

# NORTH BAY WATERSHED ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Friday, October 1, 2010

## MEETING MINUTES NORTH BAY WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

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

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9:30 a.m.

Petaluma (Lucchesi) Community Center  
320 N. McDowell Boulevard  
Petaluma, CA 94954

Directors present included:

Judy Arnold, County of Marin  
Jack Baker, North Marin Water District  
Steve Barbose, City of Sonoma and Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District  
Megan Clark, Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District  
Mike Di Giorgio, Novato Sanitary District  
Ernie Ganas, Bel Marin Keys Community Services District  
Kathy Hartzell, Central Marin Sanitation Agency  
Paul Helliker, Marin Municipal Water District  
Mark Luce, Napa Sanitation District  
Brad Sherwood, Sonoma County and Sonoma County Water Agency  
Rick Thomasser, Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Directors present represented 13 out of the 16 agencies signatory to the Association MOU and Margaret Johnston represented Tomales Bay Watershed Council, an Associate Member.

### Board Actions

1. Call to Order. Judy Arnold, Chair Pro Tem, called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m.
2. Public Comment. There was no public comment.
3. Approval of the Agenda. (See Handout) The Board unanimously approved the agenda.
4. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting held September 10, 2010. (See Handout) The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on September 10, 2010 were unanimously approved.
5. Treasurer's Report. (See Handout) The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented by Paul Helliker.
6. Bay Area IRWMP Update. Harry Seraydarian used a PowerPoint presentation to update the Board on Bay Area IRWMP efforts. First, Harry summarized the Prop 50 supplemental results: the BAIRWMP was not funded; however, 4 out of 7 applicants were funded for a total of ~ \$7.4 million. Harry reminded the Board that Prop 1E applications are due in April, 2011. Harry then presented key elements of the Prop 84 Planning Guidelines and described the Bay Area planning submittal. The Bay Area is requesting \$842k with a 40% match and is including a Salt and Nutrient Management component for Southern Sonoma groundwater. Harry

summarized the Prop 84 implementation funding targets and DWR guidelines for proposal review. He described the Bay Area process for identifying “Regional” projects and described the projects identified as of September 2010. The proposals being considered to date are (1) Regional Drought Relief & Water Conservation (\$6.5 million request, \$8.5 million match; about \$485/acre foot): 11 Water Districts including MMWD, City of Napa, SCWA, Solano County Water Agency; this consists of 5-6 rebate elements (outdoor and indoor); (2) Regional Recycling: BACWA presented about 54 projects totaling \$500 million and was directed to develop a \$5-6 million proposal; (3) Regional Green Infrastructure Capacity Building (\$10.9 million; \$7.9 million match) (North \$1.675 million – SCWA \$850,000 and Napa FCWCD \$825,000; East \$3.75 million – San Pablo Avenue; West \$1.93 million for 3 projects; South \$3.245 million (multiple projects); SFEP/SFEI – \$300,000); (4) Wetland Ecosystem Restoration: State Coastal Conservancy requested \$3 million for 3 projects at \$1 million each (North – Sears Point; South – Bair Island; and Dutch Slough (dropped 9/30/10 because outside the region, SCC will identify a replacement)); (5) Disadvantaged Communities Watershed Program: Request for \$1.2 million with \$650,000 match; (6) Interactive Flood and Waterways Infrastructure Map: BAFPA and SFEI request \$750,000 with \$250,000 match (this will likely be combined with 5 above); (7) Evaluating Regional Ecosystem Restoration using Steelhead: CEMAR request for \$382,000 with match of \$114,000. Harry then explained the proposed process to be used by the Project Screening Sub-Committee, for the purpose of screening and rating projects, and to develop options and criteria for a BAIRWMP proposal that would lead to a recommendation to the Coordinating Committee at the October 25 meeting. Harry ended with a slide showing the questions that had been posed to DWR for Tracie Billington’s following presentation.

7. DWR Perspective on Prop 84. Tracie Billington, Chief of the Financial Assistance Branch, Division of Integrated Regional Water Management, Department of Water Resources, provided an overview of Prop 84 using a PowerPoint presentation. Tracie first noted that Prop 50 was different than Prop 84 and described the DWR process for the recent Prop 50 supplemental funding. Tracie provided some background on the Regional Acceptance Process and some statistics on the 46 IRWM regions and then summarized the funding under Prop 50 for both planning and implementation. Tracie presented the funding available for Prop 84 implementation (\$1 billion statewide) and the targeted amounts for the 11 funding areas (\$138 million for Bay Area) and noted the \$300 million under Prop 1E available statewide. Tracie also presented the possible Water Bond in 2012 which would have 12 funding areas and \$1.05 billion total statewide (\$132 million for Bay Area). Tracie then described DWR program objectives, preferences and state wide priorities for Prop 84 funding. Tracie also described how these “preferences” would be incorporated into reviews for both planning and implementation grants. “Preferences” for implementation grants are worth 10 points out of 85 and the highest score is given to projects that address either long term drought preparedness or critical water supply or water quality needs of a Disadvantaged Community. In response to a question regarding whether the “critical” water supply came from SBX2-1, Tracie affirmed that this language is from legislation. Tracie then described the DWR perspective on project selection and noted that DWR will defer to the local project selection process if the project is part of the plan, the region follows the process in that plan, and the project is consistent with Prop 84. Tracie emphasized the economic and benefits portion of the DWR implementation grant proposal evaluation and the need to ensure: wise investment of limited state funds; that projects make sense economically; and that projects provide the desired benefits. Tracie noted that DWR will not “cherry pick” projects and no “minimum score” has been set for IRWM areas coterminous with funding areas. In response to a question about match, Tracie noted that match can be local or federal funding. Tracie summarized the scoring for economic analysis and project benefits (45 total points out of 85 points) for 3 equally weighted categories: Water Supply, Water Quality and Other, and Flood Damage Reduction; and noted that DWR will not require a cost/benefit ratio calculation. Tracie then summarized the planning grant application status for the \$20 million available in Round 1 (9 applications for \$27 million) and indicated DWR would have draft recommendations by November. The Board Members had several questions on the planning grants. How will the \$3.9 million in planning funds targeted for Disadvantaged Communities be determined? (Definition for a Disadvantaged Community is important and DWR will figure this out based on submittals). Will DWR cut proposals to meet \$20 million dollar limit? (DWR has in the past given 100% to higher scoring proposals and cut lower scores in a proportional fashion). Will DWR contact applicants on feasibility of reduced grant? (Yes). Tracie also highlighted the due date for implementation grants: January 7, 2011; the target amount for the Bay Area: \$15.3

million; and DWR targets (\$20 million for Ag and Urban water conservation and \$10 million for Disadvantaged Community projects) for the total \$100 million statewide. Tracie noted the possibility of additional funding under SBx7-8 for \$236 million statewide and the present requirements for those funds (IRWM plan must be consistent with Prop 84 and projects must reduce dependence on the Delta). This additional funding may be announced in April 2011 if language issues are resolved. Tracie then summarized funding available for Round 1 of Storm Water and Flood Management (1E): \$212 million with statewide competition, and she noted that \$20 million is targeted for projects that reduce frequency and impacts of flooding in watersheds that drain to San Francisco Bay. Tracie also mentioned a “Local Groundwater Assistance Grant” solicitation that will provide \$4.7 million statewide with a maximum grant of \$250k. Tracie projected additional solicitations for planning grants (Round 2 – \$10 million total), Implementation (2 more rounds for remaining funds: \$236m available under SBx7-8, and \$472.5m under future appropriation), and one more round for Storm Water Flood Management (\$57.5m future appropriation).

#### 8. Items of Interest.

\* NBWA Watershed Monitoring Workshop – November 30 – 1-4 p.m. Marin Health and Wellness Campus, 3240 Kerner Boulevard, San Rafael – Directions:

<http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/HH/Main/campus/directions.cfm>

Purpose of the workshop is to provide information on the watershed monitoring required by SWRCB and RWQCB Policies and Permits with discussion on how this can be accomplished effectively in North Bay Watersheds.

\* Judy Arnold – County of Marin and City of Novato approved a Novato Watershed Study.

\* State of the Bay 2010, a conference about Tomales Bay and its Watershed, Fri., Oct. 22 and Sat., Oct. 23, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – website and online registration: [www.tomalesbaywatershed.org](http://www.tomalesbaywatershed.org)

#### 9. Items for Next Agenda.

- \* SCWA – Update on LID guidelines and Groundwater Recharge Program
- \* Sea Level Rise – Jeremy Lowe, ESA PWA
- \* Creekside Erosion Control, Urban Creek Council

Judy Arnold, Chair Pro Tem, adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Submitted By: Elizabeth O. Preim-Rohtla

#### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

November 5 – Novato Sanitary District, 500 Davidson Street, Novato, CA 94945

December 3 – Petaluma (Lucchesi) Community Ctr., 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954—Conf. Rm. 2

January 7 – Marin Community Foundation, 5 Hamilton Landing, Suite 200, Novato, CA 94949

February 4 -- Petaluma (Lucchesi) Community Ctr., 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954—Craft 1

March 4 – Novato Sanitary District, 500 Davidson Street, Novato, CA 94945

April 1 – Petaluma (Lucchesi) Community Ctr., 320 N. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma, CA 94954— Conf. Rm. 2

May 6 – Marin Community Foundation, 5 Hamilton Landing, Suite 200, Novato, CA 94949

June 3 – Novato Sanitary District, 500 Davidson Street, Novato, CA 94945

July 8 – Marin Community Foundation, 5 Hamilton Landing, Suite 200, Novato, CA 94949

No August

September 9 – Novato Sanitary District, 500 Davidson Street, Novato, CA 94945

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