

SFEP Implementation Committee Meeting Summary
August 26, 2021

Attendees:

IC Members: Tom Mumley, Aimee Good, Alyson Aquino, Amy Hutzal, Arthur Feinstein, Ashley Cooper, Ashley LaBAss, Barbara Salzman, Becky Smyth, Beth Campbell, Brian Meux, Campbell Ingram, Carol Mahoney, David Lewis, Jane Lavelle, Jessica Martini-Lamb, Lindsay Correa (for John Andrew), Lorien Fono, Brad Paul, Luisa Valiela, Matt Fabry, Melody Tovar, Sandra Scoggin, Steve Goldbeck, Lisa Horowitz Mccann

SFEP Staff: Caitlin Sweeney, Liz Juvera, Athena Honore, James Muller, Natasha Dunn, Alex Thomsen, Karen McDowell, Darcie Luce, Josh Bradt, Diana Fu

1. Welcome/Intros

Tom Mumley called meeting to order and introduced the attendees.

2. Approve 5/19/21 Meeting Summary (ACTION)

Motion to approve 5/19/2021 meeting summary (*with addition of Lindsay Correa and Ashley Cooper to attendee list*) by Carol Mahoney, seconded by Arthur Feinstein. Motion carried.

3. Directors Report

Caitlin Sweeney highlighted several items in Director's Report

- State of Estuary Conference. Registration opening soon. Free All Day Virtual Conference
- Restoration Auth. Grant Round 5 Oct 7th proposals due. Community Grants with links to projects.
- Completed Projects - Full Completion of IRWM R3. 11 Projects. Recycled, water, surface water etc. Completed in 2020 closed out the Grant. Thanks to James Muller & Natasha Dunn.
- Communications-Great video highlighting the Estuary Blueprint and looking for feedback on Blueprint, & latest issue of Estuary News.
- State & Federal Budget - From Feds. Senate inf. Bill. Funding 24 million for water quality improvement fund. This year was 8 million. \$132 million in bill for National Est. program. In addition to current funding. About 900k per NEP for next 5 years. Will know more in the next few months.
- IC Membership – Matt Fabry leaving

4. 2016 Estuary Blueprint Progress Report

Caitlin Sweeney provided an overview of the 2016 Estuary Blueprint progress report for the last quarter. Four additional tasks were completed and many others saw progress.

5. 2016 Estuary Blueprint Successes: LID/Green Stormwater Management

Matt Fabry provided a presentation on the San Mateo Countywide Sustainable Streets Master Plan, followed by IC discussion.

Josh Bradt provided a presentation on the San Pablo Avenue Stormwater Spine Project.

6. 2022 Estuary Blueprint Update: Equity and Human Dimensions

Darcie Luce presented the new draft equity action and updated timeline for the Estuary Blueprint. IC discussion regarding equity and representation followed.

7. IC Member Announcements

- Campbell – Thanks to Darcie for blueprint update. Open solicitation concepts due at end of month. Budget very hopeful there will be funding.
- Amy – Corps of Engineers awarded a large project for south bay shoreline - ground breaking in mid-September. Contract to build 2.5 miles of a levee in North San Jose – Alviso. Another mile and a half left to go. Will let 3000 acres of salt ponds to be restored to tidal marsh.
- Aimee the WRMP will be having a virtual open house in September 2 part session. Dec. 8th
- Casey – Hiring at Audobon Calif. 9-month Fellowship for first gen and BIPOC college students.
- Steve – Bay Adapt has hit the streets. Would love comments. Thanks to Caitlin.
- Tom – Water Board – Public notice – base plan amendment climate change sea level rise in progress. Workshop Nov. 10. If you want to get that notice and are not currently on the list, go to the website. Constructive dialogue happening with EPA, CORE & BCDC on how we can realize more in bay disposal of dredge sediment as opposed to sending out to ocean by making it more cost effective.
- Sandra – SF Bay Joint Venture is in process of evaluating the formation of a working committee focused on Equity. Casey Arndt leading that conversation.

8. Meeting Road Map

Next Meeting (remote) is November 16 from 9:30 – 12:30. Potential agenda items discussed

9. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm.