



# North Bay Watershed Association

Board Meeting Notice

## April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Novato Sanitary District  
500 Davidson Street  
Novato, CA

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### Next Meeting

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 9:30 a.m.  
Petaluma Community Center  
320 McDowell Blvd.  
Petaluma, CA

## Meeting Agenda

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- 1. Call to Order** 9:30 a.m.  
*Jack Gibson, Chair*
- 2. Public Comment**
- 3. Approval of Agenda** 1 minute
- 4. Approval of Minutes** 5 minutes
- 5. Treasurer's Report** 1 minute  
*Accept*
- 6. Director's Report**  
*Information and questions*
- 7. Winter 2016/2017:** 9:45 a.m.  
How did the North Bay fare?  
Lessons learned – Presentation and Q&A  
*Rick Thomasser, Watershed & Flood Control Operations Manager, Napa County*
- 8. Marin RCD's Permit Coordination Program; speeding conservation efforts** 10:30 a.m.  
Presentation and Q&A  
*Elise Suronen, Marin Resource Conservation District*
- 9. NBWA 2017/18 Budget** 11:00 a.m.  
Discussion and recommended approval  
*Judy Kelly, NBWA Executive Director*
- 10. Items of Interest** 11:20 a.m.  
*Description*
- 11. Items for Next Agenda** 11:25 a.m.
  - Status of North Bay fish – Gregory Andrews (MMWD), Jon Kohler (Napa RCD), and Dave Manning (SCWA)
  - Update on NBWA-supported project: stormwater permit readiness

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Summary of the meeting of the North Bay Watershed Association (NBWA) Board of Directors

Date: Friday, March 3, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.

Location: Marin Community Foundation, 5 Hamilton Landing Suite 200, Novato, CA

## Directors Present Included:

Board Member	Organization	Board Member	Organization
Michael Boorstein	Central Marin San. Agency	Judy Schriebman	Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District
Steve Hartwig	City of American Canyon	Jack Gibson	Marin Municipal Water District
Pam Drew	City of Novato	Ryan Gregory	Napa Sanitation District
Teresa Barrett	City of Petaluma	Rick Fraites	North Marin Water District
Paul Jensen	City of San Rafael	Brant Miller	Novato Sanitary District
Madolyn Agrimonti	City of Sonoma & Sonoma Valley Co. SD	Pamela Meigs	Ross Valley Sanitary District
L. Williams	County of Marin	Grant Davis	Sonoma County Water Agency

Directors present represented 14 of the 19 agencies signatory to the Association MOU.

## Board Actions:

1. Call to Order – Jack Gibson, Chair, calls the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.
2. Public Comment – No public comments.
3. Approval of Agenda – The agenda was unanimously approved.
4. Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the previous NBWA Board Meeting were approved with one abstention.
5. Treasurer’s Report – Judy Kelly, Executive Director extended special appreciation towards Cheryl Howlett, who prepared the February Treasurer’s Report while out of office. All member dues have been submitted at this time.
6. Director’s Report – Judy Kelly announced that in place of this month’s Directors Report, the new NBWA quarterly e-newsletter has been released. This newsletter will highlight NBWA projects, NBWA member agency programs and projects, relevant news and events. NBWA staff request member participation to provide recommendations on desired newsletter topics. Jack Gibson underscored the importance of communication between NBWA agencies, and commented that this form of communication is the most valuable asset the NBWA can provide. You can view our spring 2017 newsletter at [nbwatershed.org/email-newsletter/](http://nbwatershed.org/email-newsletter/).
7. Coyote Creek and Bothin Marsh Dredge Sediment Reuse Demonstration Project – Roger Leventhal, of Marin County, presented on the results of a NBWA funded feasibility study examining the opportunities, constraints, and costs of beneficially reusing dredge sediment to restore marshland in Marin County. This study examined two Sea Level Rise (SLR) adaptation techniques: thin-lift placement of dredge sediment and coarse-grained “beach” edge treatment at eroding edges. These adaptation measures would specifically address a lack of sediment in marsh habitats which results from the separation of natural sediment connections between the marsh and the watershed. In order to maintain marshes under SLR conditions it is estimated that millions of tons of sediment will be required around the San Francisco Bay. Pilot-scale projects which reuse sediment from flood protection channels will be vital to develop cost effective approaches to sediment reuse. This study estimates that to implement a pilot-scale project to restore the marsh reusing sediment at this site would cost approximately \$1.1 million. The feasibility study will be posted on the NBWA website as soon as it is available.  
 Q: How many agencies would require permits to perform this feasibility study? A: Permits would be required from USACE, DFW, and many more to address concerns about impacts to threatened and endangered species. Q: Does the sediment have to be tested for contaminants? A: Yes – absolutely. Q: Would this type of project interfere with much loved bike paths and other open space? A: Potentially. This pilot should be done as a parallel effort to the open space planning effort.
8. Update on Restoration Authority Activities – The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority will be distributing Measure AA funds to projects surrounding the San Francisco Bay. Judy Kelly, (along with

Grant Davis, Roger Leventhal, and Susan Gorin) have been appointed to the Restoration Authority’s Advisory Committee to represent the North Bay. The Restoration Authority’s Board has approved Advisory Board procedures and agreed to rotate meetings in the region. Advisory Committee members will have input by advising on project evaluation. In order for projects to qualify to receive funding they must protect, enhance, and restore habitats along the Bay shoreline. If projects meet the previously mentioned criteria, they may also be provided with funding for flood management and public access multibenefits. Funds will be allocated partially based on geography (50% of funds will be allocated based on proportion to population), and partially based on final guidelines. The deadline for submitting projects to be added to the project list for 2017 is March 10<sup>th</sup>. The project list will be updated on an annual basis. For more information about the Restoration Authority please visit: [sfbayrestore.org](http://sfbayrestore.org).

9. NBWA 2018 Conference – date, place, ideas – The 2018 NBWA Conference was tentatively scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Possible themes include:**

- Drought, Flood & Climate Change
- Recycling & Water Reuse
- Sea Level Rise: making things happen
- Extreme weather
- One Water
- Restoration

**Possible Topics Include:**

- Twin Tunnels & Freshwater Flows
- Groundwater & SGMA
- Hwy 37 Marsh Impacts
- Extreme weather impacts on traffic/as it relates to water
- Projections of demographic trends
- Limits of water resources in the North Bay: political ramifications, public/private property implications, shoreline retreat
- Cost tradeoffs as they relate to water reuse
- Fish restoration
- Current climate change manifestations and tools
- Retention ponds
- Federal speaker
- Funding sources

10. NBWA Proposed Letter to State Board - Judy Kelly provided the NBWA Board with the opportunity to engage in pending discussions on the health of San Francisco Bay by providing comments which underscore the importance of freshwater flows to the health of San Francisco Bay. She presented a draft letter addressed to the State Water Resources Control Board [SWRCB] asserting the need for additional freshwater flows which would become part of the comment process to the SWRCB on pending amendments to the water quality plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary. During February, Board members reviewed the draft and provided their comments to Judy, who incorporated these comments into the letter. Jack Gibson asked for consensus to approve this letter. *This letter was approved by the NBWA Board and will be sent to the SWRCB.*

11. Items of Interest

12. Items for next agenda

- North Bay flooding winter 2017; update and lessons – Rich Thomasser, Napa County
- NBWA Budget

**Next meeting information:** April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Novato Sanitary District, 500 Davidson St, Novato CA

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**Northbay Watershed Association  
Treasurer's Report  
March 1 - March 31, 2017**

**Revenues:**

Billings-Stewardship - General Benefits - 2017	186,789.91	
NBWA 2016 Conference Revenue	1,500.00	
Misc Revenue		
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b><u>188,289.91</u></b>

**Expenses:**

Executive Director Professional Services:		84,600.00
<u>Admin Professional Fees &amp; Expenses:</u>		
Administrative Support - SCWA		
Operating Expense - General Benefit - website, etc..	1,938.40	
NCRCD - LandSmart for Kid, Point Blue STRAW Program	1,864.07	
Sonoma Ecology Ctr - Climate Readiness	29,951.55	
Marin County Flood Control - Bothin/Coyote Creek	25,000.00	
Friends of Petaluma River - Watershed Classroom		
EOA - BASMAA Trash Project	25,283.49	
2nd Nature - Rural Road Ram Project	20,000.00	

**Total Expenses** **188,637.51**

Change this period		(347.60)
Fund Balance as of July 1, 2016		<u>\$ 171,644.95</u>
Fund Balance as of March 31, 2017		<u><u>\$ 171,297.35</u></u>

## April 2017 - Director's Report

### NBWA Business

- The **Advisory Committee** of the **San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority** met for the first time in February and the Committee got right to work on reviewing the staff proposal for grant procedures detailing what types of projects will be eligible for funding, how reviews will proceed, and other key matters. Roger Leventhal and Susan Gorin participated in a procedural document review committee and also provided comments. The next quarterly Advisory Committee meetings will be held in San Francisco on May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- The **next meeting of the NBWA Joint Technical Committee** will be held in Marin Municipal Water District's Board Room on Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to noon. The agenda will center on getting feedback from the Committee on the North Bay portion of ABAG/ San Francisco Estuary Partnership's shoreline mapping project. Ben Bodkin of ABAG will present the work done thus far on shoreline access sites around the North Bay and seek input.
- Progress continues on our NBWA **Communication Plan**: Using a small amount of the internal allocated project funds, we have an intern now working on reviewing all the outreach materials on the web or otherwise available at our member agencies. We will then review similar materials and programs run by our North Bay partners. The effort will be to catalog all the programs and materials and then determine where the NBWA can assist in highlighting many of these through NBWA newsletters, website, or in our programs or conferences. The intern's work will be completed in the next few weeks.
- A **workshop is scheduled for April 11th** to introduce the regional working group to the concepts and methods developed by 2<sup>nd</sup> Nature for the **Rural Road Assessment project**. The Board will hear about the completion of this project and next steps at an upcoming meeting.
- Advance planning: In **May** the Board will hear from three biologists from around the North Bay region about the status of our North Bay fish species; status of the fish and what major projects are underway to build up and support populations. Mark your calendars for a follow up in **October** to May's discussion when the NBWA Board will have a field trip to see the Russian River Fish Ladder and Viewing Gallery run by Sonoma County Water Agency.

## Funding News

- **EPA's San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund OPEN NOW.** The 2017 RFP for this fund is now available and the deadline for submittal is May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. As with the current IRWMP round of funding, the focus will be on disadvantaged communities. The RFP is soliciting proposals that will improve water quality and restore wetlands in San Francisco Bay and its watersheds. The RFP expects to make available approximately \$4 million to support projects in the range of \$500,000 to \$2,000,000. Applicants must provide a minimum 50% non-federal match and projects must be within the nine Bay Area counties that drain to San Francisco Bay. **Proposals must be submitted through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)** on or before the proposal submission deadline of **May 10, 2017 at 9:00pm Pacific Time.** <https://www.epa.gov/sfbay-delta/sf-bay-water-quality-improvement-fund-request-proposals>
- **Integrated Regional Water Management Plan [IRWMP] GRANT APPROVED.** On March 28<sup>th</sup> we received word that DWR had approved the San Francisco region's grant proposal for this \$6.5 million of funding. Once there is a signed agreement, the lead group for this regional effort, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water [EJCW] will contact those who proposed to assist with outreach to put a full working team together as many of the details are yet to be determined for this round. See <http://www.bairwmp.org> for news and update on this funding.

## Publications



Be sure to check out the new Estuary News magazine linked here. Good story on the background of the Restoration Authority and other topics of interest. Download the latest issue at <http://www.sfestuary.org/estuary-news/>.



The latest edition of Bay Nature is also available and has a great story on the fate of the nesting cormorants on the old Bay Bridge and other local news. Check it out at <https://baynature.org/product/april-june-2017>



## News and Notes

- **Upcoming Restoration Authority Board meeting in Marin.** Mark your calendar for **June 9, 2017 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**: Marin County Civic Center, 3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 329, San Rafael, CA 94903. The **San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Board** meets here in the North Bay. See information about past Board meetings and agendas at <http://www.sfbayrestore.org/sf-bay-restoration-authority-meetings.php>.
- **Review Opportunity for** Marin Shoreline Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment. The County has been hard at work preparing for sea level rise and just released an important Vulnerability Assessment and would like to get comments. Read the report here [www.MarinSLR.org](http://www.MarinSLR.org).
- **Upcoming Conference Napa County Watershed Symposium** May 24<sup>th</sup>, Napa. See flyer below and link here for details. <http://www.napawatersheds.org>. The **NBWA is sponsoring the conference** and has one ticket for the event for the first Board member who wishes to go to the conference. Please let me know if you are interested.



**NAPA COUNTY  
WATERSHED SYMPOSIUM**  
Wednesday, May 24, 2017, 8AM - 3PM  
**Blue Note**, 1030 Main St., Napa, CA 94559

