

San Francisco Estuary Partnership
Implementation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 16th, 2023

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendees:

IC Members: Tom Mumley, Alyson Aquino, Amanda Bohl, Arthur Feinstein, Barbara Salzman, Becky Smyth, Campbell Ingram Casey Arendt, David Lewis, Ellen Plane, Emily Perales, Jackie Zipkin, Jane Lavelle, Jemma Williams, Jessica Martini-Lamb, Lorien Fono, Luisa Valiela, Moira McEnespy, Nikki Roach, Sara Azat, Steve Goldbeck, Stuart Siegel

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

1. Welcome/Intros

Tom Mumley called the meeting to order and introduced the attendees.

2. Approve 5/17/23 Meeting Summary (ACTION)

Motion to Approve 5/17/23 meeting summary by Arthur Feinstein, seconded by Barbara Salzman. Motion carried.

3. Director's Report

Caitlin Sweeney highlighted several items in Director's Report:

- Estuary Youth Council's First Summer Session
- Breaking Ground Project Kickoff
- Wetland Migration Workshop Announced
- Completed projects – IRWM Prop 84 Round 2
- New Funding – IRWM Prop 1 Round 2 - \$32,214,479 – 12 projects.
- Plug for KneeDeepTimes
- WRMP Summer 2023 Newsletter
- Sustainable Silicon Valley WET Talk
- IC News – BAFPAA Changes – Carol Mahoney stepping down, Tess Byler from the San Francisquito Creek JPA will be new primary rep and Carlos Diaz from Sonoma County Water Agency will be the new alternate
- IC News – CDFW Changes – Greg Martinelli stepping down, Erin Chappell will be the new primary rep and Stephanie Fong will be the new alternate
- New SF Bay Joint Venture Coordinator – Kelli McCune

4. Estuary Blueprint Progress Report

Darcie Luce gave the update, followed by a question-and-answer period. First full year of implementation. Highlights: March substantial progress and on track for 5-year implementation time frame. Less than 10% looks like zero but progress is being made. Lorie Fono gave an update on recycled water flows. Action 15 (invasive species) Karen McDowell gave the update. Action 17 (Water Conservation) Negin Ashoori gave the update.

5. State of the Estuary Conference Update

Liz Juvera gave the update on the tentative dates of conference and plenary sessions. Will be putting out a call for posters. Recognizing poster session chairs. And student poster awards. 2 new chair positions tabling chairs coordinating CBO's & a mentor program.

Caitlin Sweeny gave the update on sponsorships & Jean Auer award. Sponsorship 50% of costs. Specifically asking for scholarships for folks to apply. 2 award ceremonies. Estuary & Jean Auer. Nominating committee for Jean Auer may need some new members. Concurrent session progress. Will & Karen gave update. Would love ideas, we may even have walking tours.

6. Estuary Blueprint Implementation: Task 20-3 Nature-Based Solutions for Nutrient Removal – BACWA/SFEI Study

Ellen Plane, San Francisco Estuary Institute & Ian Wren gave the presentation. Followed by a question-and-answer period.

7. Estuary Blueprint Implementation: Task 4-2

Palo Alto Horizontal Levee Project

Heidi Nutters, SFEP & Christine Beeman, ESA gave the update. Followed by a question-and-answer period.

8. IC Members Announcements

- Luisa Valiela: In dec. 2022 Jackie Spier authorized new SF Bay Program. Separate office in EPA region 9. Annual priority list will be developed.
- Moira McEnespy: 1.) Wetland migration workshop 2.) Coastal Conservancy got additional funds for restoration. Applications on a rolling basis. 3.) Terminal 4 Wharf removal has begun.
- Campbell Ingram: Board approved \$20 million grant to manage delta & rice cultivation for subsidence. Also, will make progress on another \$36 million for funding similar projects.
- Tom Mumley on algal bloom update. We have another bloom. Better news we are more prepared with tracking.
- Alyson Aquino: Urban Ag fund pool for the first time ever. Will hopefully allow for more funding for Urban ag. More info. in three months. Will bring to next meeting.

9. 2023 IC Meetings Roadmap

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.