

SF Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary
July 27, 2026, 2026
Zoom Call

1. Roll Call – Appointed Functional Area Representatives Present

Water Supply- Water Quality	Wastewater- Recycled Water	Flood Protection- Stormwater	Watershed	Communities/ Tribes
Kevin Padway, Zone 7	- Cheryl Munoz, City of Hayward - Jackie Zipkin, EBDA	Elke Rank, Zone 7	Laura Cholodenko, SCC	LaDonna Williams, All Positives Possible

Attendees:

Anesia Canty, CCC Flood
 Bhavani Yerrapotu, Valley Water
 Brian Mendenhall, Valley Water
 Brianna Schaefer, Daily Acts
 Cheryl Munoz, City of Hayward
 Chris Lim, CCRCD
 Christina Kelleher, CCC
 Denean Ni, SFCJPA
 Elke Rank, Zone 7
 Florence Wedington, EBMUD
 Haley Eligio, Marin Water
 Jackie Zipkin, EBDA/BACWA
 James Muller, SFEP
 Jarrad Fisher, SMRCD
 Jazmin Martinez, SFEP
 Kanyon CoyoteWoman, K.Konsulting
 Kevin Padway, Zone 7
 Kyle Pickett, MVSD
 LaDonna Williams, APP
 Laura Cholodenko, SCC
 Leia Giambastiani, Point Blue
 Lisa Hulette, Valley Water
 Liz Juvera, SFEP
 Madhu Thummaluru, Valley Water
 Marissa Cheng, UCB
 Natasha Daniels, SFEP
 Negin Ashoori, BAWSCA
 Sarah Hansen (Apologies for not catching your affiliation)

Steven Chappell, SRCD

Meeting notes:

SFEP provided background on why the funds are getting redistributed

Questions:

- Why are the funds being returned? The project could not be completed in the time frame
- Are community groups eligible? Yes
- Can there be more than one project? Yes
- Do projects need to be implementation? Yes with the exception of decision support tools like Zone 7's decision support tool
- Can projects be in process or completed? No, the funds cannot replace existing funding
- If projects are completed, could they count as match? We need to ask DWR
- Can existing agreements be amended? Yes
- Can the funds go to a larger project? Yes, but the benefits of the grant funding have to be realized, and we need certain deliverables like as-builts

Projects that expressed interest in applying for the funds:

Contra Costa County Flood Control (CCC Flood Control)

- Wildcat Creek Habitat Restoration and Floodplain Project
- Funding need: \$4.6 million
- Project completion target: end of 2027
- Most permitting is complete.
- Currently in the CEQA public comment period.
- Match requirement:
 - \$2.3 million secured
 - Additional County funds may also be available as match.
- Design is at 65% completion and advancing toward 90% design.
- Multi-benefit project.

San Mateo Resource Conservation District (SMRCD)

- Outside of the current request, the RCD has approximately \$6 to \$8 million in matching funds available to help reduce match burdens.

Project 1: Creek Restoration, Water Storage, and Stream Complexity

- Funding request: \$2 million
- Match: \$1 million
- Permitting complete.
- Advancing to 100% design.

Project 2: Domestic Water Infrastructure Improvements

- Upgrades to water distribution facilities.
- Funding request: \$650,000
- Match: \$1 million
- Design expected to be complete by the end of the year.

State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) Mountain View Shoreline Project

- Restore a pond to tidal marsh.
- Upland soils are already being imported.
- Match funding is not a concern.
- March 2028 completion is likely ambitious.
- Project may be able to be phased or segmented.

Marin City / Golden Gate Village

- Awaiting project cost estimates and match information.

- Requested written requirements before providing additional details.

Action Item

San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) will:

- Distribute a form containing all information needed by the working group.
- Share the original PSP materials.
- Provide technical advice and assistance as needed.

Open Mic (projects that were not on the agenda)

Valley Water Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project

- Benefits can be realized within approximately 2 years.
- Can accommodate up to \$16 million in funding.
- Includes new project elements that protect critical infrastructure.
- Would add approximately 6,351 linear feet of flood protection features.
- Construction duration estimated at 2 years.

Daily Acts

Marin County Expansion

- Seeking additional funding to include more public and residential sites.
- Approximately 15 to 20 projects planned.
- Funding request: \$800,000
- Match: \$400,000
- Estimated water benefit: 2.2 acre-feet (AF)
- Most projects do not require CEQA review.

Petaluma Program

- Funding request: \$750,000
- Match from the City of Petaluma is currently unknown.
- Estimated water benefit: 2.2 AF

Third Project Option

- Funding request: \$1.2 million
- Match: \$600,000
- Implementation timeline appears feasible.

All Positives Possible

- Asked whether there has been an effort to allow community-based organizations (CBOs) to apply directly.

Mountain View Sanitary District

- Levee structures are compromised.
- Interested in the Levee Integrity Decision Support Tool.
- Funding request: \$400,000
- Match requirement: 20%.

East Bay Dischargers Authority (EBDA) Hayward Wastewater Treatment Plant Nutrient Removal Upgrade

- Previously supported by federal funding that is now indefinitely stalled.
- Project is fully designed and permitted and could be put out to bid immediately.
- Located in a disadvantaged community (DAC).
- Total project cost is approximately \$400 million, providing ample matching funds.
- Key question: What discrete project component could be funded through this opportunity?

Timeline/next steps:

- Need to pull together clear recommendations for the August meeting
- SFEP will pull together a template with critical info for folks that want to request funds (cost, timeline, match)

- Need a work group – project selection committee of 3-5 people with no project asking for funds on the selection committee
- August meeting – approve the new project(s) to the IRWM Plan + vote on the suite of projects
- Volunteers:
 - None



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MEMO

DATE: July 15, 2026

TO: IRWM Coordinating Committee for the 7/27/2026 Special Meeting

FROM: Natasha Daniels & Leslie Perry, IRWM Grants Managers

RE: Prop 1 Round 2 Project 6 Removal and Redistribution of Funds

We will need to engage the Bay Area IRWM Coordinating Committee (CC) to solicit projects as soon as possible that: 1) can provide flood protection and habitat restoration benefits 2) can be completed within the current grant term ending on 6/30/2028 and 3) can provide matching funds as a result of withdrawing the Urban Reach 2 San Francisco Creek Flood Protection and Ecosystem Restoration Project (Project 6) from the IRWM Prop 1 Round 2 Grant because of construction delays and DWR's guidance that the term of the grant agreement cannot be extended.

Project 6 was awarded \$5,955,258 in grant funds and had match funds in the amount of \$8,669,809 with a partial Disadvantaged Community (DAC) waiver. Matching funds are one of the largest concerns as a new project(s) will be required to document anywhere from \$5,000,000 to \$16,000,000 in matching funds, dependent upon that project's eligibility for a DAC waiver and if more than one project is selected. We will provide additional information on the match scenarios at the meeting.

We have been given until October 12, 2026 to submit a formal amendment request to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to remove Project 06 and add new project(s) or reallocate funds to existing project(s). DWR gave us the following options:

Reallocation of funds to other projects within the agreement along with an increase of scope and benefits. This will be subject to DWR approval.

A replacement project will be considered by DWR. To initiate this DWR will need written approval from the IRWM Region, showing that the Funding Area approves of the funds staying within the IRWM Region and approves the replacement project(s).

Project 6 is removed and funds are forfeited. Please note that this is not a feasible option due to cost share requirement for the Grant.

We look forward to working with the Coordinating Committee to ensure that the IRWM grant funds support the Region. We will need to move quickly to make a decision by early October 2026. At this time, we are requesting a special meeting of the IRWM CC ahead of the regular meeting scheduled for 8/24/2026. We are also seeking a small working

group to evaluate and bring a selection of project(s) for the Coordinating Committee to vote on for inclusion of the grant at the August meeting.

If you have a project that may meet the requirements, please email Leslie.perry@sfestuary.org by noon on Wednesday 7/22/2026 so we can add you to the agenda to speak briefly on the project. If you are unable to contact us before the meeting, we will have time for any other project proponents to discuss their projects during the meeting.