

**San Francisco Estuary Partnership
Implementation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 6, 2026**

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendees

IC Members: Adrian Covert (BAC), Allison Chan (Save the Bay), Arthur Feinstein (CCCR), Barbara Salzman (Marin Audubon), Campbell Ingram (Delta Conservancy), Carl Wilcox (Friends of the Estuary), Casey Skinner (Audubon CA), Dan Hosfeld (US EPA), Emily Corwin (SFEI), Hannah Fertel (USACE), Jackie Zipkin (BACWA/EBDA), Jane Lavelle (SFPUC), Jessica Davenport (SCC), Jessica Fain (BCDC), Jessica Martini-Lamb (SCWA), Keith Lichten (SFBRWQCB), Kelli McCune (SFBJV), Laura Tam (BPC), Lindsay Correa (DWR), Lorien Fono (BACWA), Luisa Valiela (US EPA), Matt Ferner (SF NERR), Matt Grohl (EBRPD), Matt Maloney (ABAG/MTC), Pat Eklund (ABAG), Rachel Wiggington (DSC), Sarah van der Shalie (NOAA), Sree Gopal (OPC), Stuart Siegel (SF Bay NERR), Tess Byler (BAFPAA), Beck Barger (FOE)

SFEP Staff: Caitlin Sweeney, Alex Thomsen, Alexis Gabriel, Athena Honore, Ben Botkin, Graham Prentice, Heidi Nutters, James Muller, Karen McDowell, Kiersten Thigpen, Liz Juvera, Natalie Rossi, Natasha Daniels, Sarina Seaton, Susan Glendening

Guests: Ellen Plane (SFEI), Georgia Gann Dorman (MTC/ABAG), Josh Bradt (FOE), Tom Mumley

1. Welcome/Intros

Keith Lichten welcomed everyone, shared land acknowledgement, invited participants to introduce themselves and welcomed new IC members Rachel Wiggington of the Delta Stewardship Council, Sarah van der Schalie of NOAA, and Matt Grohl of the East Bay Regional Parks District.

2. Approve 3/12/2026 Meeting Summary (ACTION)

- Motion to approve the 3/12/26 Meeting Summary by Tess Byler, seconded by Kelli McCune. Motion carried.

3. Director's Report

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

- San Francisco Climate week took place two weeks ago.

- Elected official's tour of the Palo Alto Horizontal Levee also that week.
- Budget update for FY27 appropriations and NEP reauthorization.
- Release of new community engagement guide for nature-based solutions by Natalie Rossi.
- Internal MOU discussions update.
- James Muller will serve as Acting Director of SFEP as of June 8.

4. Estuary Blueprint Implementation: Action 3

North Bay: Bridging Resilience and Ecological Restoration

- James Muller - SFEP; Ellen Plane - SFEI; Barbara Salzman - Marin Audubon

5. Friend of the Estuary Update

- Beck Barger, Carl Wilcox, Josh Bradt - FOE

6. Final FY 27 Workplan and Budget (ACTION)

- Motion to approve the FY 27 Workplan and budget was made by Pat Eklund and Seconded by Stuart Siegel.
Motion carried.

7. Adapt Act Briefing

- Georgia Gann Dohrman - ABAG/MTC

8. IC Member Announcements

- **Jessica Fain (BCDC):** Asking BCDC Commissioners to initiate a Bay Plan amendment on the beneficial reuse of sediment and start the formal planning process. On June 4th there will be a public workshop on this topic. Update on the Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (RSAP). Seven plans have been formally initiated. An RFP for economic analysis and an RFP to modernize the regionwide permitting program are out.
- **Barbara Salzman (Marin Audubon):** Marin Audubon has been selected for funding from EPA to complete Tiscornia Marsh project.
- **Laura Tam (BPC)** The Bay Planning Spring Summit is coming up on May 20th at Scott's Seafood in Oakland. Focus is on the economy of the Bay's waterfront.
- **Campbell Ingram (Delta Conservancy)** General grant guidelines will be going to Board on May 27th. Then we hope to open a solicitation for Prop 4 funding in July. Would be just under \$5 million each for nature-based solutions, ecosystem restoration and community development. Legislation AB2216 would expand jurisdictional boundary to include the remainder of Contra Costa and Lake County.
- **Luisa Valiela (US EPA):** 20 applicants have been "Selected for funding" have not been awarded the funds yet.

- **Lindsay Correa (CDW):** Some grant guidelines are out for Prop 4 funding for the Riverine stewardship program. Guidelines are out for public comment in the next few weeks. The California Water Plan is kicking off inaugural advisory meetings May 13th & 14th. The tribal advisory Committee meeting is on May 4th.
- **Stuart Siegel (SF Bay NERR):** Solano land trust our Rush Ranch Reserve and Goat Island restoration.
- **Matt Grohl (EBRPD):** Hayward marsh project starting work this Fall. Large funding gap for full implementation. Island that provides habitat for threatened species of birds. Part of the project would be to expand the island. Also working on acquiring Golden Gate Fields property, also has a funding gap. Working on a District Plan Update.
- **Rachel Wiggington (DSC):** Three events in upcoming months. June 18th Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee at Bogle Winery in Clarksburg. The Restoration Subcommittee is meeting in the morning. Highlighting Delta and Suisun restoration projects. In the afternoon there will be the fourth annual Restoration Forum. Worked with the Shingle Springs Miwok Indians and California Indian Environmental Alliance to co-produce three different events in June through early July. Lastly, save the date for the 2026 Bay Delta Science Conference. September 28th-30th in Sacramento and the theme is the opportunity of change, building and being the future. Call for abstracts is out and closing on May 29th. Nominations for Brown-Nichols Science Award, which closes on July 1st.
- **Keith Lichten (Water Board):** Waterboard and BCDC are issuing separate letters for the VTA tunnel muck reuse. Would like to use for salt ponds.
- **Emily Corwin (SFEI):** Recruiting for our next Executive Director. SFEI working on sand budget for the Bay. Sand is no longer a renewable resource in the Bay. Would like to have as a future agenda item.

9. 2026 IC Meetings Road Map

- The next IC meeting is on August 19th.

10. Recognition of Director of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, Caitlin Sweeney

- Keith Lichten, Chair and Committee

11. Adjourn to Next Meeting

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.