

NBWA
Watershed Council Meeting Summary
February 5, 2014 – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Point Blue, Petaluma

I. Introductions.

* Introductions began at 3:10 p.m. and Harry Seraydarian, NBWA Executive Director, reviewed the agenda.

II. Prop 84 Round 3 Funding Opportunities

Harry Seraydarian presented a PowerPoint beginning with background on the Bay Area processes and projects for Rounds 1 and 2. Harry outlined the process for Round 3 funding expected to be \$73 million for the Bay Area. He then described the phases and schedule for the Bay Area Round 3 Project Selection Process. Milestones included: Regional Concept Guidance and submittals, Sub-Regional Guidance and submittals, 2nd call for top tier projects based on the DWR draft PSP (July 2014?), Final Proposals Selection, and Application Submittal. Harry continued by explaining the common requirements for all concept submittals: 1) Inclusion in the 2013 Bay Area IRWM Plan, 2) Readiness to Proceed, 3) 25% Upfront Match, 4) Define Physical Benefits, 5) Benefit/Cost Analysis, 6) Cash for Consultant, 7) Collaboration, 8) Multi-Objective/Integrated, and 9) Amount of Grant Request. Harry then provided more details on all of these requirements and mentioned the general minimum for regional concepts is \$5m and sub-regional is \$1m. He highlighted the due date for “Regional Concept” submittals: March 31, 2014 and the additional requirement to describe the regional impact/effect of the proposal. Harry noted that Sub-Regional Concept proposals are due by April 30, 2014 and indicated the guidance for both is available at <http://bairwmp.org/> and that projects can be submitted to projects@bairwmp.org. Harry further discussed the Regional Needs that had been identified by the Bay Area Coordinating Committee: **Climate Change** (as relates to *all* topics below) but also including: Enhanced Weather Management Projects and Shoreline Sustainability Projects, Reinforce/Enhance Water Supply Capacity (Desal, Infiltration, Interties), Regional Water Reliability/Long-Term Sustainability (Nutrients/Wastewater/Recycling), Health of the Bay and Creeks (Water Quality and Biota), Sediment Management, Invasives Management, Riparian and Fisheries Restoration, and Protection of Water Source Areas. Harry then reinforced the basic requirements by reviewing the format for submittals (applicant info., project narrative, preliminary budget, timeline, and background documents) and noting where the requirements should be addressed. Harry emphasized that the Bay Area Coordinating Committee is looking for fewer larger projects in this first phase that are “scalable” and is still interested in DAC projects. Harry added that additional resources are available on the Bay Area website (past applications) and the NBWA Benefit/Cost Manual: http://nbwatershed.org/library/NBWA_Handbook_2012-1221.pdf. Harry also summarized the Coordinating Committee’s recent discussions on setting preliminary ranges for regional and sub-regional funding and the general approach to suggest a range of \$20 million-\$50 million for both Regional and Sub-Regional Concepts. Harry concluded by describing next steps for the Bay Area: refine the review process and factors to be considered, review concepts submitted, and administer a call back of top tier projects after the DWR issues a draft PSP. Harry posed the question about scheduling subsequent North Bay County outreach meetings and County leads for Marin, Napa, and Sonoma indicated they would hold follow-up meetings.

III. DWR Update on Status of Round 3

Tracie Billington, Chief Financial Branch, DWR, presented a PowerPoint beginning with an announcement that the DWR director had approved final Round 2 awards on Feb. 4 and the Bay Area and North Coast proposals had both been approved as submitted. She also noted that the DWR had tentatively increased “partial” awards in the draft approval to full funding by adding ~ \$22 million pending authorization by the Legislature. Tracie then described the workshops that the DWR has scheduled for Round 3 in February. The DWR will hold three (3) workshops between 2/18 and 2/27 in Redding, Sacramento, and Irvine. The purpose of these workshops is to get early input on Round 3, improve the IRWM Grant Program delivery, and identify anticipated/known changes. Tracie then highlighted that the Governor’s budget includes \$472.5 million for IRWM funding (Bay Area remaining share: \$73,488,858) and that the DWR anticipates possible legislative directions. Tracie then explained known changes for Round 3: Human Right to Water; CASGEM (ground water monitoring requirements); Agricultural Water Management Plans; Water Metering; SWRCB Nitrate Report; and Delta Plan recommendations. She moved on to anticipated changes and noted possible funding targets for DACs, Drought Mitigation/Water Conservation, and reducing dependence on the Delta for water supply. She also commented that the DWR may require clearer ties between projects and regional priorities. She also mentioned that changes to statewide priorities could include the Governor’s Water Action Plan and the California Water Plan 2013 in addition to the known items above. Tracie emphasized that the DWR would be developing a streamlined application and

a shortened solicitation period (one year from appropriation). She then presented some examples of possible changes in the workplan requirements (focus on how projects will be implemented), monitoring assessment and performance standards (target to match benefits), and program preferences/statewide priorities (priorities within priorities), Benefits and Cost Analysis (tie into regional priorities), scoring table/proposal summaries (concerns identified). Tracie then provided the Round 3 schedule: Comments due after workshops: 3/21/2014; Draft PSP and Guidelines – after appropriation: July 1, 2014, Final PSP and Guidelines: late summer; applications due (late fall); and awards: by June 30, 2015. Tracie then provided some verbal clarifications on the prior presentation by Harry. The DWR allows concurrent drawdown of match as an option to match spent first. The DWR can waive or reduce 25% match for DACs. The DWR has concluded that some applicants have done well with consultant support and some have not. Tracie also noted that the date for match cutoff is determined by the DWR and was 2008 for Round 1 and may shift for Round 3.

IV. Potential North Bay Projects

- * The participants identified potential North Bay projects (and some regional projects). This input was captured by Caitlin Cornwall and displayed so audience members could identify possible opportunities for collaboration. The draft table is attached. There was some confusion on state match requirements.
- * The official DWR requirement is: “The minimum funding match is 25% of the total proposal cost.”

V. Wrap Up.

- * Will hold another Watershed Council Meeting in mid-2014
Possible topics:
 - BAIRWMP – Round 3 Funding
 - Ecosystem Services – Earth Economics

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Participants:

Mollie Asay, SCWA	Carl Morrison, SCWA
Tracie Billington, DWR	Dan Muelrath, Valley of the Moon Water District
Daniel Chase, WRA, Inc.	Mark Newhouser, Sonoma Ecology Center
Jim Chayka, CCNB	John Parodi, PRBO
Chris Choo, Marin County Public Works	Carrie Pollard, SCWA
Caitlin Cornwall, Sonoma Ecology Center	Elizabeth Preim-Rohtla, NBWA
Pat Costello, City of Napa	Jeff Rhodes, Argonaut Company
Wendy Eliot, Sonoma Land Trust	Judy Schriebman, LGVSD
Stephanie Faulkner, Napa County RCD	Harry Seraydarian, NBWA
Leslie Ferguson, RWGB	Leigh Sharp, Napa CountyRCD
Brenda Goeden, BCDC	Jake Spaulding, SCWA
Thomasin Grim, MMWD	John Stewart plus one, Los Carneros Water District
Daphne Hatch, GGNRA	Susan Stompe, Marin Conservation League
Susan Haydon, SCWA	Elise Suronen, Marin RCD
Kara Heckert, Sonoma County RCD	Hally Swan, Southern Sonoma County RCD
Trathen Heckman, Daily Acts	Rick Thomasser, Napa County
Tracy Hemmeter, Santa Clara Valley Water	Pam Tuft, City of Petaluma
Joan Hultberg, SCWA	Leah Walker, City of Petaluma
Mike Kim, City of Calistoga	Renee Webber, NBWRA
Julian Meisler, Sonoma Land Trust	Vanessa Wyant, Point Blue/STRAW