

San Francisco Estuary Partnership
Implementation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 1, 2017
Elihu M. Harris Building
Oakland California

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome & Introductions

Amy Hutzell, Chair, called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comments/Meeting Summary Approval

There were no public comments.

3. Action: Approve 11/2/16 Meeting Summary

November 2, 2016 IC Meeting Summary was approved. Motion to Approve by Luisa Valiela and seconded by Gary Stern. No oppositions to approval.

4. Director's Report

Caitlin provided brief comments on several items from the Director's Report attachment, including:

The Restoration Authority

The Restoration Advisory Committee was reformed with 34 out of 150 applicants selected. Several IC members are on the RA advisory committee, including Luisa Valiela as the appointed Chair. The first meeting was held on February 28.

Amy announced Restoration Authority project list update request. The list will help staff better understand the universe, status, and time frame/schedule of potential projects. List only vets eligibility of projects NOT preference for grant award. Caitlin will send the project list URL to IC members. Luisa recommended the list be formatted as a query-able spreadsheet rather than a Word doc. Pat will distribute to elected officials around the Bay, in case staffers have not elevated the list.

ABAG/MTC Consolidation

The draft Contract for Services was released, covering the responsibilities and missions of ABAG and the "Local Collaboration Programs" (which includes SFEP) and describes the services MTC will provide. SFEP scheduled to move to MetroCenter in late fall (when space is ready). MTC will cover the cost of move as well as the overhead rates of SFEP as part of contract for services. SFEP's permit assistance staff will stay at the Water Board office.

2017 State of the Estuary Conference

The 2017 State of Estuary Conference will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple on Lake Merritt on October 10-11. The conference planning process is just starting.

5. Estuary Blueprint Progress

Caitlin introduced the agenda item as a response to the November Strategic Planning Workshop and the IC's desire to have meetings focused on Blueprint progress. Staff intends to have this as an agenda item at every IC meeting, with accompanying success stories and/or roadblocks for the IC to discuss.

- a. *2017 Action Progress Report*: Heidi announced status of 2016 & 2017 task milestones and walked through public CCMP progress tracker webpage. Overall progress of Blueprint is good, with 5 out of 6 2016 tasks complete and progress on the majority of the 2017 tasks. Heidi solicited feedback from the IC on the format of the Action Progress Report. In general, the IC liked the format of the document, with some suggestions for improvement of the online tracker (links to completed reports if possible), and agreement on the parallel importance of having accompanying narrative updates. Heidi reminded the IC that the CCMP Newsletter, the SFEP website, and ESTUARY News magazine are all platforms for narrative updates.
- b. *Success Story: Flood Control 2.0 (Adrien & Scott Dusterhoff, SFEP, presenting)*. Adrien began with introduction of this recently completed 4 year project to integrate habitat preservation/restoration with flood control at creek mouths. Scott reviewed the project "toolbox" website features, floodcontrol.sfei.org, including interactive maps (historic & contemporary; current sediment dynamics), sediment dynamics database, synthesis report (mid-March release planned), recommended multi-benefit management measures and future work, and implementation project reports (Resilient Vision Plans for Novato, Walnut, San Francisco Creeks). Adrien reviewed additional toolbox contents, such as: regulatory analyses and guidance reports, economic analyses (cost assessment guidebook and cost-benefit spreadsheet model), SediMatch, and podcasts about each project component.

6. IC Nominating Committee Report

The ad hoc IC Nominating Committee met Feb 16th to discuss IC membership, growth/expansion, needed agency participation, and more active participation in CCMP by IC. The Nominating Committee is looking to increase participation by agencies/entities rather than individuals (need primary and alternative rep). Amy reviewed the committee memo and asked the IC for feedback memo, including potential new members. Several members provided suggestions, including agricultural, urban ag, EJ, Delta, and wastewater agencies. There was some discussion on the role of IC entities, including the ability to secure or elevate funding and/or policy needs. The IC also discussed how to retain members and assure meeting attendance. The Nominating Committee will pursue ideas from the IC and staff and a slate of new candidates will be presented at next meeting for IC approval.

7. SFEP FFY 2017-18 Draft Work Plan

Caitlin described work plan requirements and structure, and walked through the draft. SFEP's estimated budget for FY 17-18 is just over \$35,600,000, an historic high for SFEP. Our income is mostly state funding, with the majority coming from Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) projects. EPA 320 (NEP) funds continue to make up a small portion of our budget (about 2% of our overall funding) but they remain a critical piece of our funding portfolio, allowing us the flexibility to support staff, provide for organizational needs and to fund Estuary Blueprint tasks that do not otherwise fit in current funding opportunities.

Section III of the work plan lists unfunded Estuary Blueprint tasks with milestones due in FY 17-18, where SFEP plays a lead role in advancing the task. Based on the estimated budget, there is a small amount of available EPA NEP funding to help implement the Blueprint. Caitlin asked the IC for feedback on what of the listed unfunded projects is a priority for SFEP and should be advanced with the NEP funding.

Members discussed New Project #5 (primer for nature-based shoreline infrastructure), #6 (analysis of long-term drought plans), #8 (sewer lateral repair ordinance review), & #9 (communication plan and small grants program) as priorities. Caitlin will follow up the discussion with a survey to all IC members to continue to gather their input on priorities. Recommended additions to the New Projects List will come back as part of the final work plan for approval at next IC meeting.

8. Concluding Business: Next meeting May 24th

9. Meeting adjourned at 12:30

Attendees:

IC Members

Amy Hutzel, SCC
 Tom Mumley, SFBRWQCB
 Pat Eklund, ABAG
 Roman Barenstein, BPC
 Kate Poole, NRDC
 Luisa Valiela, US EPA Region 9
 Warner Chabot, SFEI
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