

San Francisco Estuary Partnership
Implementation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 15, 2017
1515 Clay Street, Oakland

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome and Introductions

Amy Hutzal, Chair, called the meeting to order, and each member introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3. Approve 8/23/17 Meeting Summary (ACTION)

The August 23, 2017 Meeting Summary was approved. Motion to approve by Arthur Feinstein, seconded by Steve Goldbeck. Motion carried.

4. Director's Report

Caitlin Sweeney highlighted several items from the Director's Report.

San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority released its Request for Proposals in September, due November 15, 2017. The first round of grants is expected to be awarded in early 2018.

Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program Plan

A new \$260,000, 18 month project Wetlands Planning Grant has been awarded by EPA to develop a Baylands Wetlands Regional Monitoring Plan. SFEP will be hosting a SeaGrant Fellow to work on this. A Steering Committee survey will be sent out to IC members. Concerns were voiced about the restoration community bearing the costs.

Estuary Blueprint Template Presentation Available

SFEP staff have updated and made available for IC members a 17-slide presentation that can be modified as needed for various uses and audiences.

West Coast and National Estuary Program Meeting

Funding update – both the House and Senate have line items for NEP funding plus potential additional competitive funding. Stay tuned.

MTC Staff Consolidation

January 19th is SFEP's move date to our new offices. The next IC meeting will be at the Metro Center in San Francisco. SFEP will be continuing its partnership with the Water Board.

5. Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

Amy Hutzler nominated Carol Mahoney representing the Bay Area Flood Protection Agencies Association for Chair. She also nominated Tom Mumley to continue as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. The Chair and Vice Chair will be selected at the next meeting in March, and will take over in May.

6. Estuary Blueprint Progress Report

Progress has been made since last meeting, and we will continue to have projects that move from 2017 into 2018. We'll continue to work with partners on ones that need assistance moving forward. Question on how to highlight particularly 'sticky' tasks, potentially including an annual check-in in addition to quarterly check-ins. Good feedback on new changes, including staff members being attached to tasks.

7. Partnership Updates

Water Trail Maps

James Muller, SFEP

Ben Botkin, SF Bay Area Water Trail (ABAG/MTC)

Overview of project involving education and access maps for the non-motorized boating community. Maps include restoration and access sites, history, culture and habitat information, and the importance of wetland restoration in a changing climate. Maps are geographically comprehensive, and printed with users in mind (waterproof paper, sensitive habitat areas shown, what facilities are available, etc.).

Road Map of Funding Solutions for Sustainable Streets

Matt Fabry, San Mateo County

Grant funded project putting together a state and regional roundtable focused on active transportation for climate change mitigation. Main focus on combining bike and pedestrian projects with other green infrastructure projects for regional stormwater management for pollutant load reduction. Outcome included a Roadmap including pathways to funding, agency integration, solutions, and progress tracking. Addressed questions on Prop 218, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, and long term viability of the project.

2017 State of the Estuary Highlights

Karen McDowell, SFEP

Overview of conference including photos, talks, poster session, art exhibit and networking breaks. Feedback generally very good from attendees, and the survey is still open on our website. Anyone interested in assisting on the Steering Committee for the next conference is welcome to talk with staff.

8. Revised Operating Procedures (ACTION)

Caitlin reviewed the comments that were incorporated, including: "Bylaws" being changed to "Operating Procedures"; introductory language added; how to get items included on the agenda; Robert's Rules changed to Rosenberg's Rules; "W.A.I.T." added to the ground rules; one vote per IC member; and language on what members can do between meetings (i.e. comment letters).

Motion by Arthur Feinstein to approve new Operating Procedures, seconded by Barbara Salzman. Motion carried.

9. IC Member Announcements

Delta Stewardship Council: Delta Plan Interagency Committee – similar to CCMP Exec Committee. Met in November to discuss ecosystem restoration in Delta into the future; looking for agency feedback including working more closely with the agricultural community on sustainability; performance measures; updating permitting issues within the Delta, Bay and Central Valley; discussed role of science and decision making; reviewing updating Delta Plan and Delta Science Plan. Bay Delta Science Conference dates are Sept 10 – 12th, 2018.

Marin Audubon: Corte Madera restoration project update.

EPA: Agency is testing survey on Bay / Delta (and upper watershed) GAO audit investigation that is underway. At least two agencies have been contacted, and SFEP has given feedback on the survey.

10. Concluding Business / Meeting Road Map

March meeting:

- Draft Workplan and Budget presented
- Selection of new Chair/Vice Chair
- CCMP updates (a number of potential options, available in Attachment 5)

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:15

Attendees

IC Members: Anna Wearn (NRDC), Brad Paul (MTC), John Klochak (USFWS), Ann Morkill (USFWS), Jessica Law (DSC), Bob Nisbet (EBRPD), Maddie Duda (EJCW), Jane Lavelle (SFPUC), Steve Goldbeck (BCDC), Debra Kustic (Delta Conservancy), Caitlin Sweeney (SFEP), Amy Hutzel (SCC), Tom Mumley (SFBRWCQB), Carol Mahoney (BAFPAA), Luisa Valiela (EPA), Adam Laputz (Central Valley WQCB), Diane Ross-Leech (PG&E), Rachelle Trigueros (Bay Area Council), Arthur Feinstein (Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge), David Williams (BACWA), Barbara Salzman (Marin Audubon Society), Michelle Selmon (DWR), Greg Martinelli (CDFW), Randy Rentschler (MTC), Matt Fabry (BASMAA)

SFEP Staff: Adrien Baudrimont, Natasha Dunn, James Muller, Darcie Luce, Karen McDowell

Public: Ben Botkin (Water Trail), Erica Yelensky (EPA)