

**San Francisco Estuary Partnership
Implementation Committee Meeting**

March 3, 2015
Elihu M. Harris State Building
Oakland, California

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

1. Introductions

Amy Hutzel, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM with a round of introductions.

Attendees include:

Bill Brostoff	Josh Collins	Kate Poole
Sam Ziegler	Jessica Martini-Lamb	Tom Mumley
Harry Seraydarian	Barbara Salzman	Jessica Davenport
Luisa Valiela	Alyson Aquino	Blake Roberts
Carol Mahoney	Beth Huning	John Andrew
Amy Hutzel	Matt Fabry	
Judy Kelly	Barry Nelson	

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Minutes were approved. Motion to approve by Harry Seraydarian and seconded by Carol Mahoney. No oppositions to approval.

3. Drought Discussion, Wetter or not Recommendations

Barry Nelson, Western Water Strategies

Accessible online at <http://www.sfestuary.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/WetterorNot.pdf>

Barry Nelson and Kate Poole of NRCDC discussed the recommendations and current status. The IC expressed a desire to hear back from Nelson and the progress made on these recommendations in 9 – 12 months.

4. Directors Report

Judy Kelly

D.C.

The trip to DC was met with a lot of support. Judy met with almost all of the Bay Area delegation. Senator Feinstein is back in action working on a water bill, though only limited details are available. There is a House Republican water bill in development that appears to undermine the goals and objectives of Partnership stakeholders.

Staff

There have been some staff changes at SFEP. Operations are stable and well-funded at this juncture. Judy welcomed Matt Fabry of San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program, the newest IC member.

Funding

The U.S. EPA's San Francisco Bay Water Quality Fund for 2015 is funding two SFEP projects:

- Siting tools for LID developments
- Suisun Marsh TMDL implementation study

The SF Bay Restoration Act has been reintroduced in the House and Senate – although this bill is not likely to pass, this did generate some good press in the Bay Area regarding funding compared to the Great Lakes, Chesapeake Bay, and Puget Sound regions.

ABAG FAN (Finance Authority for Nonprofits) Embezzlement

ABAG is the home entity for SFEP, and an ex-employee of ABAG appears to have embezzled approximately \$1.3 million from funds designated for public improvements in San Francisco that were under the control of ABAG's Finance Authority for Nonprofits Corporation (FAN). ABAG has contracted with an independent auditor to conduct a forensic investigation on FAN, and a State audit is also underway. It should be noted that FAN never had access to SFEP monies. We expect to be audited very intensely this year, but we will weather that storm.

Project Updates

There was a quick update on IRWMP and IC members were asked to direct any questions they may have to Jennifer Krebs or Athena Honore. The San Pablo Avenue Stormwater Spine project is breaking ground soon. Congratulations to Josh and the partner cities for completing the design process.

5. Reports on SFEP Activities

Judy Kelly, Karen McDowell

SOE conference

- The conference is two days this year: Thursday, September 17th and Friday, September 18th, 2015.
- The next conference steering committee meeting will be held April 1.
- A meeting will be held March 26th at the State Coastal Conservancy to gather input on concurrent sessions. These are invited speakers, so if you have an idea or if you would like to participate in its development, contact Karen.
- BCDC is planning a Gala the day before the SOE to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

SOE Report

The report is in the process of being written. There are about nine different parts with their own authors, and all are moving along. Letitia Grenier, the lead author, and Ariel Rubissow Okamoto will work to put it all together and polish the writing. The timing isn't right to give a full update on the process to the IC for this meeting. A very detailed briefing will be held during the next IC meeting.

2015 Workplan Draft

The format remains the same, but there have been some changes. The SOE workplan has been aligned with the SOE report in a way that flows nicely and reflects each other. We have rearranged categories, but the elements remain largely the same.

As for funding in the next year, we are still on very solid financial footing despite some staff reductions.

- \$22,499,606 is our working budget with a leveraging level of 36 to 1.
- The Water Board match (approximately \$700,000) will be added to the budget pie chart.

Comments

- Tom Mumley requested improving the level of detail in which we report the funding in relation to the various CCMP elements.
- Judy Kelly noted that the measure of success and key successes still need some work before the final draft. We are asking for tentative approval now and final approval in May. This is because we are only on month 4 of this year's work plan. We will need a bit more time to see how things go.
 - Barbara Salzman suggested making the measure of success that the action was completed
- Tom Mumley noted his concern with stating that the new CCMP WILL be based on the attributes that are in the old version; some think that those should change.
- There was a discussion about the origin of several identified new actions, which come from robust conversations at the staff level. Judy noted that we are open to suggestions and comments about new initiatives. If there is enough interest, we can discuss this at our next IC meeting.

The IC gave tentative approval. The final workplan will be voted on for final approval next IC meeting.

MRP - Overview of Key Revisions

Tom Mumley

Tom gave an overview of provisions in the draft Municipal Regional Permit for Stormwater; which will be finalized and adopted by the Water Board to replace the current permit and will run for another five year term. The permit covers most of the Bay Area, but smaller, less dense areas and San Francisco are covered under different permits.

Key revisions deal with pollutants of concern and new development and redevelopment. Trash runoff must be reduced by milestones from 60% to 100% over the course of the permit term. PCB load reductions to the Bay should be reduced through green infrastructure projects and potentially by capturing PCBs in caulk at building demolition. The New and Redevelopment section maintains existing LID requirements and seeks to implement LID during other opportunities, such as street repair or renovation, with the goal of no missed implementation opportunities during permit term.

It is expected that the permit will be adopted in September/October of 2015.

Prop 1: Opportunities to fund Estuary-related projects

Harry Seraydarian (North Bay Watershed Association), Beth Huning (SFBJV)

Harry gave a detailed presentation on the specific funding sources available under Prop 1, project guidelines available to date, and then outlined the key opportunities for various project types in the Bay Area.

Beth described the Bay Joint Venture's focus around Prop 1, which is to coordinate messaging among Bay Area entities and encourage that the funding criteria enable local projects. They are describing the statewide value of San Francisco Bay efforts, working to designate specific funding levels for our area where they are not already so designated, ensure timely release of funds, etc. They are preparing comment letters to funders with open comment opportunities.

6. Concluding Business

Amy Hutzel, Judy Kelly

The next IC meeting is May 27th. We will review the CCMP progress, the SOE Report, the 2015 SOE conference, and the 2015 Work Plan and will likely include a Plan Bay Area presentation. Other topics and subjects will be listed on the agenda

- Announcements
 - BAWN annual meeting will be March 19th
 - The salmonid restoration conference is next week
 - Montezuma Wetlands project has been operating for years, and is now receiving a lot of public interest
 - Dutch Slough is moving forward. Its EIR is complete and funding is coming together to start construction
 - May 14th Bay Area Open Space Conference