Functional Area Representatives Present

Water Supply- Water Quality	Wastewater- Recycled Water	Flood Protection- Stormwater	Watershed	Communities/ Tribes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Seedall, CCWD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Florence Wedington, EBMUD representing BACWA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Boucher, CCCFCWCD • Brian Mendenhall, Valley Water 		

Others Present:

- Ajala Ali, DWR
- Lisa Anich, Contra Costa RCD
- Devon Becker, ACWD
- Marco Berger, Multicultural Center of Marin
- Tess Byler, San Francisquito Creek JPA
- Julia Dowell, Greenaction
- Maddie Duda, Lotus Water
- Natasha Dunn, SFEP
- Jarrad Fisher, San Mateo RCD
- Robin Freeman, Ron Dellums Institute
- Terrie Green, Marin City Climate Resilience and Health Justice
- Oceana Haaland, Civic Spark
- Ryan Hirano, Woodard & Curran
- Janice Hunter, Greenaction
- Lonnie Mason, First Generation
- James Muller, SFEP
- Taylor Nokhoudian, SFPUC
- Michelle Novotny, SFPUC
- Pablo Ortiz, Civic Spark
- Charles Polc, DWR
- Elke Rank, Zone 7
- Matt Sagues, Marin Water
- Kanyon Sayers-Roods, Association of Ramaytush Ohlone

Chelsea Spier, DWR
John Steere, Contra Costa County Watershed
Alex Tavizon, CIEA
Charlie Toledo, Suscol Intertribal Council
LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible
Jing Wu, Valley Water

2. Status of Prop 84 Rounds 2-4

Natasha Dunn will be giving the Prop 84 updates going forward. Round 2 closed out at the end of December. Project 10 Bayfront Canal/Atherton Channel completed construction. SFEP is waiting on the project's final deliverables. An extension request was submitted to DWR for Round 4. If approved, it would extend the grant round through 2024.

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

Alex Tavizon commented he will report out on the specific Tribal representatives to be included in the Coordinating Committee (CC) governance in February. James Muller also stated he will report out on the interim community representatives to be included in the CC governance. SFEP received the 4-party funds from Marin Water and is creating a process to administer the funds to support community and Tribal participation.

The CC discussed how to determine the compensation amount and process for participation in CC and sub-committee meetings. The CC would like to have a standardized process for both Tribes and communities. \$100-\$150 for each participant was suggested. There was a question about whether \$150 is sufficient to cover any alternative representatives too. Family or childcare that's needed to attend meetings should be considered eligible for a stipend.

It was suggested that documentation of expenses would be needed to get reimbursement.

LaDonna Williams commented she participated in other group committees. They collectively came up with an agreement on what the stipend amount would be, consensus on time commitment and attendance expectations, and a payment schedule that included half upfront for the first 6 months and half at the end of 6 months. Receipts were not required, but she did have to sign an agreement. For childcare compensation, accommodations were made for each situation and everyone was made aware in advance.

Mark Boucher commented he participates on ABAG's planning committee. He expressed interest in understanding how the group would keep track of who attends what meeting in a way that's not burdensome.

Robin Freeman commented he is in agreement with the discussion.

Michelle Novotny commented that there's no more IRWM funding after Prop 1 Round 2. Therefore, she asked how much longer will the CC have these meetings.

There was a comment to make special considerations for participation on the Project Scoring Committee as it is very time consuming.

Maddie Duda gave a presentation on recommendations for improving equity in grant programs. The recommendations come directly from the Tribal and community outreach partners. DWR staff were acknowledged for being on the call. The equity issues with grant programs include: not enough funding, funding decisions not being made by the communities that are affected, historical lack of support for engagement and improvement, technical perspectives being prioritized over local perspectives, and different histories and experiences of different communities not being explicitly acknowledged.

Mr. Freeman and Kanyon Sayers-Roods expressed appreciation for Ms. Duda's presentation and acknowledged she and others leading this program have been listening to the community and Tribes perspectives.

Tess Byler commented she submitted a letter to the state regarding how the benefit-cost ratios are skewed towards benefitting wealthier communities.

Ms. Duda's presentation also included best practices to address the issues. Some of the best practices include: increase the amount of funding, support communities to lead decision making, follow Tribes' lead on Tribal specific funding and engagement, treat Tribes as a state water agency, recognize the uniqueness of differing histories, challenges, and needs, contract directly with frontline groups and Tribes with deep roots, require locally targeted hiring practices, streamline advanced payment, and reduce reporting burdens. The best practices are summarized in the Regional Needs Assessment report for the state to consider. There is an ask for the state to address all the best practices line by line.

In terms of best practices for agencies, Mr. Muller reported on the following suggested actions: increase funding for engagement, consider the structural imbalance in contractual relationships, accept increased risk in order to change inequitable structures, re-consider standard insurance requirements to understand what is really needed, and increase transparency and provide all information upfront. Additionally, personally identifiable information and the right to own data can complicate contracts.

Mr. Freeman commented that state contracting law makes it difficult to hire locally if there's a requirement to hire the lowest bidder. Mr. Muller commented he has been able to specifically name outreach partners in the proposal, which allowed for contracting with the named partners without having to do a competitive bid.

Matt Sagues reported that DWR just released a funding solicitation with some funding set aside for DACs and Tribes. It appears like DWR did a good job equitably distributing the funds, but asked for Ms. Duda and others to weigh in. Mr. Sagues provided a link to the state's map detailing the distribution of funding:

https://tableau.cnra.ca.gov/t/DWR_IntegratedDataAnalysisBranch/views/Drought_Projects_20211112/DashboardDroughtFunding?%3Adisplay_count=n%3Aembed=y%3AisGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y%3Aorigin=viz_share_link%3AshowAppBanner=false%3AshowVizHome=n

Ms. Williams asked if DWR knows how much of the funding went to frontline and African American communities. She also asked what processes are in place to ensure the money is actually going to disadvantaged communities.

Action Items:

- Mr. Tavizon and Mr. Muller will report on the Tribal and community members that will be represented in the Coordinating Committee governance structure at the February Coordinating Committee meeting.
- Ms. Williams will provide contacts for the group committees she participated in to help gather example agreements for compensation for meeting participation.
- Mr. Muller will take the lead on reviewing the example agreements for compensation and will draft a proposal for the next CC meeting. Mr. Boucher will assist.

4. Status of Prop 1 IRWM DACTIP

Due to lack of time, there was a brief update on the tap water quality testing program. The Tribal partners have tested around 15 households and so far have found no major contaminant issues. Mr. Muller commented additional tests are being ordered for the community partners and the water quality testing program will extend into May.

5. Status of Prop 1 Implementation Funding

Brian Mendenhall provided an update from the Planning and Process Committee (PPC). The PPC met last week and discussed the inclusion of regional scoring criteria to add onto the state's required scoring criteria. The state released the draft Project Solicitation Package (PSP) for Round 2 and the PPC discussed the changes from Round 1 to Round 2.

Action Items:

- The PPC will present the recommended scoring criteria and process at the February CC meeting and the CC will vote to approve, with the caveat that there may be changes from the draft PSP to the final that would need to be considered.