

**San Francisco Estuary Partnership  
Implementation Committee Meeting**

March 5, 2014

Elihu M. Harris State Building  
Oakland, California

**DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY**

**1. Introductions**

Amy Hutzel, Chair of the Implementation Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:45 am with a review of the agenda and a round of introductions.

Approval of the Meeting Summary for November 20, 2013. Moved, seconded and approved.

**2. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**3. Director's Report Highlights**

- Judy made the annual trip to Washington D.C. for meetings at EPA HQ. Budget numbers for 2014 year that starts October 1: \$538,000. Internal adjustments will be necessary.
- Judy visited 12 offices of local representatives and reports strong support from the local region.
- Highlights: award of \$20 million IRWMP grant for SFEP to manage; awarded \$800,000 for Calcine Paved Roads project in Guadalupe watershed.
- EPA's SBWQIF-FY 14 has \$ 5million available. RFP currently at HQ; expect in mid-late March. 45 day Initial proposal deadline. New emphasis on new applicants and new geographic places.
- 2015 Presidential budget released yesterday.
- EPA is considering rulemaking on wetlands in response to Rapanos. Not isolated wetlands (vernal pools), but those that have impact on navigable waterways.
- EPA wants science based letters. Arthur will send information to the Joint Venture.

**4. SFEP Activities**

- **Selection of Chair and Vice Chair 2014-2016**
  - Chair and Vice Chair seats are now open. Tom Mumley will retain his position as Chair or Vice Chair in accordance with IC procedures. Amy Hutzel is willing to retain her position if there are no other volunteers or nominations.
  - Let Judy know if there are other nominations.
  - Steve Goldbeck moved to nominate Amy as Chair; Arthur Feinstein seconds.
  - IC will take action at next IC meeting.
- **IRWMP Update**
  - IRWMP Plan Update adopted by Coordinating Committee last month.
  - SFEP awarded IRWMP2 grant to manage 19 regional projects for \$ 20 million.
  - Included \$2.7 million in conservation and recycled water projects; horizontal levee project at Oro Loma Sanitary District.
  - Action: IC would like a presentation on Oro Loma project.

- IRWMP Round 3 -\$73 million for SF Bay Region; DWR will fast track 42 percent (\$30.9 million) for drought related projects. Applications due by August 2014. Water supply and capital projects rise to top.
- Deadline to add Phase 3 Regional Projects: March 31; sub-regional projects by April 30.
- Call Jennifer Krebs for information on how to propose projects.
- **SF Bay Restoration Authority**
  - Considering a parcel tax of \$10/year, on the November 2014 ballot, for Bay shoreline restoration and flood protection.
  - The Restoration Authority Board consists of local government officials.
  - Save the Bay's polling at the end of January showed 68percent approval for a parcel tax of \$9-\$14.
  - Authority has a draft expenditure plan with a list of projects eligible for Authority funding.
  - Ballot cost is \$ 1 million (AB 279 last year). Save the Bay is doing fund raising for the campaign.
  - Parcel tax estimated to raise \$300 million for restoration funding.
- **CCMP Revision Update -- Caitlin**
  - Took road map to IC last November
  - Approved key objectives and goals of revision process:
    - Strategic focuses: 50 Actions
    - Integrate Bay and Delta
    - Incorporate content from other planning documents
    - Include success measures/tracking tools for each action
    - Align SFEP documents: CCMP/Strategic Plan/Annual Work Plan
    - Plan-manage-monitor-assess
  - Convened IC CCMP Steering Committee of volunteers from IC and Friends of the Estuary
    - Will guide/direct overall process
    - Form working subcommittees
    - Review drafts
    - Report on progress to IC
    - Next Steering Committee meeting April 18, 2014
  - Work Plan
    - Shift in timing since November—to integrate with update of State of the Estuary 2015 Report- new schedule March 2016
    - Caitlin will email work plan to IC; also list of documents; other action plans

## 5. Programs, Ideas, and Priorities from IC Members

- **Pacific Marine and Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership-Korie Schaeffer**  
Korie gave a presentation on this effort: 18 months for completion of work; 3 assessments of estuarine fish habitat. The Pacific Marine and Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership (PMEP) is one of 18 nationally recognized partnerships that seeks to advance regional and

national goals relating to juvenile fish habitat. PMEP supports existing efforts in targeted priority areas and encourages new efforts to:

- Protect and maintain intact and healthy aquatic systems
- Prevent further degradation of fish habitats
- Reverse declines in the quality and quantity of aquatic habitats
- Increase the quality and quantity of fish habitats that support a broad natural diversity of fish and other aquatic species
- The currently funded project in California is the Salt River (Eel system) Ecosystem Restoration Project (SRERP)

For additional information about this project see <http://www.pacificfishhabitat.org/>

- **2015 State of the Estuary Report**

- Update of 2011 Report managed by Letitia Grenier
- Priorities: 1- Update existing indicators with current data; 2-tweak indicators and benchmarks; 3-add new indicators
- More coverage on Delta; add Delta indicators
- Process: lead scientist/review committee/ peer reviews

- **Drought: Korie Schaeffer, Pacific Marine and Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership**, is the contact person for drought related water operation including reservoir operations, endangered species

## **6. Concluding Business**

- Road Map review

## **7. Announcements**

- David Sedlack will speak at the Water Board on Monday, March 10
- Joint Venture will host a double decker boat trip on the Napa River March 21

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.

**Meeting Attendees**

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| Arthur Feinstein     | Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge            |
| Steve Goldbeck       | BCDC   |
| Amy Hutzel           | State Coastal Conservancy                            |
| Tom Kendall          | US Army COE  |
| Peter LaCivita       | US Army COE  |
| Jane Lavelle         | SF PUC   |
| Jessica Martini-Lamb | Sonoma County Water Agency                           |
| Tom Mumley           | San Francisco Water Board                            |
| Julie Pierce         | ABAG   |
| Barbara Salzman      | Marin Audubon & Friends of the San Francisco Estuary |
| Korie Schaeffer      | NOAA Fisheries                                       |
| April Stephens       | Bay Planning Coalition                               |
| Claire Thorpe        | NFWF   |
| Luisa Valiela        | US EPA   |
| Renee Webber         | Sonoma County Water Agency                           |

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