

NBWA
Watershed Council Meeting Summary
March 18, 2015 – 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Point Blue Conservation Science
3820 Cypress Drive, Suite 11
Petaluma, CA 94954

I. Introductions – Introductions began at 3:08 p.m. and Harry Seraydarian, NBWA Executive Director, reviewed the agenda. There were no announcements.

II. Prop 1 Funding Opportunities – Harry Seraydarian presented a PowerPoint and began with a summary of the funding categories in Prop 1. Harry walked through each funding category and identified the total amount of funding, required match, lead agency, and eligibility requirements. Harry then highlighted the funding categories that should be available for Bay Area competition: IRWM (\$65m – DWR); Conservation (\$100m – DWR); Stormwater-Multi-Benefit (\$200m – SWRCB); Ecosystem Projects (\$100.5m – SCC); Enhanced Stream Flows (\$200m – WCB); Watershed Restoration (\$285m – DFW); Urban Streams (\$20m – Sec. NR); and Recycling (\$725m – SWRCB). Harry also noted the funding categories that were possibly available to the Bay Area and those that were not likely. Harry provided a comparison to Prop 84 and noted the differences. Harry then provided a summary of the Governor’s 2015 budget proposal for Prop 1 funding and highlighted a special provision (79745) under IRWM that sets aside 10% of regional funds for “ensuring involvement of disadvantaged communities, economically distressed areas, or underrepresented communities within regions.” Harry ended with a summary of draft guidelines that had been issued to date and noted the legislative hearings that had been scheduled.

III. Prop 84 – 2015 Round – Harry Seraydarian provided a PowerPoint and began with background on Prop 84 including a summary of projects funded in the North Bay in prior rounds. Harry then moved on to the 2015 Round and explained the process for the Bay Area. <http://bairwmp.org/> He emphasized the due date for proposals: April 20, 2015 and explained in detail the factors that will be used in evaluating proposals: 1) Inclusion in the 2013 Bay Area IRWM Plan; 2) Readiness to proceed; 3) 25% Match; 4) Define Physical Benefits; 5) Benefit/Cost Analysis (? Technical Analysis/Cost Effectiveness); 6) Cash for Consultant; 7) Collaboration; 8) Multi-Objective/Integrated; 9) Amount of Grant Request; and 10) Impact/Effect (Regional?). Harry also reviewed the regional priorities developed in 2014 and the scoring matrix that will be used in 2015. He emphasized the content of the submittals and described the on-line process. Harry then presented a summary of DWR’s Draft PSP for 2015 and explained the schedule, eligible project types, and DWR’s approach to scoring the overall proposal and individual project scoring. Harry described the shift in emphasis from Benefit/Cost ratios to Cost Effectiveness. Harry ended with a summary of next steps for the Bay Area process and indicated a decision will be made on whether county meetings are necessary in the North Bay.

IV. Potential North Bay Projects – The participants identified potential North Bay projects (and some regional projects). This input was captured by Caitlin Cornwall and displayed so audience members could identify possible opportunities for collaboration. The draft table is attached.

V. County Collaboration Sessions – Participants split into county groups and discussed opportunities for collaboration.

VI. Wrap Up – Due to time constraints no future topics were identified.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Participants: 34

Mollie Asay — Sonoma County Water Agency
Sherry Barbic — Santa Rosa Water Agency
Stephanie Bastianon — Friends of the Petaluma River
Laura Chariton — Watershed Stewardship
Jim Chayka — CA Coastal Conservancy
Megan Clark — Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
Caitlin Cornwall — Sonoma Ecology Center
Chris DeGabriele — North Marin Water District
Russ Eberwein — Marin County Flood Control
Patricia Gaither — Solano Land Trust
Shari Gardner — Friends of the Napa River
Jack Gibson — Marin Municipal Water District
Thomason Grim — Marin Municipal Water District
Minona Heaviland — Sonoma Ecology Center
Kara Heckert — Sonoma RCD
Joan Hultberg — Sonoma County Water Agency
Lou Leet — City of American Canyon

Chris Malan — ICare
Jeff Melby — CA Coastal Conservancy
Bill Miller — Consulting & Engineering
Valerie Minton — Sonoma RCD
Claire Nordlie — Sonoma County Water Agency
Elizabeth Preim-Rohtla — NBWA Staff Assistant
Derek Rayner — City of Calistoga
Judy Schriebman — Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
Nancy Scolari — Marin RCD
Harry Seraydarian — NBWA Executive Director
Leigh Sharp — Napa County RCD
Jake Spaulding — Sonoma County Water Agency
Tom Tolliver — CA Coastal Conservancy
Pam Tuft — City of Petaluma
Leah Walker — City of Petaluma
Sue Wickham — Solano Land Trust
Vanessa Wyant — Point Blue Conservation Science