

**SF Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary
February 27, 2023
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 • Steve Ritchie, Chair, SFPUC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl Munoz, City of Hayward, 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 	

Others Present:

Tess Byler, San Francisquito Creek JPA
Chris Choo, Marin County Dept. Public Works
Natasha Daniels, SFEP
Maggie Dutton, CCWD
Jarrad Fisher, San Mateo RCD
Jennifer Krebs, representing Sonoma Water
Taylor Nokhoudian, SFPUC
Leslie Perry, SFEP
Charles Polc, DWR
Michelle Rivera, CIEA
Matt Sagues, MMWD
Chelsea Spier, DWR
Jing Wu, Valley Water

1. Status of Prop 84 Rounds 2&4

Prop 84 Round 2 closed in December 2021. SFEP received the retention invoice for Project 10 Bayfront Canal/Atherton Channel Flood Improvement and Habitat Restoration and it is routing internally at MTC. The project successfully preventing flooding from the recent storms.

Prop 84 Round 4 retention check was sent to Marin Municipal Water District. Project 7 Mountain View Shoreline portion of the South Bay Salt Ponds project is delayed. The project is discussing the schedule delays with DWR.

Jennifer Krebs provided an AQPI update. Colorado State University staff are onsite in Santa Rosa this week. The older test radar installed in Santa Rosa was removed and a new X-Band radar is getting installed permanently at Santa Rosa Treatment Plant. The X-Band radar installation at Rocky Ridge is working out the details of the electrical plan with American Power, the owner of the site. At the beginning of March, there will be a public hearing for a C-Band radar installation at Barnaby Mountain in Marin. SFPUC is going to place its X-Band radar in its permanent location later this Spring. CEQA documents for the SFPUC radar are progressing and will allow the SFPUC radar to connect power to Sawyer Ridge. The project manager from Scripps who is working on con ops plan was in the Bay Area last week. The Santa Clara and Santa Cruz radars worked successfully during the storm and produced good data.

2. Status of Prop 1 Implementation Funding

Prop 1 Round 1 submittal will be uploaded to the State tomorrow. Project 1 Alameda County Fish Passage Improvements and Project 2 Lower Walnut Creek Restoration will be closing out.

About 25% of the Prop 1 Round 1 grant funds have been spent. About a 1/3 of the match has been spent for Round 1.

SFEP submitted the Prop 1 Round 2 regional grant application to DWR on February 1. The application included 12 projects, totaling about \$32.2 million. SFEP expects to hear back from DWR in the next month or two. The recommended project list can be found on www.bayareaairwmp.org. Valley Water and Marin Municipal Water District provided funds to help SFEP put together the grant application.

Devon Becker raised a question about how to incorporate projects into the Bay Area IRWM Plan that aren't part of the regional grant application. In the past, the Coordinating Committee has been able to add projects and Stormwater Resource Plans as amendments to the existing Plan.

There was another question about when projects can start billing for reimbursement. SFEP confirmed projects can start billing once there is notice of award on the grant agreement

Action Items:

- Taylor Nokhoudian will reach out to Michelle Novotny for background on the process to incorporate projects into the Bay Area IRWM Plan that aren't part of the regional grant application. Ms. Nokhoudian will discuss with Steve Ritchie.

3. Equity in IRWM

Mr. Ritchie reported out on ongoing conversations between a group of stakeholders led by LaDonna Williams and the State about improving the ability to get funding for projects. This group has requested meetings with both Mr. Ritchie and Carmel Brown with DWR. The State and the stakeholder group are organizing a forum to address environmental justice issues not just related to IRWM. The discussions have focused on how the State can expand its equity efforts overall. The target audience for the forum is state agencies.

Mr. Ritchie offered to have the meeting take place at SFPUC. The group was looking into whether the ABAG building is available for the meeting. The forum meeting would take place at the end of March.

Ms. Krebs asked about the status of the future of IRWM workshop that was previously discussed at Coordinating Committee meetings. Mr. Ritchie clarified the priority is to have this State-centered discussion first, but overall the Coordinating Committee should still explore the future of IRWM.

4. Status of Prop 1 IRWM DACTIP

Natasha Daniels reported out on the status of DACTIP. SFEP requested an extension through June 2023 to complete the tap water quality testing report. The report includes the initial analysis, but there is more work to be done including logging survey data from 150 respondents. 6 chapters of the report have been drafted.

Michelle Rivera reported that CIEA is wrapping up invoicing.

5. Status of 4-Party Funds

The remaining 4-party funds totaled around \$45,000 that Marin Municipal Water District was in charge of administering. The decision was made last year to terminate the 4-party agreement and disburse the remaining funds. Funds for 3 of the 4 parties have been repatriated. When trying to return the funds to BAWAC, Marin ran into issues because BAWAC isn't set up to accept funds. Instead of breaking up the remaining money into even smaller shares to distribute back to the individual agencies that make up BAWAC, the group preferred to use the funds for the original intent of helping with the administration of Coordinating Committee efforts. Therefore, BAWAC decided to provide their share of around \$16,000 to SFEP to help advance the Prop 1 Round 2 grant round.

6. Announcements and Next Steps

Mr. Becker announced he is moving to Portugal and leaving ACWD. In the meantime, Thomas Niesar will fill in for Mr. Becker.