

NBWA Joint Technical Committee
March 27 Summary

Attendees:

Matt Sagues, Marin Municipal Water District
Jack Gibson, MMWD
Judy Schriebman, Las Gallinas Valley Water District
Kelly White, GHD
Sandy Gouldman, Friends of Corte Madera Creek
Jeff Schreiber, Sonoma RCD
Judy Kelly, NBWA
Chris Choo, Marin County [Chair]
Rob Carson, MCSTOPP
Will Stockard, MCSTOPP
Lucas Patzek, Napa RCD

Chris reminded the Committee that we are working to help the Association set up a discussion of the One Water concept, among ourselves, and in conjunction with the Board.

Today we are brainstorming questions that were sent as part of today's agenda, looking for ways our organizations can potentially work cross jurisdictions under a One Water concept.

Matt mentioned that Prop 68 money is coming soon and suggested we develop the One Water ahead of the grants in the area of water supply/water resources. He mentioned a number of funding agencies came to Marc Levine's Prop 68 town hall recently for information on available grants. The slides and funding opportunities presented are found here:

<https://a10.asmdc.org/event/20190315-funding-opportunities-and-planning-tools-conservation-north-bay>

Also, the Resource Agency's most recent Funding Opportunities spreadsheet is at:
<http://resources.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Final-Agency-Grants-and-Loans.pdf>

The Green Infrastructure grant program is launching soon. It may be more natural resource focused than water focused, but might be worth a look:

<http://resources.ca.gov/grants/green-infrastructure>

Sandy noted that stormwater should be part of a One Water approach and commented that Marin groundwater is important to base stream flow. She is concerned that well permits are issued and the relationship to flow and fish not considered. Green infrastructure is one way we can get stormwater better integrated.

Rob mentioned that the Regional Board is developing a new stormwater permit. The North Bay will either stay under the Phase II program or move under the full Municipal Regional Permit [MRP] in the next iteration. Rob noted that there would be PCB and Mercury actions required under whatever new permit comes out. Discussions are ongoing with the Regional Board. By 2021, the expectation is that the permittees will need to develop green

infrastructure plans. MCSTOPP has developed a manual for the County on ways to recognize and implement green infrastructure opportunities. Southern Sonoma, Russian River, and Marin Co. have already self-certified their plans. The State now needs a concurrence review on the plans. We expect implementation funds this summer.

Kelly noted that Monterey is collecting stormwater all across the country, and she mentioned Measure W passed in LA, which is a tax on impervious surfaces, the money to be used for green infrastructure. These efforts can serve as models also. Napa is already pursuing a community service district and San Rafael has done one as well. CSD's as model; has taxing authority. Governed by state code. Changing boundary is a LAFCO issue. Can you manage all the resources within that CSD—fire, flood, etc? A decentralized system is another aspect to consider, as is reducing/removing stormwater/floodwaters from higher in the watershed through rainwater capture, spreading basins, detention ponds, etc. SF is a model for this, and has implemented LID principles - big buildings in designated areas are now required to deal with water on-site.

We discussed the challenges of how NBWA can help support the One Water concept with four member counties and many organizations. Perhaps as a first phase, NBWA can pursue studies, good models, and draft ordinances that can be shared across the region. Another challenge is that sewer agencies are overwhelmed by big storms; WWTPs are generally only looking at taking runoff from smaller rains for recycling/treating.

Lucas has been thinking about the need for better wildfire/forest management/water integration. We lack good forest hydrological information in this region [Matt mentioned we couldn't access Calfire money without better data] -- unlike the greater amount of data we have on the Sierra watersheds. He also mentioned that the North Coast RCDs just got funding for a new regional watershed coordinator to cover the Eel River down to Marin, and said that working with the NBWA would be part of that effort. The local RCDs also just went through an MOU process to facilitate better cooperation. Matt added he would like a map of what resources are at stake. The issues over the Potter Valley project have highlighted some regional differences. If we better understand where all the water resources are and what's at stake for each agency, we could perhaps better support other member's projects if water reliability was at stake. How and under what circumstances can we act outside our own agency to support others?

Chris reiterated that we need to build up NBWA agency staff involvement in the JTC to help us answer questions such as - what are the gaps that can be appropriately filled by region wide efforts? She mentioned that NBWA did coordinate a regional grant, although that was a strain on the fiscal managers and perhaps not efficient. She asked the group to think about how can we best identify gaps and work to fill those gaps. How can we help this group function more coordinated way?

At the last meeting we talked about each county starting a conversation about county-wide resources and needs. Since Napa is just finishing this up, Lucas agreed to review that process with us in May and also reminded the group about the May 16th Napa Symposium in downtown Napa NBWA and asked us to help promote the event.

Action Items

- 1) Matt will forward information about the Prop 68 workshop and the grant-tracking list [items now included in this summary]
- 2) Lucas will lead the discussion at the next JTC meeting in May and review how Napa conducted its review of needs and gaps
- 3) Dates were reconfirmed for JTC meetings and locations for 2019: all Wednesdays – May 22, July 24, September 25, November 27th , and all the meetings will be at the MCSTOPP Marin offices.
- 4) Send Judy K suggestions for improvements and functionality of website.
- 5] Homework for group: What resources are at stake? What opportunities are there? Where might we use shared resources: Ex: Marin sewage agencies collaborate monthly on generators/equipment/education/outreach. That structure could be modeled elsewhere. Ask what are the most important resources and issues from our agency's perspective? Priorities?