

**FINAL**

**Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee**

Agreements and Action Items from March 23, 2009 Meeting

**1. Roll Call—Appointed FA representatives present**

<b>WS-WQ</b>	<b>WW-RW</b>	<b>FP-SW</b>	<b>Watershed</b>	<b>Other</b>
Jean Gardner, CCWD; Molly Petrick, SFPUC; Brad Sherwood, SCWA	Brian Campbell, EBMUD	Brian Mendenhall, SCVWD; Mark Boucher, CCCFCD	Harry Seraydarian, NBWA; Melanie Denninger, SCC; Jennifer Krebs, SFEP	Paul Helliker, Chair, MMWD; Nadine Hitchcock, Vice-Chair, SCC

**Others present:**

Gina Bartlett (Center for Collaborative Policy)  
Jack Betourne (NCFCWD)  
Chris Choo (Marin County DPW/FC)  
Thomasin Grim (MMWD)  
Dale Hopkins (RWQCB)  
Carol Mahoney (Zone 7 Water)  
Carl Morrison (Morrison Assoc/SCWA, Z7, SCC)  
Rolf Ohlemutz (VSFCD)  
Ann Riley (SF Bay RWQCB)  
Dave Richardson (RMC)  
Peter Vorster (The Bay Institute)

**2. Update on RAP**

**a. Review Final RAP Guidelines**

Thomasin Grim provided an update on the Final RAP guidelines and distributed a revised RAP Outline, updated based upon the Final RAP guidelines. Carl Morrison noted that DWR will be holding two workshops in April to assist RWMGs in the preparation of the RAP submittals. The workshops will include both public and private sessions. The workshops are scheduled for:

April 2, 2009 – Sacramento (CalEPA Building)  
April 8, 2009 – Los Angeles (Metropolitan Water District)

The group discussed the benefits of representatives from the CC (Thomasin, Carl or Joanne) attending to ask questions on the format of the RAP submittal, the process, and other related matters; it was agreed that attendance would be beneficial to the CC.

**Update:** *Thomasin Grim, Tracy Hemmeter and Carl Morrison will be attending the workshop on April 2<sup>nd</sup> on behalf of the CC.*

Thomasin indicated that the PnP had completed a draft RAP application package. The draft document is a compilation of sections worked on by subcommittee members, and is 91 pages in length at this point. PnP members are currently reviewing the document with the intent of providing RMC the draft work product as well as comments and suggestions.

The schedule is that RMC will receive the work from the PnP at the end of March, begin working on it on April 1, and produce a polished version for CC review by mid April. The CC will need to formally approve submittal of the RAP application package at the April 27 meeting, as it is due to DWR by April 29, 2009.

**b. Funding for RMC to work on RAP**

Melanie Denninger indicated that SCWA funding is currently being processed, and that hopefully the SCC will receive the check by April 1, 2009. Once the funding agreement is executed, the SCC may send an invoice to the SCWA, and payment will be made the next day.

**c. Input on RAP interview attendees**

The PnP provided a recommendation to the CC that the attendees for the RAP interview with DWR consist of the CC Chair, CC Vice-Chair, a representative from each Functional Area (also representing different subregions), and a representative from the Consultant Team. The CC concurred with this recommendation, and with the understanding that changes may be required due to scheduling conflicts once an interview date is announced, the CC reached consensus on the following provisional list of attendees for the RAP interview with DWR (total of 7 people):

No.	Title	Name	Subregion
1	CC Chair	Paul Helliker	
2	CC Vice-Chair	Nadine Hitchcock	
3	FA Representative – WS/WQ	Molly Petrick (SFPUC)	San Francisco/San Mateo
4	FA Representative – WW/RW	Brian Campbell (EBMUD)	East Bay
5	FA Representative – FP/SW	Brian Mendenhall (SCVWD)	South Bay
6	FA Representative – Watershed	Harry Seraydarian (NBWA)	North Bay
7	Consultant Team	Dave Richardson	

Based on the current timeline from DWR, it appears that the interview might be scheduled sometime in June 2009 (TBD).

**d. Update on East Contra Costa County IRWM**

- Jean Gardner indicated that she has checked the Functional Area documents (FAs) for projects that were included in both the East County and Bay Area IRWMPs. She did not find any; however, some projects that were not in the FAs did make it into the Bay Area IRWMP and they need to be addressed. The Project Screening subcommittee will review the existing IRWMP projects list and remove “duplicative” projects.
- The CC discussed the possibility of having the East Contra Costa IRWM region retract its region boundary to avoid the regional boundary overlap, but Jean noted that no planning process has been put in place in the East County so far to proceed further and will not be in the near future, so this is an issue to be addressed in the future—most likely after a planning grant has been received to move the East County from a Functional Equivalent IRWMP to a Full IRWMP. The area in question (within the regional boundary overlap) is within the Concord Naval Weapons Station property, and no projects in that area are anticipated in the near future. Because the East County Group and the Bay Area are going to collaborate on any projects whose benefits flow into or out of the Bay Area Funding Area, the CC agreed that there really is not an “overlap” issue; and the CC Chair indicated that he would prepare a response letter clarifying this issue.

**e. Update on other participating regions**

- CC Chair Paul Helliker indicated that he has not received any letters from Tomales Bay and San Mateo County and will be following up with them.

**3. Update on Subregional Process (Discussion & Action, led by the CC)**

- The CC noted that it would be beneficial for the Subregional Process to be described in the RAP submittal.
- Per Mark Boucher, the Flood Protection FA (Contra Costa and Alameda counties) has drafted a process. It was noted that there is a plan to involve watershed networks in this effort as well.
- Also, Mark's observation was that currently, there is some level of integration between FP/SW and the Watershed/Habitat Functional Areas, but less so between the FP/SW and Water Supply Functional Areas.
- The CC looked into organizations/groups that currently conduct regular meetings and suggested using Storm Water meetings at County-levels for outreach to cities, and LAVWMA and EBDA as a route for involving Wastewater agencies.
- Paul Helliker will consult BAWAC on the involvement of Water agencies in the Subregional Process.
- Tracy Hemmeter was identified as the subregional lead for the South Region. Potential organizations/groups in the subregion include the Creek Coalition, Open Space coalitions, counties and cities, and "Friends of..." groups.
- Molly Petrick was identified as the subregional lead for the San Francisco/San Mateo Subregion. Potential organizations/groups in the subregion include BAWSCA (Water), San Mateo RCD (Watershed), County of San Mateo (FC/SW), and WW organizations (yet to be identified).
- Harry Seraydarian was identified as the subregional lead for the North Bay (NBWA) subregion, which now includes Tomales Bay.
- The CC decided on a mid-April timeline for the following tasks:
  - Describe the process by subregion
  - Continue with the previous prioritization mechanics: including identifying people who will make prioritization decisions, rating and scoring lists, and describing the process of the meetings.

**4. Update on Project Screening Committee (Information, led by the CC)**

**a. Roles, Processes and Meeting Schedules**

- Brian Campbell reported on the status of the Project Screening committee. Committee meetings will be conducted back-to-back with the PnP committee meetings.
- Currently, the committee is reviewing regional projects, and will subsequently discuss new or changed projects. The committee is also working out a schedule or timeline for the screening process.
- The committee raised a question to the CC on how project information could be funded, without a planning grant in place.
- The committee will consult with the website consultant on the mechanics of accepting new projects for consideration via the web site.
- The CC also commented on whether Environmental Justice projects should be sought out and included. This would be beneficial based upon expected funding preferences in the "first round of Prop 84"

- In accordance with expected Prop 84 IRWM guidelines project proponents will be expected to match 25% in terms of overall funding, and fund upfront costs on their own with grant funds to be paid in arrears.

#### **b. Regional Project Concepts**

- Harry Seraydarian read from a draft list of Potential Regional Project Concepts. CC comments are summarized below:
  - Regional conservation – What is the project?
  - Regional recycling – Bay Area Plan and the North Bay Plan (outreach for “non-potable”; public acceptance, etc.)
  - Regional “Green Infrastructure” – Could have ‘pilot projects’ in each subregion.
  - Implementation on Environmental Human Health Risk Reduction Strategies for Mercury – BACWA & SFEI
  - Regional Mapping GIS/Habitat – FP/SW will be the Lead. A Lidar project was considered. MMWD is formulating a “Bay Area-wide” project description.
  - Floodplain/Watershed Forum – Has been discussed in the past, but may not need it on a regional level.
  - Fisheries Enhancement – Did have project #4 and #32 on the original list.
- Other comments from the CC are as follows:
  - Water – Analysis of Allotment base (coming from California Urban Water Conservation Council; ACWD has experience with it) Allotment methodologies carry both pros and cons. It is currently being worked on, and should be ready by summer
  - Sometimes small projects (not regional) are better.
  - Could do something with PG&E (Water-Energy nexus)
  - AB 811 Financing – Adding in Water Conservation
  - “Regional” projects that agglomerate one type of project (e.g. conservation activities or water recycling facilities) may not provide significant integration of multiple benefits and could rank lower with respect to prioritization/funding criteria than local projects that integrate multiple water resources benefits.
  - Carol Mahoney mentioned that a Bay Area-wide facilities mapping project is being written up by Sara Duckler from SCVWD for BAFPA, and Ralph Johnson is writing up the Bay Tidal Study.
  - Grey water projects could be an option.
    - Statewide grey water guidelines: people should comment on it
  - “Bay-level wide sea level rise” – should it be considered a regional or local project?
    - Good investment in elevation data, but groundtruthing is needed. BCDC – cartoon mapping (per Will Travis).
  - Peter Vorster mentioned the Los Vaqueros project as a potential regional project.
  - Another suggestion was to re-examine the water system inerties; now that we have done some, do we need more?
- The CC noted that local cost-sharing is needed for the projects, and that regional projects need to be in balance with local projects.

#### **c. Website Update**

Carol Mahoney indicated that the website consultant currently had \$5,000 remaining funds from the original contract amount of \$20,000 (plus \$11,000 that was funded from elsewhere). She asked if the CC would consider setting up an interactive spreadsheet/project setup form and hosting it on the Bay Area IRWM Plan website. Carol is working with the web-designer to facilitate his presence at the next conference call for the PnP subcommittee meeting to discuss options.

## **5. Discuss future funding for consultant work**

- The CC discussed future funding for consultant work and agreed that the Bay Area IRWM Plan update would need to be completed within 2 years of a grant application. The point was made that participants need to pay to stay involved. Paul noted that when he raised this with BAWAC, there was general acknowledgement of this point.
- Funding for consultant work should be coordinated with the timing for Planning grants.
- Jennifer Krebs questioned if “shovel-ready” projects might be a criterion for getting funding.
- The CC agreed to develop a rough scoping of the work and might propose that funding contributions should be in alignment with subregional allocations (for example, using Allocation F). Paul Helliker will discuss this with the Functional Areas (FA) and Subregion Leads.

## **6. Announcements**

The DWR will be conducting a Bay Area regional public workshop to gather and share information about the Public Review Draft of the California Water Plan (CWP) Update 2009. The SF Bay regional workshop will be held in Fairfield on Monday, April 20, 2009 from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm at the Solano County Administration Building. A draft workshop agenda is available online at <http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/materials/index.cfm?subject=apr2009>

### **Action Item(s):**

- 1) The RAP application document will be available around April 20, 2009. The CC needs to approve the document on April 27, 2009. It is due April 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **7. Agenda Items and Details for the next IRWMP CC Meeting**

- Act on RAP Application

The next CC meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2009, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the Elihu Harris State Building.