

**SF Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary  
 April 25, 2022  
 Conference Call Dial-in Only**

**1. Roll Call – Appointed Functional Area Representatives Present**

| <b>Water Supply-<br/>Water Quality</b>  | <b>Wastewater-<br/>Recycled Water</b> | <b>Flood<br/>Protection-<br/>Stormwater</b>  | <b>Watershed</b>   | <b>Communities/<br/>Tribes</b>  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Devon Becker, ACWD</li> <li>• Steve Ritchie, Chair, SFPUC</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>• Andy Rodgers, NBWA</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jonathan Cordero, Association of Ramaytush Ohlone</li> <li>• Terrie Green, Marin City Climate Resilience and Health Justice</li> <li>• Keta Price, ISPS</li> <li>• LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible</li> </ul> |

**Others Present:**

Marco Berger, Multicultural Center of Marin  
 Pat Costello, City of Napa  
 Maddie Duda, Lotus Water  
 Jarrad Fisher, San Mateo RCD  
 Ryan Hirano, Woodard & Curran  
 Jennifer Krebs, representing Sonoma Water  
 Darcie Luce, SFEP  
 Lonnie Mason, First Generation  
 James Muller, SFEP  
 Taylor Nokhoudian, SFPUC  
 Michelle Novotny, SFPUC  
 Kevin Padway, Zone 7  
 Leslie Perry, SFEP  
 Matt Sagues, Marin Water  
 John Steere, Watershed Program PWD

Chelsea Spier, DWR  
Alex Tavizon, CIEA  
Jing Wu, Valley Water

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

Round 2 Project 10 Bayfront Canal needs to submit the project's final deliverables.

For Round 4, a grant amendment was recently completed. SFEP is working with the Coastal Conservancy on developing funding agreements for Project 7 Mt View Shoreline Portion of South Bay Salt Ponds Restoration and Project 8 South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project Phase I.

AQPI billing and invoicing are up to date. Scripps is hiring a new staff person to develop the con ops plan (i.e. the long term operation plan). Site selection and permitting are still ongoing for the Sawyer Ridge radar. The Rocky Ridge radar is closer with permitting. The Rocky Ridge and Santa Cruz radars are anticipated to be installed in June. The Sonoma radar is under repair. The Valley Water radar is operational. The con ops work plan has been approved.

## **3. Equity in CC Governance**

Taylor Nokhoudian provided a recap of the representatives that were selected by the communities and Tribes to be included in the Coordinating Committee governance structure.

LaDonna Williams raised a concern about agencies speaking for communities, instead of communities speaking for themselves. She asked about the status of the anti-racism resolution that was drafted by the Coordinating Committee and expressed there has been a lack of follow through on this policy.

Maddie Duda clarified there are multiple processes occurring at multiple levels to incorporate equity. At the state level, Ms. Nokhoudian was working in coordination with Katie Burdick with Yuba IRWM and the Roundtable of Regions to find funding to enable disadvantaged community and Tribal representatives to get paid to participate in these discussions. It was also clarified that through the Roundtable of Regions effort, outreach to the Bay Area DACTIP outreach partners was conducted via email. Also, some funding was identified by Yuba IRWM. It was acknowledged that emails may not be enough to ensure meaningful participation from communities and Tribes. There was concern expressed that communities and Tribes should be involved in discussions both about funding and representation.

There was discussion about the need for a follow up meeting on the types of efforts can help improve equity at the state level.

## Action Items:

- Michelle Novotny will follow up on the status of the Coordinating Committee's equity policy.
- Steve Ritchie, Ms. Nokhoudian, and Ms. Novotny will meet to discuss the status of the state effort and provide an update at the next Coordinating Committee meeting.

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

Mr. Muller reported that the final contract amendments with the outreach partners are being routed for final approvals. SFEP will be working with DWR to amend the grant to extend the term to December 2022. Invoicing is up to date. However, there are a few invoices haven't been processed due to holds up with insurance. Roughly half of the grant has been spent to date.

Tap water quality testing program is making progress. So far, 638 kits have been ordered. 247 samples have been collected. Results have been received from 195 tests. Some MCL exceedances were identified and the outreach partners are working with the appropriate utilities to follow up.

Ms. Duda reported that the Regional Needs Assessment Report has gone through a full round of editing and graphics. There will be a final review by the outreach partners. The next step will be to work with the outreach partners on a media and communications strategy.

Ryan Hirano reported on capacity building. He has been assisting with grant writing for Nuestra Casa, ISPS, and Marin City Climate Resilience and Health Justice to support on grants outside of IRWM. He continues to send out the funding opportunities sheet to the outreach partners.

Ms. Terrie Green commented that the capacity building support has been helpful and has resulted in her organization being able to get funding. Mr. Hirano helped them with research and making connections. Ms. Green has been challenged in the past by not being able to apply for grants when eligibility is determined based on a map that doesn't fully represent DACs. She also expressed the need for funding to identify next steps for the tap water quality testing program.

Ms. Williams commented that the tap water quality program is showing that communities are feeling involved in the process.

Alex Tavizon provided the Tribal programmatic updates. The Tribal partners have tap water testing results from 28 different Tribal households and 13 different Tribal organizations. There have been 2 MCL exceedances and they are working to identify next steps. Mr. Tavizon has

been discussing with EBMUD the possibility of holding a meeting to provide training on how to interpret the results of the tap water quality testing.

Action Items:

- Ms. Nokhoudian will agendize the presentation on the needs assessment findings from people experiencing homelessness at the beginning of the next Coordinating Committee meeting.

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

Leslie Perry reported that Round 1 included placeholders for projects that weren't ready with CEQA. Project 6 River Oaks Stormwater Capture has come out of placeholder status into a formal project. There are 2 more placeholder projects. Project 7 Upstream San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection Project is tight on their timeline. If they can't complete CEQA by September then the funding (\$2.9m-3m) will roll over to Round 2.

Brian Mendenhall discussed the proposed approach for Round 2 scoring. There are a total of 12 points for projects that meet the regional scoring criteria. 5 out of the 12 points are focused on prioritizing Tribal and DAC projects.

Ms. Williams commented on the terminology of communities vs. DACs. She expressed concern that overburdened, frontline communities are being marginalized through the terminology being used. Mr. Mendenhall responded that the regional scoring criteria uses DACs, EDAs, and underrepresented communities.

Devon Becker suggested 2 minor edits to the scoring criteria. On question 10, the first bullet should include EDA. The PPC memo should also be edited to reflect the 24 cumulative point total.

As there was no objection to moving forward with scoring recommendations for Round 2, the Coordinating Committee approved the scoring recommendations.

Action Items:

- Ms. Nokhoudian will agendize a discussion of the grant applicant for Round 2 at the next Coordinating Committee meeting.

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

Mr. Muller commented that there are still administrative issues to be worked out by Marin Water to be able to spend the funds.