

San Francisco Estuary Partnership
Implementation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 17, 2023

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendees

IC Members: Tom Mumley, Luisa Valiela, Jay Davis, Jane Lavelle, Casey Arndt, Lindsay Correa, Glen Miller, Becky Smyth, Kristen Isom, Evyan Borgnis Sloane, Barbara Salzman, Lorien Fono, Pat Eklund, Beth Campbell, Arthur Feinstein, Sara Azat, Warner Chabot, Carlos Diaz, Chris Barr, Gwen Miller, Jessica Martini-Lamb, Kristen Isom, Leticia Grenier, Nikki Roach, Stuart Siegel

SFEP Staff: Caitlin Sweeney, Darcie Luce, Natasha Daniels, Ben Botkin, Alex Thomsen, Diana Fu, Sasha Harris-Lovett, Taylor Pantiga, Leslie Perry, Karen McDowell, James Muller, Sarina Seaton, Will Geiken

Guest Presenters: Rachel Hartofelis, Dana Brechwald

1. Welcome/Intros

Tom Mumley called the meeting to order, introduced the attendees, and reviewed the agenda

2. Approve 3/15/23 Meeting Summary (ACTION)

Motion to Approve 3/15/23 meeting summary by Warner Chabot, seconded by Barbara Salzman. Motion carried.

3. Director's Report

Caitlin Sweeney highlighted several items in the Director's Report:

- Last issue of Estuary News was released in March. Encouraged to message Caitlin for a hard copy.
- Breaking news that was not included in the Director's Report. Officially announced that we have been issued \$4.3 M from US EPA Region 9 for a project called Breaking Ground. Includes construction of the Palo Alto Horizontal Levee project, Community based monitoring and education, and advancing the design of two nature-based shoreline projects.
- Transforming Shorelines Collaborative is seeking input from partners on ideas for future meetings
- Sandra Scoggin is leaving the SF Bay Joint Venture, and we wish her the best

4. Estuary Blueprint Implementation: Task 3-6

Sea Level Rise Funding and Investment Framework

Caitlin Sweeney introduced the Blueprint Task, informed the Committee that the Task has been completed, and introduced Rachel Hartofelis, of ABAG/MTC and Dana Brechwald, of BCDC. Rachel and Dana presented on the Sea Level Rise Funding and Investment Framework.

Highlights include the estimated cost of sea level rise adaptation at \$110 billion through 2050 but a revenue estimate of only \$5.5 billion. Measures to increase revenue were reviewed, including a parcel tax, an ad-valorem tax, and GO bonds, with an ad-valorem tax and GO bonds placing a lower burden on socially vulnerable areas.

A question and answer period followed. Final report will be available in early June.

5. Estuary Blueprint Implementation: Task 3-5

Priority Conservation Area Framework Refresh Project

Caitlin introduced the Blueprint Task and Ben Botkin, of SFEP. Ben presented on the current status of the Priority Conservation Area Program Refresh and the PCA Grant Program. One highlight is the addition of climate adaptation and a prioritization category. The refresh process is approximately 50% complete and is expected to be completed by Winter 2024.

A question and answer period followed.

6. Estuary Blueprint Implementation: Actions 1-4

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Program: Years 1-2

Workplan Updates and Equity Strategy

Caitlin introduced the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and James Muller, of SFEP. James provided a presentation on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Year 2 Workplan and Equity Strategy.

Highlights included SFEP's approach to the BIL, a review of the Year 1 Workplan, and Year 2 projects, including: the Novato Creek OLU, the Wildcat Creek OLU and Watershed, the Estuary Youth Council, SFEP Equity Team, Internal training and systems review, Grant writing assistance for CBO's and Tribes, and outreach and communications. James also reviewed the Equity Strategy being used for the BIL program.

A question and answer period followed.

7. Final FY 24 Workplan and Budget (ACTION)

Caitlin Sweeney reviewed that the draft FY 24 Workplan and Budget covered at the March meeting was not updated. Caitlin requested approval of the final FY 24 Workplan and Budget. Becky Smyth motioned to approve and Arthur Feinstein seconded. The motion carried.

8. IC Member Announcements

- Nikki Roach: be on the lookout for the SFBJV Coordinator job posting going live soon. Would love for everyone to share across their networks! Here is the SFBJV Coordinator Job Posting - please share across your networks!: <https://sfbayjv.org/jobs/sfbjv-coordinator/>
- Becky Smyth: the Economic Development Agency has funding for workshops on Coastal Recovery. There is a cross-agency webinar on 5/18/23 that will act as an introductory

event. <https://4683ca.econrsf.info/listing/ccirf/> There will be an in-person event on 6/18/23 for project advocates to meet with agencies.

- SFBRA East Bay is hosting a public Field Tour on 6/2: <https://www.sfbayrestore.org/packet/june-2-2023>
- Luisa: Tomorrow there will be a webinar on applying for BIL Funding.
- Helping to spread the word about the opportunity to provide input to inform CA's Fifth Climate Change Assessment's Regional Synthesis Reports - <https://opr.ca.gov/climate/icarp/climate-assessment/opportunities/rfi-listening-sessions.html>. Link to the RFI - [https://opr.ca.gov/climate/docs/20230427-OPR22134 - RFI Attachment 1 Addendum 2.pdf](https://opr.ca.gov/climate/docs/20230427-OPR22134_-_RFI_Attachment_1_Addendum_2.pdf)
- Water Board is planning an informational presentation on the Wetland Regional Monitoring Program at the June 18th meeting.
- State of the Estuary Conference planning is underway. The plan is to host the Conference in March 2024, and IC members are welcome to join the Steering Committee if they are interested in participating. Solicitation of keynote speakers. Thanks extended to Tom for his leadership as well as compliments to Caitlin and the SFEP team for ensuring that the committee is heard and involved.

9. 2023 IC Meetings Road Map

Next meeting will be Weds August 16th. Meeting will be entirely virtual due to technological upgrades being installed at the Bay Area Metro Center Meeting Rooms. Please send any suggested agenda items to Caitlin.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM