

**SF Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary
August 23, 2021
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"> • Steve Ritchie, Chair, SFPUC • Mark Seedall, CCWD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl Munoz, City of Hayward • Florence Wedington, EBMUD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Boucher, CCCFCWCD • Brian Mendenhall, Valley Water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josh Bradt, SFEP • Brenda Buxton, SCC 	

Others Present:

Carolina Avelar
 Cam Bauer, BART
 Julia Dowell, GreenAction
 Maddie Duda, Lotus Water
 Natasha Dunn, SFEP
 Maggie Dutton, CCWD
 Robin Freeman, ISPS
 Julio Garcia
 Terrie Green, Marin City Green
 Ryan Hirano, Woodard & Curran
 Janice Hunter, GreenAction
 Jennifer Krebs, representing Sonoma Water
 Lonnie Mason, First Generation
 James Muller, SFEP
 Taylor Nokhoudian, SFPUC
 Sherri Norris, CIEA
 Michelle Novotny, SFPUC
 Leslie Perry, SFEP
 Alex Tavizon, CIEA
 Giuseppe Tomasino, GHD
 Chelsea Spier, DWR
 LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible
 Jing Wu, Valley Water

2. Status of Prop 84 Rounds 2-4

Round 4 Project 7 Mountain View Shoreline Portion of SBSPR and Project 8 Eden Landing Portion of SBSPR are still being re-scoped.

Jennifer Krebs provided the AQPI update. Ms. Krebs noted the X-Band radars have a lifespan of about 20 years. The project agreement with Scripps hasn't been executed yet. DWR approved a grant extension, which extends the term through December 31, 2023. Sonoma Water is executing grant extensions with its partnering agencies. The plans still remain to get X-Band radars installed at Sawyer Ridge and Rocky Ridge this fall. The project is working on siting a new C-Band radar.

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

James Muller reported that the discussion to incorporate community representatives into the Coordinating Committee governance structure will occur at the Technical Advisory Committee meeting following this Coordinating Committee meeting.

Taylor Nokhoudian did not have substantial updates to share since the last Coordinating Committee meeting on the effort to address equity statewide with the IRWM Roundtable of Regions.

4. Status of Prop 1 IRWM DACTIP

Mr. Muller reported that all outreach partner contracts have been amended to add scope and budget to participate in the tap water quality testing program. The contract with Simple Lab has not been signed yet, but execution is imminent. SFEP is working with the outreach partners to finalize details such as what outreach materials will go out in the water quality testing kits to the communities. Simple Lab is creating a video for the outreach partners on how to use the kits and what to look for.

SFEP will be submitting a progress report and invoice to DWR that will bring all grant reporting up to date.

Maddie Duda reported that the draft Regional Needs Assessment report was submitted to DWR at the end of July. There are a few outstanding items needed to finalize the report, including the needs assessment findings for people experiencing homelessness and the needs assessment findings from the newest South Bay outreach partner.

The outreach partners are transitioning from their needs assessments to project development. Ryan Hirano has been distributing notes from grant opportunities webinars. He is also continuing to send the outreach partners updates on funding opportunities.

There was a comment that Caltrans is launching a Clean California grant program focused on trash cleanup. Outreach partners that are seeking grant funding for trash cleanup can look into this opportunity.

Alex Tavizon provided an update from the Tribal outreach partners. The Tribes' regional needs assessments have been approved by the Tribes. The Tribes are prepared to participate in the tap water quality testing program. Amah Mutsun will be meeting with the Open Space Authority to discuss partnering on implementation projects. The Him r-en Tribe have finalized their goals and are seeking to partner with Sogorea Te Land Trust and East Bay Regional Parks. Association of Ramaytush Ohlone is interested in developing projects near the Bay. Their main goal is to develop more concrete plans for development of their own land and are seeking partnerships with San Mateo RCD. The Tribes are continuing to finalize the governance structure document. CIEA has extended their contract with SFEP and are finalizing their budget.

Action Items:

- Ms. Duda will give a presentation on the Regional Needs Assessment report at the next Coordinating Committee meeting.

5. Status of Prop 1 Implementation Funding

Leslie Perry reported she is reviewing the quarterly submittals and will be uploading it to DWR at the end of the month. The City of Calistoga's invoice needed to be pulled to give the city time to provide all the deliverables. SFEP is working on funding agreements with the City of San Jose and the North Bay Water Authority. There will be an event at Project 2 Lower Walnut Creek restoration on October 29.

Brian Mendenhall provided an update from the Planning and Process Committee (PPC). The PPC met this month and the group's goal is to define the process for Prop 1 round 2 project selection. The goal is to make the process more objective and less subjective. A draft document is being developed and there is a plan to share the draft ahead of the next Coordinating Committee meeting.

Mr. Mendenhall posed a couple questions for the Coordinating Committee to consider. First, should the group be considering sub-regional allocation of funds based on population and land area? This could mean funding at least 1 project per sub-region and 1 project per functional area. Second, does the group want to aim for a higher percentage of funding allocated to DACTIP projects than what's required? Steve Ritchie commented there is openness to aim for a higher percentage as long as the projects are meeting state and regional eligibility.

The Prop 1 round 2 draft PSP may be released soon. DWR is considering 2 solicitation dates. The Bay Area IRWMP is leaning towards submitting for the later solicitation date. DWR commented that the agency wants the round 2 grant to be released at the same time as the state's drought funding.

DWR released a survey seeking feedback on the state's upcoming drought funding and responses are due at the end of this week.

6. Status of 4-Party Funds

Mr. Muller and Matt Sagues have been discussing transferring the funds from Marin Water to ABAG. The 4-parties have agreed to use the funds to support community members and Tribes to participate in Coordinating Committee meetings and sub-committees.

7. Discuss DWR Drought Project Survey

DWR released a survey requesting feedback on funding needs for drought projects. The state's funds need to be spent by 2026. Mr. Muller commented that it would be beneficial to have as many responses from the Bay Area region as possible. It takes a minimal level of effort to fill out the survey, and it will be important to show the Bay Area has projects that are ready for implementation. It was noted that the projects need to have a strong connection to drought benefits.

Most agencies confirmed they are submitting responses to the survey.

It was noted there is no local cost share requirement for the drought funding.

Action Items:

- Taylor Nokhoudian will send the survey directly to Ben Horenstein at Marin Water.

8. Announcements

Lonnie Mason with First Generation commented he is working in the Bayview Hunters Point community. Many tenants are waiting for their water quality to be tested as they are concerned about the safety of the water.

LaDonna Williams commented that she has received positive community feedback, reporting the frontline disadvantaged low income communities/neighborhoods we serve are less apprehensive and mistrusting than when we initially began this process. They've communicated they feel heard by those on the Coordinating Committee within this process when hearing the community water testing kits were finally going to be released.

The group decided to combine the November and December Coordinating Committee meetings into one meeting on December 6.