

San Francisco Estuary Partnership
Implementation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 7, 2018
Oakland MetroCenter Auditorium
101 8th Street, Oakland

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome and Introductions: *Tom Mumley, Vice Chair*

Tom called the meeting to order and everyone introduced themselves.

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments

3. Approve 11/15/17 Meeting Summary (ACTION)

The November 15, 2017 meeting summary was approved.

4. Director's Report: *Caitlin Sweeney, Director*

Caitlin Sweeney highlighted several items from the Director's Report

SFEP Move

SFEP offices have moved from the Regional Water Quality Control Board to the MTC/ABAG offices at the Bay Area Metro Center.

San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

Applications are now open for the Citizens Oversight Committee. Elected officials and government employees may not serve, nor may anyone who has had or could have a financial interest in a decision of the Authority, or is affiliated with an organization associated with a member of the Governing Board. A question on this point arose in terms of whether serving on the IC would make a person ineligible to apply; Karen McDowell will consult with the Authority's legal team on this question.

Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program (WRMP)

The WRMP is moving forward; the Steering Committee held its first meeting last week.

SFEP Director traveling to DC 3/10-3/16

Caitlin will be traveling to DC next week for the annual spring NEP meeting.

5. Select Chair and Vice Chair (ACTION)

At November's meeting, Carol Mahoney (BAFPAA) was nominated for Chair, and Tom Mumley (RWQCB) was nominated for Vice Chair. The nominations were approved. Carol Mahoney will take over as Chair as of the May 23, 2018 meeting.

6. Estuary Blueprint Progress Report: *Caitlin Sweeney, Director*

The CCMP Newsletter will come out next week, and provides more narrative on progress and successes.

Discussion ensued about advancing Task 8.3, regarding best practices for grazing. Several IC members offered resources from their respective agencies to help advance this task.

Vice Chair Tom Mumley mentioned the idea, proposed at November's meeting, of holding a special IC meeting to take a structured, deep dive into selected Blueprint actions or tasks. Discussion ensued about possible ways to structure and prepare for this meeting. Some different perspectives were offered about the level of specificity: whether to focus at the action level or task level. An informal show of hands indicated a preference for extending one existing IC meeting, versus scheduling an additional meeting. Other suggestions included conducting a survey ahead of time to see which actions/tasks to prioritize, dedicating an IC meeting to preparing for this special meeting, and breaking into workgroups by task or action during the meeting. Carol, Tom, and Pat Eklund volunteered to assist Caitlin with preparing for this special meeting. The goal is to bring back some recommendations for meeting structure at the next IC meeting in May.

7. Draft Work Plan and Budget: *Caitlin Sweeney, Director*

Director Caitlin Sweeney walked attendees through the draft work plan for federal fiscal year 2018-2019 (October 1-September 30), including the breakdown of funds between state sources, federal sources, etc. She explained that for the purposes of the draft work plan, SFEP has projected level NEP funding of \$600,000; although the NEP is always a year behind Congressional allocations, the House and Senate budgets currently include level funding or even a little more for the NEP. The program is operating on a continuing resolution through March; the remaining \$300,000 for the remainder of the year is up in the air right now.

Director Sweeney then reviewed Projected Expenditures, the Funded Projects Table, and the Unfunded Blueprint Tasks Table. Suggestions were made to help advance Item 16 (Bay Area Regional Collaborative – Cross Agency Working Group) in the Funded Projects Table, and to Item 8 in the Unfunded Blueprint Tasks Table. A suggestion was made to revisit and refine the original funding estimates for the unfunded Blueprint tasks.

Director Sweeney will refine the draft work plan based on the input received at the meeting and any additional suggestions made to her by March 28, and will bring the final work plan for a vote at the next IC meeting on May 23.

8. Partnership Updates

Transition Zone Mapping Methodology and North Richmond Community Vision (Estuary Blueprint Action 4): Josh Bradt (SFEP), Juliana Gonzalez (The Watershed Project), and April Robinson (SFEI)

Josh, Juliana, and April provided an overview of this recently completed project funded by the EPA's Climate Ready Estuaries Program. The project took place in two phases: Phase 1 brought together BEHGU experts and others to develop two mapping methodologies, one looking upland from the shoreline and one looking down from upland. Phase 2 conducted community outreach

through stakeholder meetings, tours, informational interviews, and a resident survey. The resulting Vision has been approved by the North Richmond Municipal Advisory Council and is informing the Resilient by Design project for the area.

Resilient SR37: Ashley Nguyen (MTC) and Jessica Davenport (Coastal Conservancy)

Ashley and Jessica reported out on current planning efforts to relieve traffic congestion and create greater resilience to sea level rise along the Hwy. 37 corridor. MTC is engaging scientists, landowners, resource managers, and others early and often to break with traditional modes of transportation planning and take a One Design approach that integrates ecological, transportation, public access, and other goals.

9. Announcements

San Mateo County is hosting a water summit on March 30 on flooding, sea level rise, stormwater, etc.

GAO is doing an audit of the EPA's Bay-Delta Program and they're ready to present their findings. The report is expected to come out in May.

10. Next Meeting Date May 23

Confirmed agenda items:

- Final Work Plan and Budget

- Recommendations for Blueprint review