

**SF Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary
August 22, 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"> • Devon Becker, ACWD • Maggie Dutton, CCWD • Steve Ritchie, Chair, SFPUC 	<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 • Elke Ranke, Zone 7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evyan Sloane, SCC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible • Terrie Green, MCCRHJ • Kanyon "Coyote Woman" Sayers-Roods, Kanyon Konsulting • Jonathan Cordero, Association of Ramaytush Ohlone

Others Present:

Vanessa de Anda
 Lisa Bankosh, Valley Water
 Indigo Bannister, NBWA
 Tess Byler, San Francisquito Creek JPA
 Chris Choo, Marin County Dept. Public Works
 Pat Costello, City of Napa
 Natasha Dunn, SFEP
 Jarrad Fisher, San Mateo RCD
 Katy Hornbeck, EBRPD
 Joan Hultberg, Sonoma Water
 Jennifer Krebs, representing Sonoma Water
 Chris Lim, Contra Costa RCD
 Lonnie Mason, First Generation
 James Muller, SFEP
 Michelle Novotny, SFPUC
 Kevin Padway, Zone 7
 Leslie Perry, SFEP
 Charles Polc, DWR
 John Steere, CCC Watershed

Chelsea Spier, DWR
Alex Tavizon, CIEA
Charlie Toledo, Suscol Intertribal Council
Jing Wu, Valley Water

1. Status of Prop 84 Rounds 2&4

Natasha Dunn reported that there were no major updates for Round 2 projects.

The Round 4 quarterly invoices have been uploaded to DWR. Project 3 Marin 2020 AMI Phase II and Project 4 East Palo Alto Groundwater Supply are closing out with retention payments soon.

Jennifer Krebs provided an update on the AQPI project. Last week the team from Colorado State was in Santa Cruz installing a radar on top of the Santa Cruz Public Safety building. This radar is not part of IRWM grant, but it's good news because it's the 3rd radar contributing to the AQPI network. CIRA staff are well trained on AQPI system. They are now running it and doing training with the Bay Area agencies on how the system will operate this winter. If any agencies would like the training, they should let Jennifer Krebs know. Billing and reporting are up to date. September 20 is the next local agency partner meeting.

2. Status of Prop 1 Implementation Funding

A big portion of funding was expended for Project 1 RD1 System Fish Passage Improvements. SFEP will be submitting an amendment request in September to withdraw Project 7 Upstream San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection because it couldn't meet the CEQA timeline requirement. The amendment will also add in Project 8 San Francisco Zoo from its placeholder status. Project 7 funds of about \$3 million will roll over into Prop 1 Round 2. By removing Project 7, the West sub-region will have received about 3% of the overall grant funds in Round 1.

Last week Monday, the formal call for Prop 1 Round 2 projects was sent out to the email listserv. The solicitation materials for project applicants, schedule, document checklist, and information are also posted on www.bayareairwmp.org. Applications due by October 10 at 11:59 pm. Between now and the deadline, there will be 2 workshops to review the process and answer questions. Tentatively the workshops will be held the week of August 29 and the week of Sept 19. Details about the workshops will be sent out shortly.

John Steere asked about the February 1, 2023 deadline for the regional application to DWR. The response was that DWR originally had 2 deadlines for proposals- fall 2022 and spring 2023. The Bay Area region gets a funding allocation, then goes through a regional process to select projects. All regional projects are then bundled together under 1 applicant. DWR is asking regions to include workplans, budgets, and schedules.

LaDonna Williams asked if SFEP/ABAG is the lead agency and potential community based organization applicants should apply through them. The response was yes because DWR wants a single application

from the region. The Bay Area process involves submitting projects through the Coordinating Committee and having 1 entity (SFEP) then submit to DWR.

There was a discussion of the grant applicant for Round 2. Steve Ritchie recommended that the group proceed with SFEP as the applicant because they're adept at putting together the grant package. SFEP has been the Bay Area's applicant for 5 grant rounds and this approach has been successful. Also, no one else has expressed interest in any alternative. There was no objection to proceeding with SFEP/ABAG as the grant applicant for Prop 1 Round 2.

There will need to be participation from the projects that are selected to fund SFEP's time for putting together the grant package.

Michelle Novotny asked if just the agencies that are not DAC or Tribal will provide funds to support the grant application package. Mr. Ritchie replied that may be the case and he doesn't think the group would ask the DACs and Tribes to provide funding as resources are less available.

James Muller estimated it would cost around \$40,000 for SFEP to put together the grant package based on their costs from Prop 1 Round 1. He commented that they would ask the larger agency applicants that are included in grant package to contribute funding and ABAG would send them an invoice backed up by a funding agreement. The funding would cover SFEP's time to complete the following tasks: project tracking, review of all materials and work with local projects, budget analysis, content for grant level proposal, assistance with DAC/EDA justifications, limited support with mapping, and tracking IRWM plan amendment adoption and processes.

Action Items:

- Taylor Nokhoudian will add a discussion of the funding for the completion of the Prop 1 Round 2 grant application package to the next Coordinating Committee meeting agenda.

3. Equity in IRWM

Mr. Ritchie commented that DACs and Tribes would not be asked to contribute funding for the Prop 1 Round 2 grant application package. The Coordinating Committee would look to the other applicants with more resources to carry that burden. This is an example of how the Coordinating Committee can help improve equity overall.

Ms. Novotny mentioned a call scheduled tomorrow at 3:00 PM to discuss racial equity and IRWM. The purpose of the call is to review the document DWR shared of the actions the agency has taken to improve equity and collect any feedback for the state. There may also be discussion of recommendations for actions the Coordinating Committee can take to promote equity in IRWM. 11 people have confirmed attendance. Brian Mendenhall and Devon Becker asked to be included in the meeting.

Chelsea Spier shared with the group DWR's racial equity action plan. Since the plan was completed, DWR had a kick off meeting with all the program leads to discuss implementation. Ms. Novotny said she would share DWR's racial equity action plan prior to tomorrow's call.

4. Status of Prop 1 IRWM DACTIP

Regarding grant administration, Mr. Muller reported that many of the contracts with the outreach partners ended in June. Some contracts are being extended through the end of the year to wrap up ongoing projects. There is about \$1 million remaining in the grant and it is being spent down as expected. The grant ends March 31.

Mr. Muller commented the Regional Needs Assessment report is undergoing final edits with the graphics team and should be done by September 8. The Regional Needs Assessment is important because the Prop 1 Round 2 scoring criteria reference the report. The Regional Needs Assessment will be shared with the email listserv. SFEP is working with the outreach partners to support on media strategies, press releases, and social media toolkits to help them tell their story.

Maddie Duda and Ryan Hirano are working with the outreach partners to apply for grant funds outside of IRWM, including Bay Area Air Quality Management District grants and EPA grants. They are supporting the outreach partners in the way they've asked to be supported, which is primarily with grant writing.

Regarding the tap water testing program, all the tap water testing was completed in June. Almost 600 samples were tested and the data is representative across the region. The findings will be summarized in a report. The outreach partners have requested support to organize community meetings to ask questions about the test results and requested independent experts to participate in the meetings. Luis Garcia-Bakarich with the EPA Drinking Water Division, Clare Pace with the UC School of Public Health-Water Equity Science (WESS), Dr. Michael Mascarenhas with UC Berkeley Public Health, and Dr. Timur Durani with UCSF Clinical Medicine agreed to participate.

Regarding the Tribal programmatic updates, Alex Tavizon reported that the Muwekma Ohlone tribe met with City of San Jose and Valley Water on a potential project related to the Guadalupe River. Napa RCD is in discussions with the Suscol Intertribal Council on a potential project. The Tribal Advisory Committee met recently to finalize the next steps for the tap water testing program. Over 100 tests were completed. The Tribal Advisory Committee identified next steps for how to promote the Regional Needs Assessment through the media blast. There will be 1 more Tribal Advisory Committee meeting at the end of September.

Ms. Williams commented she has been hearing feedback from outside California on the tap water quality issue. She has been hearing inquiries from around the country including Arizona, Tennessee, New York, Georgia, and Florida and learning how other communities are dealing with the issue. Ms. Williams sees the tap water testing project as a success despite the ups and downs.

5. Future of IRWM

The Coordinating Committee discussed at the last couple meetings the idea of having a workshop on the future of the group. Ms. Nokhoudian shared a draft agenda for the workshop that her, Mr. Ritchie, and Ms. Novotny put together last week. The tentative plan is to have the workshop during October or January Coordinating Committee meeting slot. The proposed agenda is to review the history of the group and brainstorm the future approach to the Coordinating Committee.

Mr. Mendenhall commented that the Flood Plain Management Association is hosting a conference the 1st week of Sept. He will be on a panel with DWR discussing how integrated regional water management is relevant beyond funding. They will discuss the other benefits of regional coordination. If the state can connect IRWM to its other initiatives such as the California Water Plan and the new climate plan, then IRWM wouldn't necessarily need to have its own bond funding. Mr. Mendenhall expressed interested in attending the future of IRWM workshop.

Chris Choo commented she liked Mr. Mendenhall's suggestion. Ms. Choo also mentioned the Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities funding available.

Mr. Ritchie commented that in the past Sonoma Water has argued for the value of regional coordination.

Maggie Dutton and Joan Hultberg expressed interest in attending the future of IRWM workshop.

Mr. Muller suggested the group think about the frequency of future meetings. He also suggested that experts could be brought to the group to discuss topics that have regional implications.

Regarding potential locations for the workshop, there was general consensus to have a hybrid in-person/remote meeting. Both CCWD and SFEP offices can handle hybrid meetings.

It was determined to hold the workshop on October 24th in lieu of a regular Coordinating Committee meeting.

Mr. Muller commented that Josh Bradt is no longer with SFEP and his position as Functional Area representative for Watershed needs to be backfilled.

Action Items:

- Mr. Ritchie, Ms. Novotny, and Ms. Nokhoudian will discuss further how to structure the workshop and provide more details at the next Coordinating Committee meeting.

6. Announcements and Next Steps

Ms. Spier reported out on the release of the draft Urban Community Drought Relief Program, which has \$85 million set aside for DACs and Tribes. The funding is first come, first serve with applications accepted on a rolling basis. The Draft PSP is out now and comments are due at the end of the month.