

**SF Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary
February 28, 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"> • Steve Ritchie, Chair, SFPUC • Mark Seedall, CCWD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl Munoz, City of Hayward representing BACWA • Florence Wedington, EBMUD representing BACWA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Boucher, CCCFCWCD • Brian Mendenhall, Valley Water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josh Bradt, SFEP 	

Others Present:

Lisa Bankosh, Vice-chair, Valley Water
 Marco Berger, Multicultural Center of Marin
 Julia Dowell, GreenAction
 Maddie Duda, Lotus Water
 Natasha Dunn, SFEP
 Jarad Fisher, San Mateo RCD
 Terrie Green, Marin City Climate Resilience and Health Justice
 Ryan Hirano, Woodard & Curran
 Katy Hornbeck, EBRPD
 Jennifer Krebs, representing Sonoma Water
 Lonnie Mason, First Generation
 James Muller, SFEP
 Taylor Nokhoudian, SFPUC
 Michelle Novotny, SFPUC
 Kevin Padway, Zone 7
 Leslie Perry, SFEP
 Keta Price, ISPS
 Elke Rank, Zone 7
 Kanyon Sayers-Roods, Association of Ramaytush Ohlone
 Chelsea Spier, DWR

Alex Tavizon, CIEA
LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible
Jing Wu, Valley Water

2. Status of Prop 84 Rounds 2 & 4

Natasha Dunn reported that Round 2 closed out in December. SFEP is working on the final deliverables for DWR. SFEP will be applying for retention shortly. Only \$17,000 of Round 2 funding remains unspent.

A grant amendment was executed for Round 4, which extended the term through 2024. SFEP is working with the Coastal Conservancy to get their projects underway. SFEP will be conducting a site visit Project 9 Novato Creek Flood Protection.

Jennifer Krebs provided the AQPI update. Sonoma Water has a new project manager, Dale Roberts. He has been re-engaging on the siting of the Rocky Ridge radar, which is expected to be installed this Spring. Santa Cruz should have their radar operating by this Spring too. The other radars are not quite ready to be installed. The contract with Scripps was signed last Fall. Scripps staff are working on a con-ops plan for the project. They presented their work plan at the last LPAC meeting. Billing, invoicing, and reporting are up to date with DWR.

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

James Muller did not have an update on the list of interim community representatives to be represented on the Coordinating Committee. Once the representatives are identified, Mr. Muller noted he will take a step back to let the representatives take the lead. The discussion of compensation for meeting attendance is not on today's meeting agenda because he hasn't received the example compensation agreements. However, Mr. Muller is still committed to reviewing the example agreements to see how they could be used for this effort.

Alex Tavizon reported the Tribal representatives were identified, but he wasn't able to share the names prior to this meeting.

Action Items:

- Mr. Muller and Mr. Tavizon will share the names of the community and Tribal representatives who will be included in the Coordinating Committee governance.

4. Status of Prop 1 IRWM DACTIP

Mr. Muller reported that most of the outreach partner contract amendments are routing for signature, which would extend the contracts to June. SFEP has enough funding to administer the grant until then. SFEP will also be applying for a grant amendment with DWR to extend the term out to September to give enough time for final deliverables. MTC is experiencing extensive delays in contracting.

Regarding the tap water quality testing program, 349 water quality test kits have been ordered by the outreach partners. 51 tests have been sent to the lab. 21 test results have been returned. 1 exceedance of aluminum (a secondary MCL) has been found in an under-utilized faucet located in a common area of a public housing building in Pittsburg. A follow up water quality test will be completed and SFEP will be touching base with the water utility and the Division of Drinking Water. LaDonna Williams asked if additional testing occurred within the residential units within the building. Mr. Muller confirmed no. Terrie Green asked how long it takes for the results to come back. James confirmed 1 to 2 weeks. Taylor Nokhoudian asked what water quality parameters are being used. Mr. Muller confirmed Simple Lab is using California MCLs and California public health goals.

Maddie Duda noted that the regional needs assessment report is under final review. It will be ready for review by the Coordinating Committee by the next meeting.

Ryan Hirano is continuing to send out weekly emails with grant opportunities. He asked the outreach partners to contact him for assistance reviewing new grant programs or guidelines. He, Ms. Duda, and SFEP are supporting with some of the outreach partner with grant writing.

Josh Bradt provided a project development update. The outreach partners are working towards developing their project concepts. There are outreach partners considering projects related to sea level rise in San Rafael and Richmond, green infrastructure and stormwater management in Richmond and East Contra Costa County, creek restoration and public access improvements in Deep East Oakland, and water quality and soil monitoring in San Francisco.

Mr. Tavizon reported that the Tribes finalized their approach for tap water quality testing. The Tribes are also developing project concepts. 2 Tribes in the South Bay are looking to create partnerships with the open space authorities in the areas of Coyote Valley and Pajaro. The Napa Suscol Intertribal Council is exploring partnerships with the open space authority and RCD in the Napa area. Association of Ramaytush Ohlone is looking into potentially working with San Francisco and SFEI to develop sustainable community gardens for people experiencing homelessness and food insecurity.

Mr. Muller mentioned one of the most acute capacity building needs is grant writing. The outreach partners are seeking partners to assist with writing the grants and he encouraged the Coordinating Committee to contact the outreach partners to help lend a hand.

Action Items:

- Ms. Duda will preview the regional needs assessment report at the next Coordinating Committee meeting.
- Ms. Duda will give a presentation on the needs assessment findings from the outreach partners representing people experiencing homelessness.

5. Status of Prop 1 Implementation Funding

Leslie Perry is uploading Q4 deliverables to the state this week. She is submitting an invoice for over \$5 million of match. 5 of the 6 eligible projects are finished with contracting. She will be hosting an invoicing workshop in April for the local project sponsors.

Brian Mendenhall reported on Prop 1 Round 2 process and planning. He reviewed the regional scoring criteria included in the meeting packet. The Planning and Process Committee (PPC) is getting closer to finalizing the regional criteria. The PPC is proposing 10 new regional criteria. There are several points related to projects providing benefits to Tribes and Disadvantaged Communities/Economically Distressed Areas/Under-represented Communities. The PPC felt it was appropriate to give additional weight to these projects. It was suggested that the Coordinating Committee consider whether to aim for more than the state minimum of 10% for these projects.

This Fall may be the first deadline for grant application submittals to the state. There could be another later date too, but DWR has not confirmed.

Mr. Mendenhall also mentioned the memo attached to the meeting packet. It discusses the issue of balancing functional area needs and funding to each sub-region. The memo proposes to include at least 1 project from each functional area and sub-region, as opposed to the previous approach of aiming for approximately 25% of funding for each sub-region.

Julia Dowell asked what is considered capital improvement project and if data mapping is eligible. The response was that eligibility information is available in the state's proposal solicitation package. Decision-support tools are eligible, which could cover data mapping.

Mark Seedal asked how scoring criteria would be used to prioritize grant applications. The response was that DWR and regional criteria would be added for a total score.

Steve Ritchie commented that the addition of the regional scoring criteria are within the bounds of what DWR is looking for. If the proposal covers the state's minimum requirements, the regions are encouraged to look beyond to address regional needs. Chelsea Spier with DWR concurred.

Mr. Muller shared that the funding breakdown from Round 1 included 28% allocated to the North, 15% to the South, 22% to the East, and 16% to the West.

Action Items:

- Feedback on the regional scoring criteria proposed for Prop 1 Round 2 should be sent to Mr. Mendenhall and Devon Becker by March 18.
- The Coordinating Committee will vote to approve the regional scoring criteria and decision criteria memo at the next meeting.

6. Status of 4 Party Funds:

Mr. Muller reported SFEP received the money from Marin Water. He is working through some administrative issues to be able to spend the funds.

7. Announcements and Next Steps

It was suggested to include a discussion of who the grant applicant for Prop 1 Round 2 will be for the Bay Area region.

Taylor Nokhoudian announced that Eryan Sloane from the Coastal Conservancy will be replacing Brenda Buxton, who retired. Ms. Sloane will be the functional area representative for Watershed in replacement of Ms. Buxton. It was also suggested to have a discussion of the functional area representatives at the next Coordinating Committee meeting.

It was suggested to continue to meet virtually.