

**San Francisco Estuary Partnership
Implementation Committee Meeting**

May 21, 2014

Elihu M. Harris State Building
Oakland, California

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

1. Introductions

Amy Hutzler, Chair of the Implementation Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:40 am with a round of introductions. Amy introduced a visitor, Mr. Yungnane Yang from Taiwan in the Bay Area doing an internship on public decision-making.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Director's Report Highlights

- The Delta Science Conference will be held in Sacramento **October 28-30, 2014**. Karen McDowell noted Call for Abstracts is out with abstracts due June 11. Registration will be open in late August.
- Pages 3-4 outline SFEP the 5 recent grant proposals submitted.
 - Judy highlighted that SFEP applied for SRF funds to the State Water Board to support updates of our key planning documents, the State of the Estuary Report, the CCMP Update, and the State of Bay-Delta Science.
- SFEP received an additional \$30,000 from US EPA to support the CCMP Update for climate change impacts.
- The final report on the Trash Capture project is available on the SFEP website. Janet Cox noted a San Jose study showed small devices more economical over a 10 year timeframe but large devices more economical over 20 years.
- Judy and other west coast NEP Directors attended a meeting at the Puget Sound Partnership in Tacoma, Washington and EPA with Region 9 and 10 staff . She noted many differences amongst the west coast NEPs issues focus: a big issue in Northwest is ocean acidification due to the importance of shellfish harvesting in those NEPs.
 - Susan Adams offered Romberg-Tiburon scientists have been working on ocean acidification. Steve Goldbeck noted the West Coast Governors Alliance on Ocean Health also includes acidification as a climate change issue.
- The SF Bay Restoration Authority is getting down to the wire for deciding if it is feasible to put a November 2014 measure on the ballot. Board will decide on May 28.
 - Poll showed 68% said yes on \$9/year parcel tax and after positive messaging 72% approval. Key issue is ballot access cost for 9 counties of \$1-\$2 million plus cost of outreach campaign.
 - Save the Bay heading outreach campaign. Contact Patrick Band if you can assist.

4. Action Items

Approval of March 5, 2014 Meeting Summary

Korie Schaeffer requested she be removed as the drought contact on page 3. It was moved to accept with correction, seconded, and approved.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair 2014-2016

Chair and Vice Chair nominees are Amy Hutzler for Chair and Tom Mumley Vice Chair. The slate was moved, seconded and approved.

Discussion- Add members to Implementation Committee

- Broaden the IC by reaching out to other organizations and agencies.
- Some suggested for contacting include: the Santa Clara Valley Water District, Point Blue, Zone 7 Water Agency, San Francisco Dept. of the Environment, the Air Quality Management District.
- Need new representatives from Delta Protection Commission, Nature Conservancy, The Bay Institute
- Email Judy with other ideas for IC members.
- Also cull the list for members that are not regularly attending meetings.
- Judy to work with Julie Pierce on remaining ABAG appointment to IC

2014-15 SFEP Work Plan

- Clarify funding descriptions on page 2; explain amounts, add \$30,000 for CCMP update, adjust pie chart.
- Add “to support adaptation and resilience efforts: to end of 1.A.1.a)
- Add grassland and forests to 1.A.3.a)
- Add flood control “3.0” to 1.A.3 as idea for new work/funding.
- Under Goal 2, Susan Adams cited the Marin carbon project which explored different composting for rangeland grasses which allowed for carbon sequestration and increased water retention.
- It was moved, seconded and approved to tentatively approve Draft Work Plan with modifications discussed.

5. Reports on SFEP Activities

IRWMP Process/Projects Update- Jennifer Krebs

- Round 2 Implementation Prop 84- ABAG Applicant for Region submitted application March 2013; awarded February 4, 2014. 19 regional projects described in last quarter’s Director’s Report.
- Round 3_ Drought focused projects- Draft solicitation package out April 2014
- ABAG will again be Applicant; hired Horizon Water & Environment to assist in proposal
- IRWMP project review committee tentatively approved 11 projects for Round 3 at \$32 million- Final approval by Coordinating Committee May 28.

CCMP Revision Update

- IC CCMP Steering Committee up and running- 2 meetings to date
- Process Document included in this IC Packet covers roles and responsibilities and content development process

- Selected [and approved by the IC Steering Committee] Working Program Areas were based on *2011 State of the Bay* attributes; SFEP is seeking to closely align documents.
- Need volunteers or suggested experts to participate on Program Areas working groups. Contact Caitlin with suggestions or to volunteer.
- Broad Program Areas [*water, habitats, living resources, ecological processes, stewardship*] will be broken down into smaller working groups once better defined.
- Stipends are now available for climate change experts (non-agency) who participate from the recent addition of \$30,000 from EPA Headquarters.
- Questions: how will climate change fit in? How will integrate with performance measures? Delta Plan includes performance measures; consider how to use these as the Delta portion of the CCMP actions emerge. Agreed: Need clear set of performance measures for each action.
- Peter LaCivita thought climate change could be considered an ecological process.
- Josh Collins: ocean acidification is also an ecological process. Review Puget Sound actions and performance measures and see what is transferrable.
- Susan Adams thought a watershed approach would be more relevant.
- Jessica mentioned “landscape” is a broader term than habitat and should be considered.
- Caitlin reviewed the proposed prioritization criteria [taken from several sources] and requested feedback. This set will be discussed at the next CCMP IC Steering Committee in Mid-June.
- Discussion included funding priority; phasing to show progress; reporting frequency; satisfaction of stakeholders.

2015 State of the Estuary Report Update

- Leticia Grenier is heading effort. Science advisory working group has met. Detailed update will be presented at the next meeting in August.

6. Programs, Ideas and Priorities from IC Members

Drought Update- John Andrew

John reviewed a series of slides included in the IC Packet. Take away: this is the third driest year recorded. Reservoirs have enough for summer dry season but if no rain next winter, situation could be much worse.

NFWF Business Plan for San Francisco Estuary: Claire Thorp

- Goals seek to increase numbers of keystone species within 10 year timeframe
- Selected keystone species for SF Estuary Initiative: Clapper rail, steelhead, Olympia oysters, herring; Focal species embraces a larger impact on the watershed.
- NFWF funds conservation but also leverages existing resources.
- Watersheds targeted for funding still in discussion.
- Includes funds for monitoring.
- Recent grant to Coastal Conservancy to remove creosote pilings in Bay for herring health; \$2 million.
- Also have Impact Directed Funds (now \$8 million) governed by court documents.

7. Concluding Business

- Next meeting August 27. Topics: Adding IC Members; future of beneficial reuse; presentation on small/micro grants; Oro Loma-others send to Judy

- Email Judy or Caitlin to be on CCMP Working group or with expert suggestions

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

Edits to workplan:

- Revise budget pie to make it easier to link to items a, b, c, and d, and so it is clear what EPA funding slice is.
- Add “to support adaptation and resilience efforts: to end of 1.A.1.a)
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- Add flood control 2.0 to 1.A.3.

Clean IC list up, take off non-participating members, add new IC members- Potentials:

- SCVWD, Zone 7 or other water district
- Point Blue
- Debbie Rafael, SF Dept. of the Environment
- TNC [Louis Blumberg]
- DPC rep
- BAAQMD rep
- Judy to work with ABAG President re ABAG Representatives
- IC members asked to send other suggestions

Other

- Volunteer or provide suggestions for people to be on the CCMP revision committees... get details to Caitlin or Judy
- Parties interested in the campaign for the bay restoration measure, which will be run by Save The Bay, should contact Patrick Band for more info pband@savesfbay.org

Add to Road Map for August 27th meeting

- Add new IC members
- Summary of SFEP micro/mini grants
- Oro Loma project summary
- LTMS/Future of beneficial reuse of dredged material

SFEP I/C Meeting Attendees

Susan Adams	ABAG/Marin County
John Andrew	DWR
Josh Collins	SFEI
Jessica Davenport	Delta Stewardship Council
Steve Goldbeck	BCDC
John Klochak	USFWS
Amy Hutzal	State Coastal Conservancy
Peter LaCivita	US Army COE
Jane Lavelle	SF PUC
Julie Pierce	ABAG
Korie Schaeffer	NOAA Fisheries
Harry Seraydarian	NBWA
Claire Thorp	NFWF
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