

**SF Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary**  
**March 28, 2022**  
**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>• Maggie Dutton, CCWD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Florence Wedington, EBMUD 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> <li>• Evyan Sloane, SCC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adam French, Amah Mutsun</li> <li>• Deja Gould, Villages of Lisjan</li> <li>• Janice Hunter, GreenAction</li> <li>• LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible</li> </ul>

**Others Present:**

- Lisa Bankosh, Vice-chair, Valley Water
- Devon Becker, ACWD
- Marco Berger, Multicultural Center of Marin
- Natasha Dunn, SFEP
- Jarrad Fisher, San Mateo RCD
- Robin Freeman, ISPS
- Terrie Green, Marin City Climate Resilience and Health Justice
- Ryan Hirano, Woodard & Curran
- Katy Hornbeck, EBRPD
- Darcie Luce, SFEP
- Lonnie Mason, First Generation
- James Muller, SFEP
- Taylor Nokhoudian, SFPUC
- Michelle Novotny, SFPUC
- Kevin Padway, Zone 7
- Elke Rank, Zone 7

Matt Sagues, Marin Water  
Mark Seedall, CCWD  
Chelsea Spier, DWR  
Alex Tavizon, CIEA  
Charlie Toledo, Suscol Intertribal Council  
Jing Wu, Valley Water

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

Natasha Dunn reported for Round 2 SFEP is awaiting final payment for Project 10 Bayfront Canal. For Round 4, Project 9 Novato Creek Flood Protection had a site visit with DWR and the State Coastal Conservancy in early March. Project 7 Mt. View Shoreline, Project 8 South San Francisco Bay Shoreline, and Project 9 Novato Creek Flood Protection are being amended. Ms. Dunn reported Projects 7 and 8 are no longer projects of significant concern.

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

James Muller discussed the memo included in the meeting packet that describes the approach to appointing community representatives to be included in the Coordinating Committee governance. LaDonna Williams and Keta Price volunteered to be the interim representatives as the communities work through their selection process. Janice Hunter will be in the interim representative filling the vacant seat for a community representative.

Alex Tavizon reported that the Tribal partners have selected their representatives to be included in the Coordinating Committee governance- Deja Gould representing the Villages of Lisjan, Adam French representing the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, and Jonathan Cordero representing the Association of Ramaytush Ohlone. The Tribal partners plan to nominate 3 alternatives later.

In terms of next steps, the BAIRWMP gives the communities and Tribes the authority to determine their process and nominate representatives. The BAIRWMP doesn't require Coordinating Committee approval, so the appointed representatives can start participating formally going forward.

The group discussed the current functional area representation. It was suggested that Carol Mahoney from Zone 7 be replaced by Elke Ranke, also from Zone 7.

It was suggested to reach out to the current head of North Bay Watershed Association Andy Rodgers to potentially replace Judy Kelly.

The group discussed finding a replacement for Brad Sherwood.

Mark Seedall recommended to change his name to Maggie Dutton, also from CCWD.

Action Items:

- Taylor Nokhoudian will update the functional area representation list.
- Ms. Nokhoudian will reach out to Sonoma Water about potential replacement of Brad Sherwood as functional area representative for Water Supply-Water Quality.

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

Mr. Muller reported that contracting is moving forward. The grant round ends in June, but it will be extended to December to allow time for wrapping up grant administration. Invoicing is up to date. Mr. Muller reflected on the fact that the insurance requirements have been difficult for the outreach partners. He asked the Coordinating Committee to share any info on insurance carriers and/or brokers that are easy to work with.

The Regional Needs Assessment Report is going through a final review of the graphics and maps. SFEP will also be discussing a media strategy for the release of the final report with the outreach partners.

Maddie Duda and Ryan Hirano have been working with the outreach partners on grant applications external to IRWM, including Prepare California Jumpstart Program, grants through the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority, and an EPA grant. Mr. Hirano stated if any outreach partners need support, they should reach out to him or Ms. Duda. In the weekly emails Mr. Hirano sends out to the outreach partners, there are a couple grant programs included with a 3 month look-ahead.

Regarding project development, Josh Bradt reported he is discussing with the outreach partners as they put their project ideas into a spreadsheet.

Alex Tavizon reported on capacity building and project development with the Tribal partners. CIEA has met with the Association of Ramaytush Ohlone and Napa Suscol Intertribal Council. There's an upcoming meeting with Sogorea Te Land Trust. The City of Palo Alto and Association of Ramaytush Ohlone have been meeting regarding Tribal participation in the city's horizontal levee project. Association of Ramaytush Ohlone has decided to work with the City of Palo Alto on another grant. There's an upcoming site visit with Napa Suscol. CIEA is supporting the Regional Needs Assessment report with photos and logos from the Tribes.

Mr. Muller gave an update on tap water testing program. 364 tests have been ordered and 80 results have been received. There have been 3 MCL exceedances, 1 on Napa Suscol land from a well pumping groundwater) and 2 from the same tap in the Pittsburg public housing building.

The first sample from the Pittsburg public housing building was pulled from a first draw on a fixture, meaning that the water was sitting in the pipes. Another sample was taken, but it was taken from the hot water and needs to be re-taken from the cold water. The City of Pittsburg is interested in taking a side-by-side sample. The Tribal partners have completed over 30 tap water tests.

#### Action Items:

- At the next Coordinating Committee meeting, Ms. Duda will present on the needs assessment findings from people experiencing homelessness and the final Regional Needs Assessment Report.

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

Project 1 Alameda Fish Ladder has received CEQA concurrence. SFEP will be hosting an invoicing workshop for the local project sponsors on April 6. SFEP is expecting local project sponsors to submit a lot of deliverables next quarter.

The Process and Planning Committee (PPC) developed the memo and 2 attachments included in the meeting packet. The first attachment is DWR's scoring criteria for Prop 1 Round 2. The second attachment is the regional, Bay Area specific scoring criteria developed by the PPC. The regional criteria allow for more specificity about matters that are important to the Coordinating Committee. At the previous meeting, the PPC asked for comments, but didn't receive any.

The approach to distribution of funding historically has been to achieve target percentages across each sub-region and functional area. The recommended approach for Prop 1 Round 2 is instead to include at least 1 project from each sub-region and functional area (not mutually exclusive).

DWR is considering 2 different grant cycles, possibly in the Fall and Winter. The Coordinating Committee needs to decide when to submit the grant application. Previously it was discussed to wait until at least the Fall to allow enough time for the outreach partners to develop projects.

The PPC is recommending to do the optional DWR workshop.

The Project Scoring Committee (PSC) would need to be convened to review grant applications. When the PSC convenes for its scoring review meeting, it's recommended to ensure there's a scribe to document the highlights and shortfalls of each proposal to be able to provide feedback to applicants.

DWR significantly scaled back their scoring criteria.

When the Coordinating Committee is ready to share information with the public, 1-page summary or checklist should be developed to clearly outline the eligibility criteria, DWR's scoring criteria, and the regional scoring criteria.

There were a couple small changes to the regional criteria since the last meeting. There's a new criteria about climate change because DWR requires proposals to include at least 1 climate change project. Additional points are awarded to benefit communities and Tribes, but the proposal is to rely on DWR's mapping tool to identify DACs and EDAs. The mapping tool may create challenges since it doesn't recognize underrepresented communities or Tribes.

There was question about how the criteria differs from Round 1 to Round 2. There's a bigger emphasis regionally in Round 2 on elevating community and Tribal projects. It was intentional to go above the minimum set aside for DACs and Tribes.

Janice Hunter commented it was helpful to have a thorough explanation of the process.

Jarrad Fisher commented that DWR's mapping tool doesn't represent homeless and low-income populations that are within a high-income area. He asked if it's possible to allow applicants to justify that there is a funding need in an alternative way. Mr. Fisher also asked if projects that don't directly relate to drinking water (AB 1249), i.e. stream restoration, would be eligible for that extra point. He asked another question about whether Tribes need to be recognized by the state or federal government for the scoring criteria. Mr. Tavizon responded he's had success working around the requirement for Tribes to be federally recognized to be eligible for Prop 1 funding.

There was a comment about adding points for projects that can contribute significant match. This may help smaller projects be eligible that don't have match. There is discretion built into the process to elevate projects.

Maggie Dutton asked if any project can get an extra point for going above and beyond AB 1249. It was confirmed yes and that there's a possible extra point if the project is benefitting communities or Tribes. The intention is reflect the fact that frontline communities are disproportionately impacted by contaminated drinking water. Ms. Dutton pointed out that communication with Tribes could come much later in the project development process. Mr. Tavizon commented endorsement by a Tribe can be a general letter of support. The intention is to try to engage Tribes before the project is implemented and build relationships. There was a question about prioritizing projects that are not receiving other grant funding.

Action Items:

- Mr. Fisher, Ms. Dutton, Devon Becker, Brian Mendenhall will form a sub-committee to review comments from this meeting and come back at the next meeting with revised criteria.
- Ms. Nokhoudian will agendize a discussion about the potential grant applicant for Prop 1 Round 2 on the next meeting agenda.

**6. Status of 4 Party Funds:**

Mr. Muller reported SFEP and Marin Water are working through some administrative issues to be able to spend the funds.