

NBWA
Watershed Council Meeting Summary
January 24, 2012 – 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Novato Sanitary District
500 Davidson Street
Novato, CA 94945

I. Introductions.

Introductions began at 4:20 p.m. and Harry Seraydarian, NBWA Executive Director reviewed the agenda.

II. BAIRWMP Update/North Bay Sub-Region Kickoff. Harry used a PowerPoint presentation to update the Council on Bay Area efforts. He first provided background on Prop 50 (\$500 million for IRWM passed in 2002) and emphasized the need to have an adopted plan or “functional equivalent” to be eligible for implementation funding. He presented an outline for the 2006 Bay Area Plan – www.bairwmp.org and described the Prop 50 Round 1 grant awarded to the Bay Area for \$12.5 million. Harry noted the Bay Area did not receive any Round 2 Prop 50 funding since our plan did not score well in the Step 1 screening process. Harry then explained the “Functional Areas” that had contributed to the initial plan and how they have evolved.

Harry then moved on to Prop 84 (\$1 billion for IRWM passed in 2006). He highlighted some of the differences: funds allocated by funding region (\$138 million targeted for the Bay Area); a regional acceptance process; climate change and relation to local land use added to plan requirements; and 25% match. Harry summarized the regional acceptance process and noted that the Bay Area was one of three approved regions (out of 46) that included entire funding area. Harry then described the concept of sub-regions for the Bay Area that were created to foster outreach, coordination, project solicitation, and project integration. Harry explained the sub-region boundaries and the concept of target allocations that were adopted by the Bay Area. He then illustrated how the project evaluation in the plan could be converted to a score and a ranking. Harry summarized the Prop 84 grant requirements and emphasized that implementation proposals had to be submitted by one lead applicant, and that Cost/Benefit analysis was a major factor in scoring by the state. Harry summarized the projects that were included in the Bay Area Round 1 submittal and the Cost/Benefit analysis that was included. Harry emphasized that the Round 1 submittal included “regional” projects given the original limit on funding and time constraints on application submittal. He noted the North Bay did receive about 25% of the total \$30 million awarded to the Bay Area. Harry also summarized the results of the 1-E Stormwater Flood Management funding and noted that the Bay Area did well in the statewide competition.

Harry then focused on the Plan Update and described the elements in the plan update and the emphasis on Climate Change. He presented the overall schedule (final plan by August 2013) and the schedule for the Project Review Process (ends in November 2012). Harry described the process for the North Bay and identified the county leads. He then described the existing project template and the most recent thinking on updating the template and how that would relate to scoring projects and anticipating Cost/Benefit analysis. Harry noted that ~\$100 million was still available for the Bay Area and highlighted some of the challenges for the sub-regions and watersheds. He also noted that Round 2 funding would be dependent on a review of our progress in updating the Bay Area Plan. Harry presented the schedule for follow-up County Meetings: Marin–February 9–2:00-4:00 pm–Marin County Civic Center–Room 410-B; Napa–February 21–5:30-7:30 pm–Yountville Community Center; Sonoma–March 1–6:00-7:30 pm–Petaluma Lucchesi Community Center; Solano – No meeting scheduled.

The group had a few questions. How do we develop a legitimate project? (Merge a “Friends” group interest of fish habitat health with a city interest of flood management to make an “integrated” project.) Would trailer parks count as a disadvantaged community? (No, not necessarily, Kearns & West, sub-consultants on plan update will perform outreach to disadvantaged communities.)

III. 2012 Conference Update. Harry Seraydarian presented a conference update, reminding everyone of the Date: April 13, 2012, Location: Sheraton Petaluma, and the Theme: “Climate Change Adaptation – How can we be ready?” The Keynote Speakers are: Jared Huffman, CA State Assemblymember and Chair of the Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife and Margaret Davidson, NOAA, Director, Coastal Services Center. The Panels are Science: What will be the impacts on water supply, habitat, and flooding?; Sea Level Rise: How can we adapt?; and Flood Management and Watershed Health: How can we improve both? Registration is available online for \$80 (\$70 before January 31, 2012); Watershed Council \$40. There will be a wine tasting at the end of the conference day. We are up doing very well with sponsorships. For more information on the program for the day, please visit our website www.nbwatershed.org

IV. Wrap Up.

- * Will hold another Watershed Council Meeting in 3 to 4 months focusing on the Bay Area Process for the Plan Update and Projects.
- * A topic on watershed signage was requested for the next meeting.
- * Brad Sherwood, SCWA announced the roll out of several commercial PSA's from KRCB – “Know Your Watershed”

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Participants = 42

Darcy Aston – Napa Sanitation District Sherry Barbic – The Bay Institute Subrata Bandy – HDR Engineering Betsy Bikle – Mill Valley Streamkeepers & Marin Conservation League Chris Choo – Marin County, Dept. of Public Works Tracy Clay – Marin County, Dept. of Public Works Caitlin Cornwall – Sonoma Ecology Center Paul Curfman – ESA Chris DeGabriele – North Marin Water District Tim Dodson – Dept. of Fish & Game Scott Dusterhoff – Stillwater Sciences Anthony Falzone – Newfields Leslie Ferguson – RWQCB Roger Fry – CDM Smith Vince Geronimo – AECOM Bianca Gomez – City of Mill Valley Thomasin Grim – Marin Municipal Water District Erica Heimberg – Salmon Protection & Watershed Network Erika Hughes – Marin Resource Conservation District Beverly James – Novato Sanitary District Janet Klein – Marin Municipal Water District	Max Korten – Conservation Corps North Bay Kallie Kull – Marin County, Dept. of Public Works Manijeh Larizadeh – City of Novato Sue Lattanzio – Friends of Novato Creek Liz Lewis – Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program Doug Moore – West Yost Associates Carl Morrison – Morrison & Associates Matt O’Connor – OEI Laurette Rogers – PRBO (STRAW) Matt Sagues – Marin County Open Space District Tito Sasaki – North Bay Agricultural Alliance Judy Schriebman – Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District Leigh Sharp – Napa County RCD Brad Sherwood – Sonoma County Water Agency Susan Stompe – Marin Conservation League Caitlin Sweeney – San Francisco Estuary Partnership Rick Thomasser – Napa County Lin To – HDR Engineers Pamela Tuft – City of Petaluma Harry Seraydarian – NBWA Elizabeth Preim-Rohtla – NBWA
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