

# North Bay Watershed Association

Joint (H/FP, IWR, WQ) Technical Committee

April 26, 2017

Meeting Summary

## I. Introductions/Agenda Review

## II. UPDATE: Shoreline Mapping Project ABAG/SFEP

- Ben Bodkin, ABAG, discussed the status of the Shoreline mapping project
- NBWA is a co-funder of this project, now in draft phase.
- Part of Bay Area Water Trail effort: Education and Access Maps for the Estuary
- Plan is to create series of 5 Maps for different regions of bay. First focus on N. Bay. Along with access site the maps will include interpretive info in 5 areas: habitat and wildlife, Estuary processes, SLR, History/culture, Recreation/Safety/Ethics.
- Goal to cover whole NBWA area. Back in June for draft final maps.
- JTC provided a number of suggestions for how to improve the materials.
- Two more reviews are coming: NBWA will send out a revised word document with today's changes to the JTC for feedback by May 8; Ben will return to the JTC at the next meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

## III. Game of Floods Update – Chris Choo

- June 7<sup>th</sup>, at the next JTC meeting, we will have Game Designer with his redesign and folks familiar with the game for a detailed review and feedback session.

## IV. Review: Status of Current NBWA Projects – Judy Kelly, NBWA Executive Director

- Rural Road Rapid Assessment [RAM] workshop had to postpone training till Apr 11. Feedback from MMWD staff, heavy equipment operators: really liked the app feature. RAM's Cost estimates for implementing road repairs are not as strong. RAM Evaluates roads w/color coding which is simple to use. Planning for implementation still a moving target as costs and conditions change. Online feature useful. Marin RCD could use for first look at ranch roads assessment. RCD doing assessment of roads in Walker Creek area. Fish and Wildlife {CAFWS} has not yet recognized RAM as protocol OK to use under its grants; currently required to use the Restoration manual of CAFWS. Was developed from concepts developed by Pacific Watershed Assoc. so there should be a way to transfer it over for more general use.
- NBWA/BASMAA Stormwater project nearly completed with the technical Memoranda—a final report on the project will be scheduled for July 2017 with Terri Flashing.
- 2017/18 Budget: Board approved budget in April. Invoices will be sent to members in the Sept./Oct. timeframe. NBWA expects to have \$60-\$70K carryover for special projects.



#### IV. Funding Update

- Judy Kelly reported on Monday's IRWMP meeting: Website getting updated and will launch soon. SCVWD funded the update. Large amount of historical data still to be uploaded
- Update on current Prop 1 DAC [Disadvantaged Community] funds. \$6.5M for DAC outreach, only. To uncover new communities of need and kinds of water supply needs these communities might need to be contacted and brought into the process.
- As part of the effort, there was a call for outreach projects months ago and a set of "First Tier Projects" were identified; three projects are in the North Bay - Sonoma has two and Marin one.
- DWR may be "Flexible" on regional DAC definition; conversation still happening.
- Judy was added as a Functional Area rep for watersheds.
- EJCW folks running this grant round; they are looking for sub-regional hubs to be point people/groups for sub-regional work and conversations. Reminded group that another \$6.5M coming after this for actual projects. N. Bay may not get 25% of this first round but the goal is still to have 25% of the total \$13 million go out to each region at the end of the two processes.
- East Bay seen as having most need w/DACs; so more may go to in this round to the East Bay.
- Matt reminded the group that the DAC issue is not going away. Conversations now underway for a big state bill for water infrastructure and parks which contains a good deal of funding for DAC area. Author Kevin de Leon represents a community with a lot of DACs.
- If emphasis remains, much of the money could all go to Imperial Valley and places in So. Cal.
- Call at 3 pm for Water Bond Coalition working on this bill.
- IRWMP folks also noted that projects bids are way higher than expected.

#### V. Marin RCD's request for funding

- Elise Saronen—Marin RCD—request for funding. Have Project and scope for renewal and expansion into East Marin. Pruneske Chatham helped write request.
- Ask is \$20K to get through public comment phase, and to next phase. Work helps with restoration projects for private landowners that can be an expensive process.
- Permit Coordination Document streamlines a set number of practices that landowners typically implement, tailored to Marin. Have size limitation. Have list of projects, scope, disburse to all the agencies; get 60 day review from agencies; public comment; if specific permits will get that; then can get projects done. Want to add 16 additional practices; have 17 already approved.
- A programmatic CEQA document will include items such as culvert replacement; creek bank erosion measures, etc. Possible for other agencies to partner? If projects fall within existing constraints, and done under specific conditions, and have RCD do the admin CEQA work. Would need to go through RCD for project submission. Have partners written into the program. STRAW has been in the program. They are open to new partners. Looking for 10-year permit life; been very successful. Of new practices, 13 are carbon beneficial; i.e. "carbon farming" so will be a program expansion. May also help with carbon credit funding capture.
- JTC supported the effort and recommend the proposal to the Board
- RCD will discuss in-house and with potential partners on ways to expand the geography



## VI. Wrap Up

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- **Ben will send revised documents to Judy Kelly for distribution to JTC list for review and comment**
- **Judy will check on final report for Aquatic Invasive Species report as per Greg Andrew's request**

### **Participants**

Judy Kelly – NBWA Executive Director

Chris Choo – Marin DPW

Judy Schribman – Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District

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