

San Francisco Estuary Partnership
Implementation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 26, 2020
Remote via Zoom

MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Approve 5/20/2020 Meeting Summary (ACTION)

Tom Mumley called the meeting to order. Motion to approve 5/20/19 meeting summary by Barbara Salzman, seconded by Adrian Covert. Motion carried.

3. Director's Report

Caitlin Sweeney highlighted several items from the Director's Report

- *Restoration Authority has released 3rd round of funding Oct 23. Community grants program has been announced and will operate on a rolling basis. Webinars from Aug 19 including slides and more information at sfbayrestore.org.*
- *Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program – extensive information in the meeting packet.*
- *Staff member Adrien Baudrimont has departed for London but will continue with SFEP for the next few months. He's been with the Partnership for 8 years.*

4. 2016 Estuary Blueprint Progress Report

Continuing to make steady progress. Staff was able to capture a lot more detail in progress based on the November workshop. Two additional Actions have been completed: Action 12 – Restore watershed connections to the estuary, and Action 28 – Advance nutrient management in the estuary. More information on the quarterly newsletter. BAQWA has been instrumental in funding nutrient management work in particular. Comment on groundwater agencies that are submitting sustainable groundwater management plans - dependent ecosystems need to be identified and considered. Nature Conservancy has a recent report on this. There may be a need to reach out to those agencies to see if they need support. Something to consider in the Blueprint update.

5. Project Updates – Integrated Regional Water Management Program, James Muller and Natasha Dunn, SFEP

Overview of the Integrated Regional Management Grant Program administered by DWR and managed by SFEP. Explanation of the Prop 84- and Prop 1-funded program components, including governance, process, funding, and implementation grant examples. Presenters highlighted the disadvantaged community grant work from Prop 1 and the preliminary findings from the needs assessment processes, including a potential tap water quality testing

program. Some discussion around the effectiveness of the program on a regional level, the role of regional adaptation planning, and more specifics on the tap water testing program.

6. 2022 Estuary Blueprint Update, Darcie Luce

Progress on the update since May. Review of overhaul in 2016 versus the current update with changes at the Action and Task level. Review of guiding principles for the update including a focus on equity and more multi-sectoral integration and clarity/responsibility. Preliminary changes to existing Actions and Tasks based on November workshop with specific examples with some discussion on specific changes around watershed-based approach and water use efficiency. Discussion around how to craft changes to balance vision and practicality.

New Action brainstorm started to capture some new topics including homelessness, microplastics, wildfires, other TMDLs, one water concept, climate adaptation and equity, among others. Discussion around Actions and the people who are doing on-the-ground work and look at the Blueprint as a resource. Potential to make connections with groups like Bay Adapt and leverage one another's works. Review of roadmap including public engagement strategy as well as release of update in first quarter 2022. Next Steering Committee Meeting is Thursday 9/10/22, 1 pm – 3 pm. IC members that would like to participate more should contact Darcie or Caitlin or check the website.

7. IC Member Announcements

James Muller, SFEP: FEMA \$446 million Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grants letters of intent due September 18.

Tom Mumley, SFRWQCB: Staff summary / update on recycled water in the region available from the Water Board – Sept 9 live or recorded later.

Alyson Aquino, NRCS: Emergency Watershed Protection Program is a fire assistance resource from the NRCS. The Farm Service Agency also comes out with fire assistance. Contact Alyson for more information.

Mike Vasey, SF Bay NERR: 14-acre restoration project at Rush Ranch just completed with lots of ancillary benefits. Site is open to the public.

Campbell Ingram, Delta Conservancy, update on carbon sequestration, subsidence and certification of first carbon credits using their new protocol.

Lorien Fono, BAQWA: nature-based study in progress; looking at potential sites for multiple benefit projects; deliverable of first project sites upcoming with updates potentially next meeting.

8. Meeting Roadmap

Next meeting is November 18, 1:30 – 4:40 (*note the time change) with a list of tentative list of 2021 meeting dates in the meeting packet.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 pm.

Attendees:

IC Members: Mike Vasey, Carol Mahoney, Steve Goldbeck, Amy Hutzal, Tom Kendall, Lorien Fono, Tom Mumley, Barbara Salzman, Arthur Feinstein, Becky Smyth, Jessica Martini-Lamb, Amanda Bohl, Alyson Aquino, Pat Eklund, John Andrew, Sandra Scoggin, Brian Meux, Adrian Covert, Campbell Ingram, Ashley LaBass, Matt Fabry, Jane Lavelle, Melody Tovar, Greg Martinelli, Chris Potter, Warner Chabot

SFEP Staff: *Caitlin Sweeney, Darcie Luce, Karen McDowell, Kelley Santos, Liz Juvera, Adrien Baudrimont, Heidi Nutters, Josh Bradt, James Muller, Leslie Perry*

Presenters: James Muller, Natasha Dunn, Darcie Luce, all SFEP