

**San Francisco Estuary Partnership  
Implementation Committee Meeting**

May 22, 2013

Elihu M. Harris State Building  
Oakland, California

**DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY**

**1. Introductions**

Amy Hutzler, Chair of the Implementation Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. A round table of introductions followed. Amy reviewed the meeting agenda for today.

The Meeting Summary from the March 6, 2013 was approved.

**2. Public Comments:** no public comments.

**3. Director's Report – Highlights**

- Judy noted the small grants program awards under the Watershed Program as described in the Director's Report. Barbara Salzman questioned the educational focus of the awards and Adrien stated the activities were much broader than just education.
- Judy gave kudos to James Muller on the website upgrade and maintenance.

**4. SFEP Activities**

**Strategic Plan Update**

- Judy requested approval of the Strategic Plan update. There were brief comments on the plan and Susan Adams moved approval with a second by Harry Seraydarian. The Plan was approved.
- Judy noted SFEP will still have Annual Work Plans to bring to the IC for approval.
- SFEP will be tracking SP goals annually to see how we are doing; next report in May next year.
- Brief discussion of 20 Year retrospective report.
- Impact of sequester cut on NEP funds much greater than originally announced by EPA. Funds cut from \$597,334 to \$512,000, an \$85,000 or 14% cut, also down from a high of \$800,000 two years ago. Staff works under 35 grants and contracts; these are SFEP's only discretionary funds.
- As a result of this major funding cut, Judy proposed elimination of the *Estuary News* newsletter. There was a lengthy discussion of this proposal. Ariel Okamoto, newsletter editor suggested 3 options:
  - 1) Cease publication
  - 2) Recommit and make more secure with outside contributor funds
  - 3) Make the newsletter someone else's projectJudy will take lead in developing options based on Ariel's 3 options.

**Got Ants? Presentation-Janet Cox**

- GotAnts? Is a social media campaign to amplify the messaging of pesticide reduction using an IPM approach.
- Website was launched last week. [www.gotantsgetserious.org](http://www.gotantsgetserious.org)

- Staff and IC members noted advertising on buses and BART.
- Facebook page for public to take the pledge to use less toxic pesticide approach.
- Last year DPR promulgated regulations for surface water applications; they are monitoring to document results of these regulations.
- Need to emphasize link to water quality.

#### **5. NFWF Presentation-Mike Chrisman**

- NFWF is a Congressionally chartered 501(c)(3).
- Focus is fish and wildlife habitat restoration.
- Leverage funds 3: 1 for on the ground conservation projects.
- Do not advocate or litigate.
- Have a 30 member Board including the head of the US Fish & Wildlife Service and NOAA.
- Large landscape restoration/conservation focusing on Keystone Programs:
  - Birds
  - Wildlife and habitat
  - Freshwater fish
  - Water quality
- Have specific conservation metrics; use indicator species; Bay would include eelgrass; oysters; clapper rail; steelhead
- EPA gives NFWF \$8-\$10 million per year
- Currently developing an investment strategy for the San Francisco Estuary; takes a year to develop a conservation business plan. Shape priorities around a focus area. Outcome focused process; threats, goals, opportunities for conservation.

#### **6. IRWMP Funding 2014-Jennifer Krebs**

- DWR pot of \$73 million for Bay Area projects.
- Current list includes 315 projects total \$4 billion
- Agendize richer project discussion in August
- Integrative cooperative projects fare better- IRWMP has dynamic process for adding projects
- Will put contact slides on IC Agenda web page

#### **7. Announcements**

- State of the Estuary Conference- Call for Posters is out
- Finalizing program in next month
- SBWQIF RFP due out today or tomorrow
- Plan Bay Area- grant opportunity- \$10 million for PCAs --\$5 million for North Bay counties conservation projects. Cities, counties or congestion agencies are proponents. Proposals due July 19 to Coastal Conservancy.

#### **8. Concluding Business**

Agenda items for upcoming meetings:

- IRWMP projects/process
- EcoAtlas

- Delta Plan
- Russian River NOAA project
- Stormwater/LID

**9. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm. **The next meeting is August 28, 2013.**

SFEP IC Meeting Attendees

Susan Adams	ABAG/Marin County
John Andrew	DWR
Mike Chrisman	NFWF
Stephanie Coupe	NFWF
Jessica Davenport	Delta Stewardship Council
Matt Gearhart	SCC
Beth Huning	SF Bay Joint Venture
Amy Hutzal	Coastal Conservancy
John Klochak	USFWS
Jane Lavell	SF PUC
Peter LaCivita	US Army COE
Jessica Martini-Lamb	Sonoma County Water Agency
Tom Mumley	San Francisco Bay Water Board
David O'Neill	NFWF
Barbara Salzman	Marin Audubon Society
Harry Seraydarian	North Bay Watershed Association
Korie Schaeffer	NOAA Fisheries
Luisa Valiela	US EPA
Renee Webber	Sonoma County Water Agency
Alex Westhoff	Delta Protection Commission
Meredith Williams	SFEI

SFEP Staff	Melissa Gunter	Ariel Okamoto
Judy Kelly	Jennifer Krebs	Caitlin Sweeney
Josh Bradt	Karen McDowell	Paula Trigueros
Adrien Baudrimont	Jesse Mills	
Derek Beauduy	Paul Modrell	
Janet Cox	James Muller	