

NBWA
NBWA Watershed Council Meeting Summary
September 27, 2011 – 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Novato Sanitary District
500 Davidson Street, Novato, CA 94945

I. Introduction/Announcements.

- The North Bay Climate Adaptation Initiative will host a community summit titled “Sonoma County Taking the Heat – Adapting Our Communities and Environment for Climate Change” at Pepperwood Preserve’s Dwight Center for Conservation Science, 3450 Franz Valley Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95404, on November 3 and 4, 2011. This event is free to the public but registration is required. Participants can register on-line <http://northbayclimatesummit2011.eventbrite.com/>

II. BAIRWMP Update.

Harry used a PowerPoint presentation to update the Council on Bay Area efforts. Harry first reported the latest milestones of the DWR Grant for the Plan Update: NBWA received the DWR commitment letter on April 12, which asked for more detail on Disadvantaged Communities; a Request for Proposals was issued by MMWD on July 13; the Plan Update Team reviewed proposals on August 31; and interviews were completed on September 13. Kennedy Jenks has been chosen as the consultant. Harry noted the emphasis that will be placed on Climate Change in the Plan Update and highlighted the plan elements that should include North Bay involvement, highlighting the project review process. Harry informed the Council of a tentative schedule for the Plan Update and the likely time frame for adding projects (June-August, 2012). Harry then explained the table of the North Bay Project Funding, including the Bay Area Implementation Grant and the relative share on a percentage basis. Harry reviewed the recent 2011 events and highlighted the final grant decisions on August 15: Regional Recycling – \$10m; Regional Water Conservation – \$9.203m; Regional Green Infrastructure Capacity Building – \$4.316m; Bay Area Wetland Ecosystem Restoration Program – \$3.75m; Integrated Water Quality Improvement, Flood Management and Ecosystem Restoration in Bay Area Disadvantaged Communities – \$2.2m; Administration – \$.643m. The Bay Area received the largest state grant for \$30,093,592. North Bay Projects are: Recycling – NBWRA Projects (Novato North-NMWD \$500k, Novato South-Hamilton-LGVSD \$500k, Napa State Hospital-Napa Sanitation \$500k, Sonoma Valley-SCVSD/SCWA \$500k) and Peacock Gap, MMWD \$500k = Total of \$2.5m; Conservation – City of Napa \$330k, SCWA \$765k, Solano \$692k, MMWD \$863k, General \$178k, and Napa Rainwater \$250k (moved from Green Infrastructure) = Total of \$3.078m; No North Bay projects for Green Infrastructure; Wetlands – Sears Point \$1.25m; Integrated Water Quality Improvement, etc. included STRAW (PRBO) \$200k, North Bay share of general mapping and watershed assistance \$216k, and North Bay share for Steelhead in Napa and Sonoma \$250k. Harry noted that the grant should be finalized by the DWR in early 2012. Harry then presented the draft results of the 1-E storm water grants:

http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/integregio_stormwaterflood.cfm

Harry noted that 4 out of 5 Bay Area grants were approved for a total of almost \$67 million and that the North Bay Project for Phoenix Lake was approved for \$7.66 million. Harry highlighted the recently announced SWRCB Prop 84 funding for storm water which had guidelines adopted in 2009. Harry noted that grants could be for \$250k up to \$3 million with a sliding match of 5 to 20%. This is a statewide competition with a total of \$82 million. The announcement is scheduled for November 15, 2011 and a workshop is scheduled in Oakland at 10:00 a.m. on December 6, 2011. www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/prop84/index.shtm

Harry then described the North Bay Sub-Regional Process developed in 2009 for the first round of Prop 84 funding which included: NBWA as the lead including Solano County; the NBWA Watershed Council in an advisory role; County leads; and a three step process for developing project proposals: (1) Meeting of all counties to review guidance; (2) Integrated county meetings to include all stakeholders; and (3) All counties in one meeting to review input. Harry walked through the details of these 3 meetings and highlighted the need for stakeholder lists in each county (ideally by functional area) and the use of county funding targets. Harry identified the county leads included in the draft 2009 Process: Liz Lewis – Lead for Marin County (Chris Choo), Rick Thomasser – Lead for Napa County, Dave Okita – Lead for Solano County Water Agency (Chris Lee), and Brad Sherwood, Lead for Sonoma County Water Agency. Harry laid out a tentative schedule for the North Bay role in the Plan Update. Harry then presented recent information on the possible schedule for Prop 84 Round 2 funding which could start as early as January 2012 with applications due as early as May. Harry noted the major challenges for any Implementation Grant submittal using the sub-regional process and emphasized the importance of Cost/Benefit analysis in DWR scoring for Water Supply, Water Quality and other, and Flood Damage Reduction.

Suggestion:

- * Schedule meeting of county leads earlier (in October) in anticipation of next round of funding.

Action – Harry should e-mail county leads and set up meeting in October to discuss projects; leads should update stakeholder lists (by functional area) and identify integration concepts.

Note! After Watershed Council Meeting, DWR put out a proposed “ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE OF FUTURE IRWM GRANT SOLICITATIONS” SEPTEMBER 26, 2011 http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/integregio_resourceslinks.cfm
This proposed schedule indicates DWR will have a 2-step process with an IRWM Plan Evaluation Phase starting in Fall 2012 and then a Project Evaluation Phase in Summer 2013.

Action – Chris Choo will distribute Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) Map generated by SFEP.

Suggestion:

- * Review DWR Implementation Proposal reviews of Cost Benefit Analysis to determine what DWR prefers in C/B analysis.

III. 2012 Conference Input.

Harry presented the Theme for 2012 – Climate Change Adaptation; the location – Sheraton Petaluma; and date – April, 13, 2012. Harry noted that the NBWA Administrative Steering Committee decided to keep costs the same as the 2010 Conference (\$80 registration, \$70 early bird, \$40 for Watershed Council Member or Affiliate). Harry announced that one of the confirmed Keynotes is Jared Huffman. The 3 panels are: 1) Science – What is the Change? (Confirmed speakers: David Behar – Climate Change Alliance; Lisa Micheli – Pepperwood); 2) Sea Level Rise – How can we Adapt? (Confirmed: Will Travis – BCDC; Jeremy Lowe – PWA); 3) Flood Management and Watershed Health – How can we improve both? (Confirmed: Bruce Wolfe – RWQCB; Ellie Cohen – PRBO; Meredith Williams – Napa – SFEI)

Suggestions:

- * Add speaker on Water Supply Management Changes on Panel 3 or clarify presentations on first panel.
- * Include “King Tide” pictures (BCDC)
- * Input on Possible Speakers:
SPUR Report on effects of Climate Change – Sara Karlinsky
Rachel Kamman
Mitch Avalon – flood management
USACE speaker on Hamilton Sea Level Rise Report

IV. Wrap Up.

Next Meeting: January 2012?

Possible topics

- * NBCAI Update
- * BAIRWMP Plan and Projects
- * North Bay TMDL Projects
- * 2012 Conference Update

Participants:

Darcy Aston – Napa Sanitation District
Betsy Bikle – Mill Valley Streamkeepers &
Marin Conservation League
Tracy Clay – Marin County Public Works Dept.
Chris Choo – Marin County Public Works Dept.
Caitlin Cornwall – Sonoma Ecology Center
Carlos Diaz – Winzler & Kelly
Jack Gibson – Marin Municipal Water District
Dale Hopkins – CA Regional Water Quality
Control Board

Liz Lewis – Marin County Stormwater Pollution
Prevention Program
Jaime O’Halloran – U.S Army Corps of Engineers –
San Francisco District
Leigh Sharp – Napa County Resource
Conservation District
Susan Stompe – Marin Conservation League
Pamela Tuft – City of Petaluma
Harry Seraydarian, NBWA Executive Director
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