

North Bay Watershed Association

Summary of the meeting of the North Bay Watershed Association (NBWA) Board of Directors.

Date: Friday, January 11th, 2019 – 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Location: 220 Nellen Ave, Corte Madera, Ca 94954 CA

Directors or Representatives Present Included:

Board Member	Agency/Organization	Board Member	Agency/Organization
Mary Sackett & Chris Choo	Marin County	Leon Garcia	Napa Co. Flood Control & Water Cons. Dist.
Michael Boorstein	Central Marin Sanitation Agency		
Pam Drew	City of Novato	Jack Gibson	Marin Municipal Water District
Elizabeth Patterson	Solano County Water Agency	Sandeep Karkal	Novato Sanitary District
Megan Clark	Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District	Rick Fraites	North Marin Water District
Steve Moore	Ross Valley Sanitary District	Ryan Gregory	Napa Sanitation District
Paul Jensen	City of San Rafael	Mike Healey	City of Petaluma
Steve Hartwig	City of American Canyon		

Board Actions:

1. Call to Order – Jack Gibson called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.
2. Public Comment - No public comment.
3. Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes, and acceptance of the Treasure’s Report – Items were approved with Elizabeth Patterson and Megan Clark abstaining; Treasure’s Report was not reviewed as it was unavailable in time for the meeting.
4. Review of New Conservation Requirement, Sean McNeil, Santa Rosa. Recent conservation legislation calls for state-wide water conservation targets to be met by 2020. Long-time conservers worry they have hardened water-use numbers through best-practices drought actions. The State Board has been looking at how to create more flexibility in the approach that water retailers can apply in getting to the target numbers. Santa Rosa was in the first group of test municipalities that worked with DWR on the details of this effort. Sean explained that the current indoor water use target is 55 gpd per person and will go down to 50 gpd over time. Outdoor targets are being set as a % of landscape water (ET) need. Dept of water resources will be working with all urban water retailers. The work entails going to counties, getting parcel data, map overlays, imagery and then run a computer model that creates a water budget. The retailers then meet with DWR and correct errors -- that information is entered into the system to allow for “machine learning” and better future estimates. The City of Santa Rosa indoor water budget 2.3B gallons per year and properties were broken into categories for calculation. For example, driveways, rooflines are taken out of irrigable estimates. The City did this for 3,500 properties. Then the work was ground-tested on the property itself. Figures were then calculated for the entire service area - not at the individual property level. There will be rule making in the next few years as the state rolls out the implementation and determine how best to apply the law. Sean notes that North Marin is in next phase of DWR work. Questions: How is a swimming pool calculated? A: as non irrigable. Q: What

about the need for beneficial plants, like bee pollinator target plants? A: these tend to be low water use plants and beneficial to the lower water use calculations.

5. Draft Strategic Plan Update and Overview, Judy Kelly, ED NBWA; Chris Choo, Principal Watershed Planner, County of Marin. Chris and Judy reviewed the current state of the Draft Strategic Plan and walked through the draft document, which was passed out for review. They emphasized that to implement the new priorities [focus on project development, project funding, improved internal and external communications, and developing a stronger regional focus on managing water resources under “one water” concepts] NBWA will need a reallocation of resources including using the additional dues funding from our newest members for outside contract and staff support; stronger participation by Board members themselves to enhance communications across agencies, and direction by Board members to their respective staff members encouraging engagement with NBWA committee and Board work.

Both agenda item presentations are posted on the NBWA website.

Meeting adjourned at 12:32

Next Meeting Information: February 1st, 2019, Petaluma Community Center, 320 N McDowell Blvd, Petaluma, CA 94954

SUBMITTED BY:
Judy Kelly
Executive Director
NBWA