

**SF Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary  
December 5, 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>• Devon Becker, ACWD</li> <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> <li>• Elke Ranke, Zone 7</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andy Rodgers, NBWA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terrie Green, Marin City Climate Resilience</li> <li>• LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible</li> <li>• Canyon "Coyote Woman" Sayers-Roods, Canyon Consulting</li> </ul>

**Others Present:**

Lisa Bankosh, Valley Water  
 Natasha Daniels, SFEP  
 Jarrad Fisher, San Mateo RCD  
 Michael Hagerty, Valley Water  
 Ryan Hirano, Woodard and Curran  
 Katy Hornbeck, East Bay Regional Park District  
 Jennifer Krebs, representing Sonoma Water  
 Lonnie Mason, First Generation  
 James Muller, SFEP  
 Taylor Nokhoudian, SFPUC  
 Kevin Padway, Zone 7  
 Leslie Perry, SFEP  
 Charles Polc, DWR  
 Michelle Rivera, CIEA  
 Matt Sagues, Marin Water  
 Charlie Toledo, Suscol Intertribal Council

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

Natasha Daniels reported all grant deliverables have been submitted for Round 2. DWR is reviewing the final deliverables and then SFEP will apply for retention.

In Round 4, Project 9 Novato Creek Flood Protection and Habitat Enhancement completed construction.

Regarding the AQPI project, there will be a new X-Band radar installed at Rocky Ridge in the East Bay on Wednesday and Thursday. Billing and invoicing are up to date. Environmental studies are underway for a new C-band radar, which will be sited at Barnaby Peak in Marin. The X-band radar was installed in Santa Cruz and will be getting synced up with the other radars. Sonoma's X-Band radar was out of commission and will begin servicing tomorrow. Scripps hired a new staff person who will be working on con ops plan in January.

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

It was noted that for Prop 1 Round 1, a \$5 million invoice from EBMUD was processed for Project 5 Bay Area Water Conservation.

Devon Becker reviewed the Project Screening Committee's (PSC) recommendations for Prop 1 Round 2 projects. \$25 million is available for general implementation projects and \$6.5 million is available for DAC and Tribal projects.

The table included in the Coordinating Committee meeting packet listed the 17 projects that applied for funding and are sorted by rank. The lowest rank (#1) means the project scored the highest. The PSC recommended 10 projects for funding.

The PSC decision criteria memo previously approved by the Coordinating Committee outlined the guidelines on how the PSC would score and rank the projects. The PSC followed the memo guidelines. For administration purposes, SFEP was targeting to including around 10 projects, but recognized the number of projects to include in the grant application shouldn't be dictated by this as they can administer the grant with any number of projects. The PSC used a quantitative scoring rubric and checked for sub-region representation. Functional area representation was considered, however with the 10 projects the funding is not evenly distributed by functional area and did not include a project representing wastewater/recycled water. This is allowed under the PSC decision criteria memo. The PSC discussed whether they wanted to elevate the wastewater/recycled water project, but it was tied for last rank. Ultimately, the PSC did not want to elevate that project. Based on the PSC recommendations, about 97% of the funding is going to projects providing at least 20% benefit to DACs and URCs.

Brian Mendenhall asked since there are 2 pots of funding (general implementation and DAC), did the PSC take that into account or did the PSC consider the funding as merged when selecting projects. The DAC implementation pot of funding can only be used by projects that can demonstrate at least 75% benefits going to DACs. The PSC tried to meet the \$6.5 million for DAC projects first with eligible projects.

A few projects that were recommended didn't get the full grant request and are being asked to scale down.

LaDonna Williams asked if the Marin City project is proposed to be fully funded. It was confirmed the project is 100% funded. Ms. Williams also asked how much would the community receive. Marin Municipal Water District budgeted \$200,000 for Marin City and around \$100,000 to \$200,000 for the Canal District. It's not fully clear what portion is going to the specific organizations as the project's budget is broken down by task. Ms. Williams commented it looks like the agencies are getting the larger portion of funding. The project is partnering with the community, but not getting most of the money. There was a comment that Prop 1 is for implementation projects, which means that a large portion of the funds go towards construction and the agencies taking on the construction work. The project proponent worked with Ms. Terrie to understand what role community could take on.

Steve Ritchie clarified there's a need to understand what follow up is needed on the tap water sampling results, and more generally how to bring other funding to DACs and URCs which is being addressed in conversations with DWR.

Since Friday, SFEP identified that 1 of the recommended projects- the Muwekma Ohlone Guadalupe River project- may not be eligible according to DWR. This project is proposing to complete major trash cleanup on the Guadalupe River. According to DWR, a trash removal project doesn't have permanent benefits so it might not be eligible.

It was suggested for the Coordinating Committee to approve the recommended projects now, while SFEP confirms eligibility with DWR of the Guadalupe River project. If it is not eligible, that project's funding could be reapportioned to other 9 projects selected or another 3 projects that were next highest ranked could be funded.

There was no objection from the Coordinating Committee on spreading the funding among the remaining 9 projects.

Terrie Green requested additional time to consider the proposal before it becomes final. Mr. Ritchie agreed. A smaller group consisting of Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Becker, and any others interested will reconvene to finalize the recommendation by the end of next week.

The Coordinating Committee agreed the list of recommended projects is approved pending the outcome on the eligibility of the Guadalupe River project.

Ms. Daniels offered to update the BAIRWMP website with the 10 projects that have been approved, with the pending the outcome on the eligibility of the Guadalupe River project.

There was a discussion of how to fund SFEP to prepare the Prop 1 Round 2 grant application by the deadline in February. SFEP estimated the budget needed to be about \$40,000. The awardees should proportionally share the cost, based on which agencies or organizations have the resources to contribute. Elke Rank said Zone 7 would be willing to share some of the cost. Matt Sagues with Marin Municipal Water District was also supportive of sharing the cost. Mr. Mendenhall said he will check on Valley Water.

#### Action Items:

- SFEP will follow up with funding with the recommended Prop 1 Round 2 projects to establish funding agreements to help cover the cost of the grant application.
- SFEP will confirm if the Muwekma Ohlone Guadalupe River project is eligible for Prop 1 Round 2 funding.
- Coordinating Committee members will provide feedback by the end of Thursday to Taylor Nokhoudian on the proposal to reapportion the Guadalupe River project's funding to the other 9 projects selected or another 3 projects that were next highest ranked could be funded if the Guadalupe River project is determined to be ineligible.

### **3. Equity in IRWM**

Mr. Ritchie continued conversations with Carmel Brown of DWR, Ms. Williams, and a number of folks working with Ms. Williams on ways to improve overall equity and elevate the issues to the state level. Ms. Brown is working with Ms. Williams to set up a broader forum to talk about a number of issues related to DACs and to elevate the issue of improving the equitable distribution of state grant funds. The forum could happen in January or February.

Ms. Terrie agreed with the sentiments Ms. Williams expressed earlier, including the need to talk upfront about what will make projects really successful in communities.

Lonnie Mason commented these issues have been raised many times. Communities know what needs to be done.

Ms. Williams commented she continues to not see the benefits of the dollars actually going to community, which is further marginalizing DACs.

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

Mr. Muller reported that most of the contracts with the outreach partners are completed. CIEA's contract is ending at the end of the year. SFEP is working on the final grant deliverables for DWR. The Prop 1 DACTIP grant completes at the end of March. The outstanding

programmatic work that is happening is related to the tap water testing program. There is ongoing QA/QC on the tap water quality data results and the Luskin Center is working on the summary report. The report will breakdown the entire dataset as well as the community level dataset and will discuss what was found.

Michelle Rivera reported the Tribal programmatic work is finishing up. She is working with Napa Suscol to install a water pump this week. She is also supporting the Him-r^n Ohlone publish a website so they can share information.

## **5. Announcements and Next Steps**

Ms. Williams notified the group about a video All Positives Possible worked on. It got 30,000-40,000 views and she received a lot of feedback from around the world from communities looking at California and this program as model for how to move forward in communities also dealing with water quality issues.

Mark Boucher mentioned the 4-party agreement. Mr. Sagues is working with the 4 parties to disburse the money back to the agencies.

Indian Canyon is having a Storytelling Gathering in Hollister, California on Dec 10 at noontime. More information is available at [www.indiancanyonlife.org/storytelling](http://www.indiancanyonlife.org/storytelling)