



# North Bay Watershed Association Board Meeting

December 2, 2022

# **1. Welcome and Call to Order – Roll Call and Introductions**

## **2. General Public Comments**

This time is reserved for the public to address the Committee about matters NOT on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Committee.

### **3. Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes Review, and November Treasure's Report**

Proposed Action: Approve/ Review

# Treasure's Report November 2022

- Proposed Action:  
Accept

Northbay Watershed Association  
Treasurer's Report  
November 1 - November 30, 2022

**Revenues:**

Membership -Stewardship - General Benefits - FY2023	201,011.75
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>201,011.75</u></b>

**Expenses:**

Executive Director Professional Services: West Yost	43,964.25
<u>Admin Professional Fees &amp; Expenses:</u>	
Operating Expense - General Benefit - website, etc..	250.00
SFEI - Website Maintenance	4,199.20
Data Instructs - NBWA Outreach & Support	4,100.00
County of Marin - JTC Support & Strategic Plan Update	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>52,513.45</u></b>
Change this period	148,498.30
Fund Balance as of July 1, 2022	<u>\$ 462,331.43</u>
Fund Balance as November 30, 2022	<u><u>\$ 610,829.73</u></u>

## 4. Executive Director Report

*Andy Rodgers, Executive Director*

Andy will provide updates on activities since the November 4 Board meeting, including active and developing projects, recent meetings, regional programs and initiatives, communications, and committees.

Andy will outline ideas for next and future Board meeting topics and solicit feedback.

# Executive Director Report



## Updates since last meeting

- *Attended North Bay/Coast GSAs (6) collaborative meeting on Nov 7*
- *Presented to Localizing California Waters conference on November 9 – Intersections and opportunities through regional collaborations*
- *Attended CASQA legislative subcommittee meeting on Nov 22*
- Evaluated grant funding opportunities for regional programs



## Administrative Activities

- Coordinated with Board Chair, Deputy Director, Finance Manager
- AR – Membership dues
- AP – Subconsultants
- *Working with SFEI on NBWA website rebuild!*



## Communications

- *Held 3rd in-person meeting @ Petaluma's Ellis Creek WRF on Nov 4!*
- *Distributed NBWA Fall Newsletter on Nov 29*
- Coordinated with members to host meetings west to east throughout the region – Marin, Sonoma, Napa, American Canyon
- Regional partners
- Subject matter experts and speakers



## Committees

- *Attended drought & fire SMART coordinated messaging campaign planning meeting with LBL/Stanford on Nov 16*
- Met with Chair, Deputy Director, and staff to progress NBWA initiatives

# NBWA FY 2022/23 Work Plan

- **Executive Director services**
  - Continue transition to in-person/hybrid (including field trips) meetings
  - Member communications and *advocacy*
  - ***Convene Executive/Admin Steering Committee – January 2023***
    - *Prioritize and provide direction on implementing initiatives (small grants, regional planning, association alignment)*
- **Implement focused regional initiatives**
  - Water services infrastructure and land use/housing – *Focused workshop #2, winter/spring 2023*
  - ***Align missions and programs with NBWRA – Chairs meeting January 2023***
  - ***Annual General Managers meeting – March 2023***
  - ***Phase I (exploratory) DroughtSMART & FireSMART branding pilot – Winter 2023***
  - Proposal to support convening a series of ACWA-endorsed regional industry workshops
- **Participate in regional forums**
  - IRWM, RCIS, SFBRA, others
  - **Convene Joint Technical Committee**
    - ***Programmatic planning and funding***
- **Communications**
  - Quarterly newsletter
  - ***Update NBWA website***

# Policy-Planning Pathway: Intersections in Local Opportunities for SGMA, Water Agencies & Environmental/ Public Health



LOCALIZING  
CALIFORNIA **WATERS**

- Tia Fleming, Executive Director, CA Water Efficiency Partnership
- Andy Rodgers, Engineering Manager, West Yost
- Rob Kostlivy, Director, Stanislaus County Environmental Health Director

## REGIONAL COLLABORATIONS

- 1. Map opportunities to plan meaningful actions.**
- 2. Navigate complex relations, overwhelm, and morphing life-scapes to make a difference by leveraging local organizational assets.**
- 3. Accelerate and equitably incentivize local water approaches at scale.**



Functional collaborations attract funding which can accelerate and equitably incentivize local water approaches at scale



Collaboration is a means to pool & share resources, **distribute** burdens, **develop** and **deploy** consistent messaging, **implement** economy-of-scale actions, and enhance magnitude of desired outcomes.



**But**, it needs to be a team's FUNDED focus & role in order to make it happen!

**Thesis: Watershed/basin-scale networks are a logical organizing matrix to address watershed/basin-scale issues.**

***However,* these networks are generally not thought of or resourced adequately to lead scaled solutions.**

***However,* with recognition and resources these networks can successfully convene jurisdictions, provide a safe space for collaboration, foster learning, and forge new or deepen existing relationships**

**Over time, a portfolio of watershed-wide successes grows  
- seeding meaningful change and resiliency**

**The opportunities are our collective selves and our willingness to lend a hand and be supported**

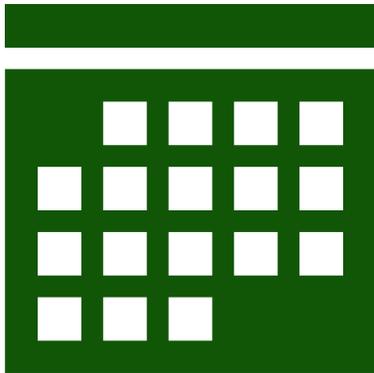


# 2022 Key Accomplishments

- Ten guest subject matter expert presentations on wide range of topics
- Two Board meeting/field trips
- Climate Change(D): Weathering Extremes Together, April 8
  - Four modules posted on NBWA website – and viewable on YouTube
- Land Use and Water Infrastructure Workshop, June 2
  - Foundational for workshop #2 tentatively scheduled for spring 2023
- Progressed priority initiatives identified from 2021 General Managers meeting
- Established drought & fire smart campaign pilot partnership with MWPA, Lawrence Berkeley Lab, and Stanford's Woods Institute
- Established on-going roles or tracking with regional initiatives – Bay Area IRWM CC, North Bay Baylands Regional Conservation Investment Strategy stakeholder, CASQA legislative committee, SR37 Baylands Group
- Presented to local, regional, and state-wide organizations

# Executive Director Report (*continued*)

Confirming 2022/23 calendar dates – First Friday of every month - Except of course for holidays!



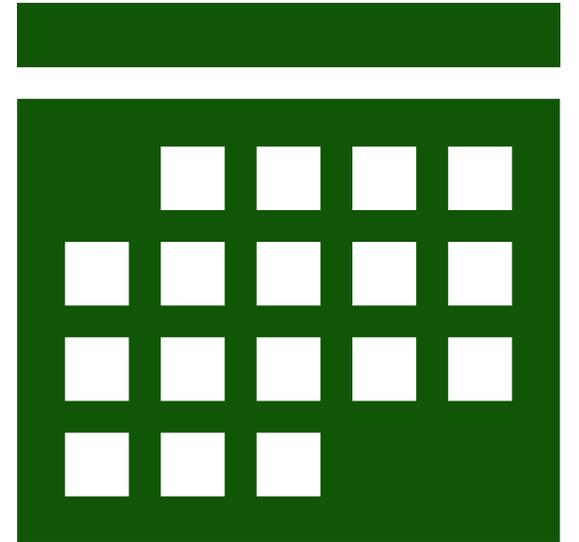
## FY 2022-23 Board Meetings

- December 2 – *Field trip*
- January 6 – *Tentative Social?*
- February 3 – *In person/hybrid*
- March 3 – *Virtual*
- April 7 – *Field trip*
- May 5 - *In person/hybrid*
- June 2 – *In person/hybrid*

# Board Meeting Topics Outlook

- Topics in development:

Regional Resiliency, SFBay Basin Plan Amendment, American Canyon Field Trip, Solano County Field Trip, Environmental Education & Grant Funding, Small Grants Program, Urban Scale Carbon Sequestration Initiatives, Regulatory Compliance Partnerships, Baylands Strategies, DroughtSMART/FireSMART, OneWater OneBay Strategic Initiatives, DWR & SWRCB Drought Assistance Programs and Resources, Collaboration-Based Funding Opportunities, Water Management & Conveyance Innovations, Capital and Natural Assets Management, Small Grants and Scholarship Program, ***New Members!***



# This is a 'Watershed Meeting'

- Definition: *A meeting marking a unique and important historical change*

***Thank you to Chair Jack Gibson and Vice-Chair Damon Connelly for your tireless and dedicated service to the North Bay Watershed Association!!!***



## 5. Board Information Exchange

### *Members*

Members will highlight issues and share items of interest.

## **6. Guest Presentation: The Milliken Creek Flood Reduction and Fish Passage Project—Local partnerships with regional support realize completed multi-benefit dam removal and riparian corridor restoration**

*Rick Thomasser, Manager, Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District*

Rick will provide an overview of a project started in 2017 and completed in 2022 in partnership with local landowners to reduce flooding and restore fish passage along an important tributary to the Napa River. Work included removing a 67-year-old dam and restoring access to over 1,000 feet of spawning and rearing habitat for native steelhead trout.

# Announcements/Adjourn

## Tour—The Milliken Creek Flood Reduction and Fish Passage Project

*Next Board Meeting:  
January 6, 2022 (tentative)*