

San Francisco Estuary Partnership  
Implementation Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, May 24, 2017  
1515 Clay Street, Oakland

## MEETING SUMMARY

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Tom Mumley, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order.

### 2. Public Comment

There were no public comments

### 3. Approve 03/1/17 Meeting Summary

The March 1, 2017 Meeting Summary was approved. Motion to approve by Luisa Valiela, seconded by Jessica Law. Motion carried.

### 4. Director's Report

Caitlin Sweeney highlighted several items from the Director's Report attachment, including:

#### *Pumpout Nav App*

App is now available and people are encouraged to download and rate it.

#### *Restoration Authority*

Luisa Valiela provided an update on Advisory Committee activities. A series of workshops are being offered, open to the public. Advisory Committee is working to scope out issues related to monitoring and defining disadvantaged communities.

#### *DC Trip*

Caitlin Sweeney and Darcie Luce travelled to DC for an annual NEP trip. While in DC, omnibus budget provided level funding for NEPs for FY 16-17. Caitlin and Darcie visited almost all representatives, and provided new handouts about SFEP and our programs. Remaining uncertainty for FY 17/18 budget.

#### *ABAG/MTC Consolidation*

MTC is meeting to finalize the contract for services and current plan is to consolidate on July 1. SFEP staff should receive offer letters from MTC next week. SFEP will move over to Beale Street in the late fall. Permit assistance staff will remain at the Water Board office.

### 5. Estuary Blueprint Progress

Staff provided an update of 2017 and 2018 Blueprint Tasks. A number of suggestions were made to this report. IC requested that a SFEP contact person be added to the

report. Some IC members expressed interest in getting more involved in Blueprint tasks, and can contact staff members responsible. Discussion on Task 23-2 and significant interest in this task.

Action Item: Staff will coordinate an IC comment letter and/or talking points for individual IC members if time allows on the Draft Plan Bay Area, focused on getting more recognition of water issues and Estuary Blueprint in the plan of action. Public comments are due June 1.

Action Item: Staff will provide updated table with task status updates with contact information for individual tasks.

## **6. Bay Area Resilient By Design**

Amanda Brown-Stevens, Director of Resilient by Design, provided a presentation on the Resilient by Design Challenge. Geographic extent includes the nine Bay Area counties. Collecting input on community members about potential locations around the Bay. Currently putting together the RFQ that will describe the types of experience sought by different team members. IC emphasized that an “implementable” project includes permittable and that teams should include project managers and people experienced with permitting.

## **7. Partnership Updates**

*State of the Estuary Conference*

*Karen McDowell, SFEP*

Conference website is now up to date and will be further updated along with a new SFEP website in mid-June. Call for posters will be coming out in June. Have selected 16 final concurrent sessions. Registration will be open in August.

*Highway 37*

*Pat Eklund, Novato City Council*

Highway 37 improvement project, strongly transportation focused. Regular meetings have been ongoing for 2-3 years to address congestion and sea level rise. Working to get environmental organizations more engaged in the project, as well as for other stakeholders. Soliciting participation from IC members who might be interested in attending meetings.

## **8. IC Nominating Committee Report**

The IC Nominating Committee made a series of recommendations for 12 proposed new IC members across various categories. Discussed interest in bringing in representation from business and agricultural community, ideas for adding agenda items that pertain to watersheds broadly rather than shoreline issues specifically, as well as how to retain IC participation from members who are critical but do not attend meetings. Caitlin will be contacting IC members who do not have alternates to assign ones. Discussed possibility

of making meetings available by phone & webinar to support broader participation by IC members.

Motion to approve the Nominating Committee's recommended new members by Pat Eklund, seconded by Barbara Salzman. Motion carried with one adjustment: Adjust NOAA Office for Coastal Management (listed in packet as NOAA Coastal Services Center) with an alternate from NOAA Sentinel Site Cooperative.

**9. SFEP FY 2017-2018 Work Plan**

Proposed final work plan was discussed. Survey was sent to IC members to prioritize discretionary NEP funds across unfunded Estuary Blueprint tasks. Top scoring tasks were 4-2 and 13-4, as well as to develop a communications plan (associated with Action 32). \$40K allocated to 4-2 and \$10K allocated to communications plan.

Motion to approve workplan by Beth Hunning, seconded by John Andrew.  
Motion carried.

**10. Concluding Business/Meeting adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

**Attendees:**

**IC Members:** Alyson Aquino (USDA NRCS), Gary Stern (NOAA Fisheries), Carol Mahoney (Zone 7), Michael Vasey (SFBNERR), Tom Mumley (SFBRWQCB), Luisa Valiela (USEPA), Pat Eklund (ABAG), Barbara Salzman (Marin Audubon), Beth Huning (SF Bay Joint Venture), Jessica Law (Delta Stewardship Council), Warner Chabot (SFEI), Matt Fabry (SMCSP), Jessica Martini-Lamb (SCWA), Jane Lavelle (SFPUC), John Andrew (DWR)

**Public:** Jenna Judge (SF Bay Sentinel Site Cooperative), Amanda Brown-Stevens (Resilient By Design)

**SFEP Staff:** Caitlin Sweeney, Karen McDowell, Natasha Dunn, James Muller, Heidi Nutters, Darcie Luce, Josh Bradt, Rebecca Darr, Athena Honore