

**SF Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary  
December 6, 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>• Mark Seedall, CCWD</li> <li>• Steve Ritchie, Chair, SFPUC</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>• Mark Boucher, CCCFCWCD</li> <li>• Brian Mendenhall, Valley Water</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Josh Bradt, SFEP</li> </ul>	

Others Present:

Cam Bauer, BART  
 Marco Berger, Multicultural Center of Marin  
 Emily Corwin, Solano Stormwater Alliance  
 Maddie Duda, Lotus Water  
 Natasha Dunn, SFEP  
 Robin Freeman, Ron Dellums Institute  
 Janice Hunter, Greenaction  
 Jennifer Krebs, representing Sonoma Water  
 James Muller, SFEP  
 Taylor Nokhoudian, SFPUC  
 Michelle Novotny, SFPUC  
 Leslie Perry, SFEP  
 Charles Polc, DWR  
 Alex Tavizon, CIEA  
 Matt Sagues, Marin Water  
 Chelsea Spier, DWR  
 LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible

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

Round 2 will be closing this month. There was a recent site visit to Project 10 Bayfront Canal and the project is near completion. For Round 4, James Muller met with DWR on the State

Coastal Conservancy projects (Project 7 Mt View Shoreline and Project 8 Eden Landing) about amending the grant agreement.

Jennifer Krebs provided an AQPI update. Invoicing for project is up-to-date. Contract extensions with project partners are being executed. NOAA is transitioning operation of the system to Colorado State. Radar siting for the East Bay and San Francisco radars is continuing slowly. Later this week the user group will be meeting.

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

Alex Tavizon presented the proposed governance structure to include Tribes. It reflects that fact that Tribes want to be part of the process and Tribes have already started to attend Coordinating Committee meetings. It also reflects that Tribes are representing their Tribal territory, which may overlap with more than 1 functional area and sub-region of the Bay Area IRWMP.

The Tribes finalized the proposal in October 2021. Beginning in January, the Tribal Advisory Committee will select which Tribes will be represented in the governing body. The Tribes' proposed governance structure includes 3 seats and 3 alternates. The representatives would serve 6-months first to determine who has capacity to attend. The seats will be open for all Tribes within the Bay Area. The Tribal Advisory Committee may form a sub-committee to have a forum to discuss Coordinating Committee issues.

The proposal also includes compensation for Tribal representatives to attend Coordinating Committee and other sub-committee meetings using the 4-party funds. Mr. Muller noted the 4-party are expected to be available to start compensating Tribal and community members in January or February. It was suggested to develop a framework to standardize how people get compensation, including eligible expenses.

The incorporation of community members into the governance structure has also made progress. The proposal was circulated to the group on Friday. It outlines the goals and objectives and the process for selecting representatives. The group suggested that while they're developing process, they should identify interim representatives to ensure communities are represented.

There was a concern expressed related to the number of seats for communities because the communities being represented are so diverse that 3 seats may not be adequate. It was noted that the recent update to the BAIRWMP formalized having 3 seats for communities and 3 seats for Tribes. The group would need to achieve consensus and the BAIRWMP would need to be amended to reflect any changes. There was a comment that there are many Tribes and Tribal organizations too. This is a step towards equity and it's not meant to be one size fits all. It's a step to improve the process.

LaDonna Williams asked if there is a document incorporated in the regional needs assessment that is connecting to the Coordinating Committee's efforts to improve equity. She expressed a desire to fill the community seats now and continue discussions about equity in governance moving forward.

There was a comment that the Coordinating Committee rarely votes and traditionally have tried to operate by consensus.

There was general desire to learn more about best practices to improve equity in grant programs. Maddie Duda offered to present on best practices raised by the outreach partners to elevate the challenges with grant programs and past inaccessibility by communities and Tribes.

#### Action Items:

- Mr. Tavizon will report on the Tribal members that will be represented in the Coordinating Committee governance structure at the January or February Coordinating Committee meeting.
- Taylor Nokhoudian will agendize a discussion of a process for providing compensation for participation in meetings.
- Ms. Duda will present on best practices to improve equity in grant programs at the next Coordinating Committee meeting.

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

Related to grant administration, SFEP is processing amendments to extend contracts with the outreach partners to the end of May 2022. The amended contracts will be circulated for signature in January. SFEP will be submitting an invoice and report to the state, which will bring everything up to date through August.

Regarding the tap water quality testing program, Simple Lab is under contract and the water quality testing kits are being mailed out to the outreach partners. This program is gaining interest in southern California as this tap water quality testing program hasn't been done ever on a regional scale.

The contents of the Regional Needs Assessment report will be made publicly available in February.

There was a comment that the voices of people experiencing homelessness are not typically represented in these forums. It's important to have their voices at the table in the Coordinating Committee governance and represented in the decision making process.

Ryan Hirano commented that he is working on how to make the funding opportunities sheet for the outreach partners more active and helpful. There will be a discussion at the Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

Josh Bradt reported that the outreach partners continuing to identify potential projects and partners for implementation.

Mr. Tavizon discussed the Tribal needs assessment process. Due to covid, they weren't able to gather as many surveys as originally planned. While the online survey did not get many responses, individual follow up with the Tribes and Tribal organizations was more effective. The outreach was focused on communication with the elders, environmental directors, and leadership staff. 20 Tribal organizations conducted outreach and provided input for the needs assessment. The focus of the needs assessment were on public health, infrastructure, and flooding. The major areas of concern included pollution of creeks from chemicals or trash, illegal dumping, invasive species, air pollution, access to green space, and access to ceremonial land.

Mr. Tavizon stated an interest for agencies to engage with the Tribal Advisory Committee on issues facing the Tribes. Michelle Novotny expressed that the SFPUC is open to attending a future meeting or workshop.

#### Action Items:

- At the January Coordinating Committee meeting, Ms. Duda will present on the needs assessment findings from the outreach partners representing people experiencing homelessness.
- Mr. Bradt will lead a discussion of the outreach partners' progress on developing implementation projects.

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

Prop 1 round 1 quarter 3 invoices were submitted last week. Project 1 RD1 System Fish Passage Improvements and Project 2 Lower Walnut Creek Restoration are scheduled to be completed next year. The 2 placeholder projects that haven't been amended into the contract yet are also making progress.

Brian Mendenhall provided an update from the Process and Planning Committee (PPC) for Prop 1 round 2. The goal is to better define the process for selecting projects for Round 2. It is the intention that the PPC does the planning and the Project Scoring Committee (PSC) takes over to review project applicants, rank projects, and propose projects for funding. The memo included in the meeting packet explains the draft recommendations for scoring in Round 2.

The aim is to select around 10 projects, but additional projects may be added later to meet regional goals and expend the grant funds. It's important to consider there needs to be enough funding for grant administration.

Instead of allocating 25% of the grant funding for each sub-region, the PPC wanted to make sure the group is funding the best projects. Therefore, they recommend more flexibility to be able to fund the projects with the highest need. It's recommended to include at least 1 project from each sub-region and functional area.

Additionally, the PPC doesn't want to be limited by the 20% minimum of the total funding for Tribal and DAC projects. Tribal and DAC projects that are elevated to the general pot of funding will still get the CEQA requirements waived.

The PPC discussed being able to capture feedback from the PSC reviewers to the projects applicants. It was suggested for the PSC reviewers to capture one strength and weakness of each project to include in the overall feedback to project applicants. It was suggested to have a scribe at the final PSC review meeting to capture the scoring per category and general strengths and weaknesses of the projects.

The PPC is recommending regional scoring criteria in addition to DWR's required scoring criteria.

#### Action Items:

- Coordinating Committee members should review the PPC's memo and provide feedback on the draft scoring criteria to Mr. Mendenhall and Devon Becker.
- The Coordinating Committee will vote at the next meeting on the proposed scoring criteria, with the caveat that the criteria is dependent on DWR's Project Solicitation Package.

#### **6. 2021 Urban and Multi-benefit Drought Relief Program**

Mr. Muller presented on the grant application that was submitted for funding. There was no opposition to the grant application expressed. The Coordinating Committee approved the grant application.