



North Bay Watershed Association Board Meeting

August 4, 2023

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 June and July's Treasure's Report

Proposed Action: Approve/ Review

Treasure's Report June 2023

- Proposed Action:
Accept

Northbay Watershed Association
Treasurer's Report
June 1 - June 30, 2023

Revenues:

Membership -Stewardship - General Benefits - FY2023	212,780.09
Total Revenues	<u>212,780.09</u>

Expenses:

Executive Director Professional Services: West Yost	134,136.83
<u>Admin Professional Fees & Expenses:</u>	
Operating Expense - General Benefit - website, etc..	250.00
Data Instructs - NBWA Outreach & Support	10,765.00
SFEI - Website Maintenance	13,546.18
Combustion Creative	2,657.50
Total Expenses	<u>161,355.51</u>

Change this period	51,424.58
Fund Balance as of July 1, 2022	<u>\$ 462,331.43</u>
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2023	<u><u>\$ 513,756.01</u></u>

Treasure's Report July 2023

- Proposed Action:
Accept

Northbay Watershed Association
Treasurer's Report
July 1 - July 31, 2023

Revenues:

Membership -Stewardship - General Benefits - FY2024	-
Total Revenues	<u>-</u>

Expenses:

Executive Director Professional Services: West Yost	-
<u>Admin Professional Fees & Expenses:</u>	
Operating Expense - General Benefit - website, etc..	-
Data Instructs - NBWA Outreach & Support	-
SFEI - Website Maintenance	-
Combustion Creative	-
Total Expenses	<u>-</u>

Change this period	-
Fund Balance as of July 1, 2023	<u>\$ 513,756.01</u>
Fund Balance as of July 31, 2023	<u><u>\$ 513,756.01</u></u>

4. Guest Presentation:

Regional Workforce Development for the Water Industry: Attracting and Retaining the Workforce of the Future

Jordan Damerel, Assistant General Manager/District Engineer, Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District; Director, BAYWORK; Chair, Bay Area Consortium for Water/Wastewater Education

Jordan will present an overview of workforce development organizations and activities through Bay Area Water/Wastewater Workforce Reliability (BAYWORK) and the Bay Area Consortium for Water/Wastewater Education (BACWWA).

5. Guest Presentation: Ecological Workforce Development Overview

Sally Bolger, Director, Ecological Workforce Initiative

Sally will describe how standardized environmental compliance training for laborers, equipment operators, and other crew members who implement environmental restoration projects creates pathways to living wage jobs and a skilled workforce.

6. Executive Director Report

Andy Rodgers, Executive Director

Andy will facilitate a brief Board discussion to identify any next steps supporting workforce development initiatives in the region.

Andy will provide updates and solicit board input on activities since the June 2 Board meeting, including reviewing a timely opportunity to submit a grant application for regional project funding, and summarizing other active and developing projects, 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

- *Thank you, San Rafael for hosting NBWA's June 2 Board meeting and field tour!*
- *NBWA/NBWRA staff and officer meetings June 6 and July 25 to discuss alignment strategy*
- *Attended CASQA legislative subcommittee meeting July 26*
- *Attended GRA legislative committee meeting July 14*
- *Met with Rescape California on June 14 to coordinate promotion of training events planned for north bay region*



Administrative Activities

- *Worked with SFEI on NBWA website rebuild and launch. Coming soon!*
- *Coordinated future Board events and speakers*
- *Progressed droughtSMART & fireSMART messaging task*
- *Coordinated with MMWD Finance Manager and NBWA staff on reporting*
- *AR – Membership dues*
- *AP – Subconsultants*



Communications

- *Finalized and distributed NBWA Summer Quarterly Newsletter June 27*
- *Met with workforce development consultants on June 16 to seed ideas for a NBWA-sponsored initiative*
- *Coordinated with members to host meetings throughout NB region*
- *Regional partners*
- *Subject matter experts and speakers*



Committees

- *Met with Admin Steering Committee Aug 1 to discuss prioritization and potential new initiatives*
- *Met with SFEI/Pathways on July 26 to discuss NBWA lead applicant for regional groundwater rise mapping ICARP grant*
- *Met with Chair, Deputy Director, and staff to progress NBWA initiatives*
- *Convening the Conference Committee in August*

June Walking Tour—Shoreline Improvements and Nature-Based Adaptation (Tiscornia Marsh, San Rafael)



Administrative Steering Committee

- **Members:**

- Jean Mariani – Novato San District
- Ryan Gregory-Napa County
- Jack Gibson- Emeritis
- Mary Sackett – Marin County
- Grant Davis/Brad Sherwood – Sonoma Water
- Megan Clark - LGVSD
- Elizabeth Patterson – Solano Water



- **Met August 1**

- **Highlights**

- Reviewed Work Plan scope and fund balance
- New opportunities/initiatives
 - NBWA/NBWRA alignment and collaboration
 - Revive Small Grants and Scholarship Programs
 - Lead Applicant for Regional Groundwater Rise Hazard Map ICARP Grant Funding
- Action Items
 - Draft Reserve Policy for consideration
 - Draft Small Grants/Scholarship program framework and budget for consideration
 - Inform Board of Regional Grant Opportunity

NBWA/NBWRA Alignment

- **Officers/Executive Directors**

- Jean Mariani
- Jack Gibson
- David Rabbitt
- Chuck Weir
- Andy Rodgers



- **Met on July 25**

- NBWA Board and General Managers identified initiative to align organizations

- NBWA and NBWRA staff have since been sharing information and strategizing

- **Strong agreement on need to align and streamline**

- Leverage strengths/experiences of both organizations
- Strengthen north bay position for funding and advocacy
- Minimize or eliminate program administration and governance overlaps
- Synchronize messaging and public outreach
- Refine/clarify roles to be mutually supportive to maximize benefits to member agencies
- Identify project collaborations to establish roles and inform a larger vision of structural alignment

NBWA/NBWRA Alignment

Agreed Upon Alignment Committee recommendations

- Report out to respective boards and provide recommendations (today)
- Convene a workshop to identify specific streamlining and collaboration opportunities
 - Confirm NBWA Board participants
 - *Jean Mariani, Ryan Gregory, Jack Gibson*
 - Report results back to board
- Invite NBWRA become an associate member of NBWA (no cost, no vote)
- NBWA become an associate member of NBWRA (no cost, no vote)
 - *NBWA associate member representative to be considered in future*



NORTH BAY WATER REUSE PROGRAM
Water Supply Reliability through Regional Reuse

Small Grants and Scholarship Programs

- **Scholarships**

- Carl Morrison Conference
 - 2024 Conference Committee
- Watershed Program
 - North Bay Regional Resiliency Workforce Development



- **Small Grants Program**

- Sponsor and support local organizations and individuals in our regional community through providing selective local small grants. The NBWA is interested to consider projects and initiatives that inform, engage, and enhance our north bay watershed communities.
- Importantly, our projects are encouraged to be developed, piloted, or implemented by a local proponent with a design plan to distribute derivative benefits to the entire region.

Action: ED to develop program framework and budget for board consideration



North Bay Watershed Association



Shallow Groundwater Response to Sea Level Rise, Phase II

*Completing the regional picture
for four Bay Area Counties:
Solano, Napa, Sonoma, Santa
Clara*

July 2023

Shallow Groundwater Response to Sea Level Rise

- Problem statement: Climate Adaptation Plans currently fail to account for the hazards presented by groundwater rise -- eg.
 - Damage buried infrastructure
 - Flooding below grade structures
 - Mobilize contaminants
- Proposed solution: Develop information assets to inform planning efforts in four Bay Area counties
 - Shallow groundwater maps that consider the response to eight sea-level rise scenarios
 - Adaptation Strategies, Guidance, and Lessons Learned
 - Bay Shoreline Flood Explorer mapping



Figure 1: The two phases of the project, when combined, will generate a region-wide set of geospatial resources.

Groundwater Rise Hazard Mapping Grant

NBWA lead submitter for Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program (ICARP)

Partners: SFEI, Pathways Climate Institute

For counties of Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Santa Clara

Marin, San Francisco, Alameda, San Mateo complete; Contra Costa in process



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Planning and Research

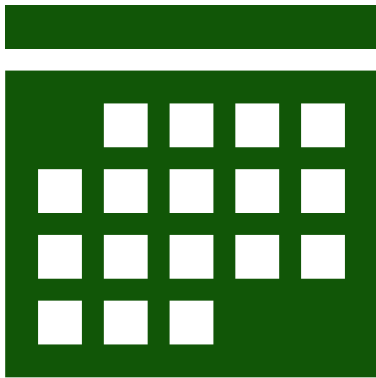
Tasks

- Complete nearshore groundwater maps
- Craft messaging for communities directly affected by groundwater rise
- Integrate information and data in to the [Adapting to Rising Tides Bay Shoreline Flood Explorer](#)

- Approximately \$600,000 grant
- MMWD fiduciary responsibility and contracting authority
- NBWA administrative project manager
- SFEI/Pathways program manager and technical teams lead
- Grant Application due August 29

Executive Director Report *(continued)*

Confirming 2023/24 calendar dates – First Friday of every month - Except of course for holidays!



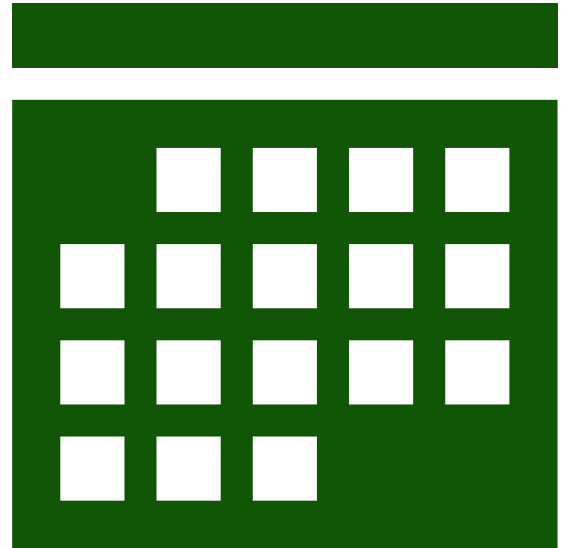
FY 2023-24 Board Meetings

- *September 1 – In person/hybrid*
- *October 6 – Field trip? Montezuma Wetlands? Mare Island Docks?*
- *November 3 – In person/hybrid*
- *December 1 – In person/hybrid*
- *January 2 – SKIP MONTH or WATERSHED SOCIAL GATHERING*

Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- Topics in development:

OneWater-OneBay Strategic Funding Initiatives, Regional Resiliency, SFBay Basin Plan Amendment, American Canyon Field Trip, Berryessa Field Trip, Delta Field Trip, SR37 Field Trip, Environmental Education & Grant Funding, Small Grants Program, Urban Scale Carbon Sequestration Initiatives, Regulatory Compliance Partnerships, Baylands Strategies, DroughtSMART/FireSMART, Water Management & Conveyance Innovations, Capital and Natural Assets Management, Small Grants and Scholarship Program, ***New Members!***



7. Board Information Exchange and Updates

Members

Members will highlight issues and share items of interest.

Announcements/Adjourn

*Next Board Meeting:
September 1, 2023*

Details to come....