

**SF Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary  
July 25, 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>• Steve Ritchie, Chair, SFPUC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheryl Munoz, City of Hayward, representing BACWA</li> <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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible</li> <li>• Terrie Green, MCCRHJ</li> <li>• Kanyon "Coyote Woman" Sayers-Roods, Kanyon Consulting</li> </ul>

Others Present:

Cam Bauer, BART  
 Devon Becker, ACWD  
 Marco Berger, Multicultural Center of Marin  
 Jolene Bertetto, EBMUD  
 Chris Choo, MMWD  
 Vernon Medicine Cloud, Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley  
 Maddie Duda, Lotus Water  
 Natasha Dunn, SFEP  
 Ayano Jeffers-Fabro, Brower Dellums Institute for Sustainable Policy Studies and Action  
 Ryan Hirano, Woodard & Curran  
 Jennifer Krebs, representing Sonoma Water  
 Kevin Padway, Zone 7  
 Leslie Perry, SFEP  
 Charles Polc  
 Andy Rodgers, NBWA  
 Matt Sagues, MMWD  
 Kathy Schaefer  
 Chelsea Spier, DWR  
 Alex Tavizon, CIEA  
 Kristen Thigpen, GHD  
 Ellen Yuska

Jing Wu, Valley Water

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

For Prop 1 Round 1, Natasha Dunn shared that Q6 materials are due on Friday and they are anticipating a large invoice for Project 01 System Fish Passage Improvements, which will be invoicing for their total grant amount of approximately \$3.3 million.

SFEP is moving forward with the grant amendment in September to include the two placeholder projects (Projects 07 Upstream San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection and Project 08 San Francisco Zoo) as full project sponsors. At this time, they expect that both projects will meet the deadline, but will have a better idea once they receive the quarterly reports on Friday.

For the Prop 1 Round 2 Solicitation, Brian Mendenhall shared that since the June meeting, he, Devon Becker, and, James Muller have been working on list of prospective dates for the solicitation.

The group was originally looking at opening the solicitation on August 1, but will need another week to pull materials together. The group proposed August 8 as the date to officially send out the notice of solicitation and October 10<sup>th</sup> as date to receive proposals by.

The group proposed holding two workshops in that window: the first within a few weeks of August 8 to walk through the PSP and guidelines and the process and how it works (including how to best respond to the DWR and Regional (combined) criteria); the second workshop a few weeks before the closing date to answer any outstanding questions. They proposed one other potential workshop specifically with the DACTIP community, potentially to be held at the TAC meeting to better explain the program to folks who are less familiar. Mr. Mendenhall asked the group about timing preferences for the workshops – whether day time or evening, and there was support for both options.

The group is working to develop a word document before August 8 with a consistent form for applicants to fill in for the PSC's review to make the scoring process more seamless.

The plan is that if all proposals are received by October 10, the Project Screening Committee would complete their rankings by November 21, just before the Thanksgiving Holiday and would seek approval for the selected project list at the combined November/December Coordinating Committee on December 5. This would give all of December and January for the grant administrator to pull together materials for the region.

The plan was approved by the CC.

Mr. Becker shared his screen with a current draft list of potential participants for the Project Screening Committee. They want to make sure they are representing the region and diverse. The group wants closer to 10-12 people to participate in the Project Screening Committee. They asked interested parties to let Mr. Mendenhall, Mr. Becker, or Taylor Nokhoudian know if they would like to participate.

SFEP said they would be happy to play the part of applicant. Ms. Dunn shared that Mr. Muller said he would like to have further discussion about the process for putting the application together and how the group wants to fund and approach that. Ms. Dunn said she would refer to James until next meeting.

There was a question if projects have to be completed in 5 years. Projects must be completed by December 31, 2027 to be eligible.

There was another question about where to find the scoring criteria. The final scoring criteria approved by the Coordinating Committee has been sent out in previous Coordinating Committee meeting minutes. More information will be sent out to the listserv.

There was a question about how many projects will be selected. The target is around 10, but this isn't determined in advance. There's an effort to prioritize DAC and Tribal projects and the intention is to use all funding available.

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

Josh Bradt shared that SFEP is extending a few outreach partner contracts where additional time is needed to finish scopes. They are processing final invoices from the other partners and are currently up to date. Total invoices submitted to the state to date total \$3,445,964, which is 71% of the budget. This includes billing for expenses through May. SFEP is expecting this number to increase a bit before the next Coordinating Committee meeting. The grant will expire March 2023.

Regarding project development, Mr. Bradt shared that the outreach partners are working on developing community- and Tribal-led projects including large scale potable water pipe replacement, creek restoration projects, and others which are being tracked in an excel document.

Regarding tap water quality testing, Mr. Bradt shared that all tests have been submitted and the partners are waiting on final results. The core team is working on setting up workshops and meetings to discuss findings with community partners and public health experts. The team is also working on drafting a tap water quality testing report with a regional roll-up and community-level data.

Regarding the Regional Needs Assessment, Maddie Duda shared that the Regional Needs Assessment report is now with the graphic designer and it should be finalized in about a month.

Regarding capacity building and grant writing, Ryan Hirano shared that he is updating the funding opportunities sheet for partners. The DACTI Program team is in contact with a few outreach partners who are interested in applying for a range of funding opportunities that the team will be supporting. The team will also be working with partners as they prepare for round 2 IRWM Implementation funding.

Alex Tavizon shared that the Tribal program was able to do over 100 tap water quality tests. They are still waiting on the final results. So far they found 4 MCL exceedances throughout the Bay Area. They will be having a Tribal Advisory Committee meeting in August focused on the media strategy and outreach steps the Tribes want to take to follow up on the tap water quality testing.

Mr. Steve Ritchie asked about how the tap water quality report will be set up. He has a lot of experience with reports with data, and advised that it is important to make sure it's clear what the data means and doesn't mean. Mr. Bradt shared the report outline is currently being developed.

### **3. Status on Prop 84 Rounds 2 & 4**

For Round 2, Ms. Dunn shared that there's no change since the last meeting. SFEP is still waiting on final deliverables on Project 10 Bayfront Canal to close out then they can apply for retention. Their quarterly materials are due Friday.

Regarding APQI, Jennifer Krebs shared that they had a visit from NOAA and Colorado State staff at the end of June. They evaluated some new potential radar sites and have an updated strategy to get the grant completed on time. They plan on the installation of the C band radar and the remaining X band radars by 2023. They have a local partner agencies committee meeting tomorrow where they will discuss new potential radar sites and proposed update for the Conopps plan for funding and implementation beyond the DWR grant. Reporting and invoicing are all up to date.

### **4. Equity in IRWM**

LaDonna Williams shared that Michelle Novotny sent out an email with issues that she and All Positives Possible had raised at previous meetings. She said that the email got caught in her spam, and that there was no response to the email Ms. Novotny sent out. Mr. Ritchie recommended reaching out to Ms. Novotny to follow up, which Ms. Williams said she would do.

Chelsea Spier said that DWR did not have anything to add on their end.

### **5. Future of IRWM**

Mr. Ritchie opened a conversation to discuss brainstorming workshops that the Coordinating Committee could or should do in the future. He recommended a session dedicated to the Future of IRWM Coordinating Committee and recommended doing it as one of the monthly meetings, perhaps in November. Some folks are adamant that the group needs to continue to meet to provide connectivity.

Several community members shared support for the continuation of the Coordinating Committee and IRWM past the second round of Prop 1 Implementation funding. Ms. Williams shared that if they hadn't engaged in this process, they wouldn't be as up to date with their water knowledge and agencies processes. She shared that it took them a long time to get up to date, and that it is necessary to continue in some capacity or another. She wanted to share that they have other community members who are planning to engage, and they have to educate them as they have been educated. It has taken a little longer, but hopes it continues. She has seen this process as a positive.

Ms. Green shared that they have gone far, but we can go further.

Mr. Ritchie asked those with other thoughts put them in an email to him or Ms. Nokhodian.

### **6. Announcements and Next Steps**

Future meetings will be held virtually for the time being.