

**SFEP Implementation Committee
August 17th, 2022**

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendees:

IC Members: Amanda Bohl, Adrian Covert, Ashley Cooper, Alyson Aquino, Andrew Fremier, Barbara Salzman, Becky Smyth, Brad Paul, Campbell Ingram, Carin High, Carol Mahoney, Casey Arndt, Dana Michels, Elke Rank, Greg Martinelli, Jane Lavelle, Jessica Martini-Lamb, John Andrew, Kristen Isom, Lorien Fono, Luisa Valiela, Moira McEnespy, Pat Eklund, Sandra Scoggin, Sarah Azat, Steve Goldbeck, Stuart Siegel, Thomas Kendall, Warner Chabot

SFEP Staff: Caitlin Sweeney, Alex Thomsen, Athena Honore, Carmen Zamora, Darcie Luce, James Muller, Josh Bradt, Karen McDowell, Leslie Perry, Natasha Dunn, Sarina Seaton

1. Welcome/Intros

Vice Chair Amanda Bohl called the meeting to order and introduced the attendees.

2. Approve 5/18/22 Meeting Summary (ACTION)

Motion to approve 5/18/2022 meeting summary by Barbara Salzman, seconded by Becky Smyth. Motion carried.

3. Directors Report

Caitlin Sweeney highlighted several items in Director's Report

- 2022 San Francisco Estuary Blueprint released!
- New Funding - \$300k for Honey Hive Fund via Friends of the Estuary.
- Highlighting Knee Deep Times – Video of San Pablo Spine.
- Estuary News – Ariel Okamoto retiring. Short discussion on future of the publication.
- Funding – Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding update: EPA guidance for funds has been released for developing long term plan for 5 years of funding (due June 1, 2023) as well as annual work plans (to be submitted within weeks).
- Josh Bradt departing after ten years of great work at SFEP to work for BARC.
- Farewell to summer intern Liditza Saldana.

4. 2022 Estuary Blueprint Release and next Steps

Darcie Luce, SFEP

Darcie gave the update and asked for additional volunteers to sit on ongoing Estuary Blueprint Steering Committee. Barbara, Campbell, Sandra, Casey, and Stuart volunteered.

5. Joint Venture 2022 Implementation Strategy

Sandra Scoggin, SF Bay Joint Venture

Sandra gave presentation followed by question and answer period.

6. IC Member Announcements

- **Amanda:** DSC Council Next week – Caitlin to attend and give Estuary Blueprint update
- **Campbell Ingram:** Governor released additional funding for Delta. Visioning RFP philanthropic capital re: Carbon Emissions. Debra Kustic has retired. Hired Karen Burr new Dep. Dir. Officer.
- **Moira:** State CC Strategic Plan Draft is out for review. Taking comments until Oct. 1st
- **Beck:** NOAA has 2.6 billion over next 4 years. Aimed at restoration & acquisition for getting communicates ready for climate. Working on not duplicating infrastructure act.
- **Lorien:** BACWA & EBDA five-year scholarship to honor Bruce Wolfe who passed away in 2020. First scholarship awarded to Mackenzie Sims.
- **Luisa:** 29 million available for WQIF. RFA's due sept. 20. 50th anniversary of Clean Water Act. EPA headquarters is doing a road show. Assoc. Radikha Fox is doing a press event in each region. Sept. 16th is in the North Richmond community.
- **Barbara:** Audubon received another grant for Tiscornia Marsh project, but still need more money.
- **Stuart:** Fellowship – underrepresented communities in SF Bay. NERR sits at Tiburon university location. Looking at partnership expansion for 53-acre site. Effort to reach out to potential partners. University may close facility down if they can't find partnership. The reserve is working on adaptation planning for state park. Flooding.
- **Alyson:** Farm service community. Urban agriculture & small farms in the bay area. NRCF staff similar position to district conservationist position. Dedicated partners with local farmers to support this type of agriculture. USDA has created 17 new agreements around the country with small farms. Small agreement USDA peoples' farm at City Slicker farm. Ribbon cutting late September. Anyone interested feel free to reach out to Alyson. Temporary location in Oakland Federal Bldg. 7-8 people in Oakland.
- **Sara:** – NOAA has a number of fish passage removal grants out for proposal. Will share in chat. Restoring fish passage with a tribal priority.
- **Tom Kendal:** Within Corps, Fish passage got a special carve out to remove fish barriers. \$10 million to spend.
- **Adrien:** RFP open for Resilience Challenge, open until Sept. 15th. Drought, flood or heat or wildfire
- **James (SFEP Staff):** *IRWM prop 1 round 2 applications due Oct 10. \$27.5 million available for local projects. Visit IRWM.org for more details.*

7. Meetings Roadmap

Tuesday Nov. 15th 9:30 to 12:30 Fully virtual or Hybrid

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.