

**San Francisco Estuary Partnership
Implementation Committee Meeting**

November 28, 2012

Elihu M. Harris State Building

Oakland, California

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

1. Introductions

Tom Mumley, Chair of the Implementation Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:40 am.

An item on the San Francisco Bay Fish Project, a collaboration of SFEI and DPH, was added to the agenda as new item 4 and Tivo Rojas-Cheatham, Communications Director for the California Dept. of Public Health was introduced. Round table introductions followed. It was noted that a quorum for IC is members present.

The Meeting Summary from August 22 inadvertently omitted from posted package was distributed. Amy Hutzler moved approval; Rainer Hoenicke seconded; summary approved.

2. Public Comments: no public comments.

3. Director's Report – Highlights from Judy Kelly

- Adrien Baudrimont will continue as a shared employee with SFEI for the next year continuing work on creek mouth project; Head of Tides project; flood infrastructure mapping; and State of the Estuary Report indicators update.
- Travel highlights- Judy made a trip to Bodrum, Turkey for the International Bays conference and presented on regional planning for SF Bay's America's Cup race. Caitlin Sweeney and Judy traveled to Tampa for the Fall National Estuary Program meeting and the biennial Restore America's Estuaries conference.
- One exciting idea picked up from RAE conference (blue carbon) is now part of SFEP proposed Strategic Plan update as a new work effort for SFEP.

4. The Fish Consumption Advisory Outreach Project – Tivo Rojas-Cheatham

- This 2.5 year project stems from Water Board regulatory action on NPDES permit holders to fund effort to reduce mercury and PCBs exposure to anglers from fish in the Bay.
- Designed to educate under-represented groups and raise awareness of fish contamination.
- A number of products (brochures, signs) were developed and distributed to local county health departments. Signs up at 61 sites in 6 counties. Problems with participation from Marin, Sonoma, Napa counties.

5. Funding Update – Marc Holmes

- The Bay Institute has been working for a number of years on federal legislation to make San Francisco Bay an EPA geographic program (similar to Chesapeake Bay and the Great Lakes). This requires separate authorization by Congress under the Clean Water Act.

- The region needs substantial funding for wetland restoration and this designation would provide opportunity for additional funding for all water quality programs.
- The Sen. Feinstein and Rep. Speier bills have proposed geographic designation and may be included in an end of the year omnibus water bill. Last year's effort did not pass.
- Luisa Valiela stated EPA expects an allocation for the San Francisco Bay Improvement Fund in the upcoming budget but fiscal issues remain unsettled. If allocated, Region 9 is aiming for a February 2013 RFP.

6. SFEP Activities

Strategic Plan Update

- Judy noted Draft Strategic Plan Update was included in meeting packet and wants IC input on how well update reflects agency concerns for SF Estuary related to SFEP.
- The Strategic Plan focuses on what we need to do; is not a catalog of what has been done.
- A lively session of member comments followed that was documented by Judy and Athena.
- Next Step: Judy will send updated Strategic Plan with changes based on input received at meeting to members with a date for response so that next meeting can consider adoption.
- There was discussion on Objective 9, the CCMP Update—the goal for this objective is to create a more strategic, focused plan.

State of the Estuary Conference 2013

- Karen McDowell announced dates are set for two day 2013 SOE, October 29-30, at the Oakland Marriott Hotel.
- Karen is beginning to form a Steering Committee for the conference and invited IC members who wish to participate to contact her.
- First Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for December 7.
- Karen asked for information on potential excellent Key Note speakers.

7. Partner Programs

- Tom Mumley noted Barbara Kondylis was retiring as a Solano County supervisor after 20 years and the IC gave her a round of applause to recognize her service and devotion to environmental issues. She was encouraged to continue to attend IC meetings.
- Caitlin Sweeney gave a presentation on work of the Joint Policy Committee (BCDC, ABAG, MTC and the Air District) and the Committee's *Regional Sea Level Rise Adaptation Strategy* that is now underway, being led by staff from BCDC and ABAG.
- Wendy Goodfriend of BCDC gave a complementary presentation on the Adapting to Rising Tides (ART) project which focuses on the Alameda County shoreline. The effort is summarized below (also see www.adaptingtorisingtides.org/project-overview):

The Adapting to Rising Tides project is a collaborative planning effort that addresses two questions:

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- *How will climate change impacts of sea level rise and storm events affect the future of Bay Area communities, infrastructure, ecosystems and economy?*
- *What strategies can we pursue, both locally and regionally, to reduce and manage these risks?*

The project area is a portion of the Alameda County shoreline, from Emeryville to Union City. This subregion was selected based on local community and stakeholder interest and capacity for participation, its diverse shoreline features, and presence of regionally significant transportation infrastructure. The first phase of the planning process involved convening a Subregional Working Group of staff from local, county, regional, state and federal agencies that work in the subregion, as well as some private interests with investments in the study area. This group helped the Project Management Team define project goals and objectives, develop communications strategies, and identify important assets (12 categories such as airports, transportation lines, parks etc.) along their shoreline.

The second phase was the assessment of the subregion's vulnerability and risk. Climate impacts associated with sea level rise and changes in storm events were characterized within the twelve asset categories. Project consultants did a shoreline analysis of sea level rise and storm event flooding. The vulnerability of the assets, based on their exposure and sensitivity to impacts and capacity to adapt to changes, was assessed. Risks within each asset category were evaluated. The final phase of the ART Project uses this vulnerability and risk assessment as a foundation for identifying and evaluating possible adaptation strategies to improve the subregion's resilience to climate impacts.

8. Concluding Business

- Judy presented a draft of the 2013 IC Meeting schedule and it was approved by the IC. Dates for 2013 are Wednesday March 6th, May 22nd, August 28th and November 20th.
- The "Road map" for future meetings was presented and feedback requested.
- Possible items suggested for future meetings include:
 - Strategic Plan Revision and Approval
 - SFEP 2015 Work Plan
 - TBI –Marsh Restoration Economic and Ecological Study
 - Final Delta Plan
 - IRWMP Update
 - New BCDC Executive Director Introduction
 - CCMP Update Process Overview

9. Announcements

Next meeting Amy Hutzler will take over as IC Chair and Tom Mumley becomes Vice Chair.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm. **The next meeting is MARCH 6, 2013.**

SFEP IC Meeting Attendees

Jessica Davenport
Wendy Goodfriend (part)

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