

North Bay Watershed Association  
 Draft Summary - the North Bay Watershed Association (NBWA) Board of Directors.  
 Date: Friday, May 1st, 2020 – 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. Location: via zoom call/video

Directors or Representatives Present Included:

Board Member	Agency/Organization	Board Member	Agency/Organization
Michael Boorstein	Central Marin Sanitation Agency	Megan Clark/ Judy Schriebmen	Las Gallinas Valley
Pam Meigs	Ross Valley Sanitary District	Jack Gibson	Marin Municipal Water District
Rob Carson	MCSTOPP	Jean Mariani	Novato Sanitary District
Damon Connolly	Marin County	Amy Peele	City of Novato
Elisabeth Patterson	Solano Co. Water	Paul Jenson	City of San Rafael
Ryan Gregory	Napa Sanitation Dist.	Leon Garcia	Napa Co. Flood Control & Water Cons. Dist
Susan Gorin/Grant Davis	Sonoma Co		

1. Call to Order – Jack Gibson called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. Biruk from SFEI explained the basics about managing ourselves on the call/video.
2. Public Comment - No public comment.
3. Approval of Agenda and 4. March 2020 Summary with one correction to the Summary; add “SD” to the end of Ross Valley. 5. There was no May Treasure’s Report. The Agenda and Minutes from March were approved.

**6. Information exchange.**

Jack explained that over 50% of MMWD folks are field folks, all others are working at home. Open space is still available but parking lots closed. Wildfire work still going on but other construction is halted. Not charging late fees and bill payments. Pam stated that Ross Valley SD has determined how to keep staff separated with hour rearrangement. RVSD also declared an emergency and notified FEMA/CalOES, and are tracking all expenses related to COVID-19 that may be reimbursable through FEMA. Pam also mentioned that there was a Marin Grand Jury report issued last week that reviewed the websites of all the County jurisdictions and recommended changes to create consistency and transparency in how the salaries of elected officials and others at the various towns, cities, district and the county are presented.

Paul Jensen said that the city is closed but 95% of staff are working at home using “Remote Desktop”. Most time has been spent with emergency operations, dealing with social service like food delivery to the needy, a business loan program, etc. Susan Gorin mused that the golf courses might be opening too early. Amy Peele mentioned they have similar financial issues as other cities and counties and they are also doing a small business loan program for the city, up to \$300,000. They will be opening the city front desks in mid-May to deal with permits etc. Leon mentioned that the local trails are still popular but that sites like basketball courts were modified so no play can occur. They are working with Chambers of Commerce to see what the appropriate ways of opening will be once the Governor makes his pronouncements. Jean said they split field staff into groups to reduce opportunities for infection. The question was asked about what are the sanitary districts doing about the possibility of rebates to businesses that are closed. This could be a big issue in the schools, which pay a lot of sewage charges. Ryan said that they have not received any hardship requests but that might be coming, but he worried about the Prop 18 process for next year. Megan said the district’s financial manager has left and if you know of anyone who might be interested in the position to please let her know. They too have been discussing rates for Prop 18 but think they will ask for a 4% increase, which will be hard. Judy K. mentioned she has seen articles about measuring the COVID 19 virus as part of the analysis into the true extent of the virus in communities. Elisabeth mentioned the excellent online water conference she attended and expressed her concern that bottled water use is on the rise. Benicia has been aggressive about reaching out for early intervention for people who are in need. Solano will meet next week, its contract water fees have not been reduced and farmers seem to be doing ok.

**7. 20/21 Budget.** Judy walked the group through basics of the proposed budget by reviewing the details contained in the associated Budget Memo. After her review of the documents, the proposed NBWA 20/21 Budget was approved by a unanimous vote.

**8. Adoption of Revised IRWMP.** James Muller of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership walked the group through the background of the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan [IRWMP] process, the focus of the work conducted under IRWMP, and gave an overview of the amount of funding and projects. He explained the nature of the required IRWMP changes and that they focused a great deal on climate change and better inclusion of Tribes and disadvantaged communities into the IRWMP process. Pam M. asked about what DAC and Tribal enhanced participation means. Judy explained that DAC areas are defined by the state and that Tribal organizations are now greatly involved in the process. James explained which organizations are involved. The Board was reminded that the action today is to adopt the revised Plan in order to keep the North Bay and the rest of the Region qualified to receive funds. Further information about the Regional Plan is available on the IRWMP website. The Board unanimously adopted the Revised IRWMP.

**9.** The remainder of the meeting was conducted as a Closed Session to discuss Board staffing.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10. Next Meeting: June 5th, 9:30 am, via Zoom

SUBMITTED BY: Judy Kelly, Executive Director NBWA. Note: presentations for Items 7, 8 and 9 are posted on the May 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting page on the NBWA website.