

NBWA
Joint (H/FP, IWR, WQ) Technical Committee
Dec 1, 2016
Meeting Summary

I. Introductions and Agenda Review

II. Review of September workshops and what's next for Climate Ready North Bay – Caitlin Cornwall

- Caitlin reminded JTC that the goal of the project is to provide new tools and sources for climate change planning. Project kicked off in July.
- This is a non-sea level rise effort focused instead on land based issues
- The 4 workshops presented detailed info and graphics tailored the North Bay for a broad audience
- Focus of workshops was to present tools and generate interest in using the tools
- Good attendance in Marin and Sonoma [lighter in Napa]
- Next steps: write up input from sessions, analyze questions raised at the meetings, create a watershed-specific set of recommendations on how best to use the tools based on local interests and conditions and conduct follow-up survey [perhaps 2] to determine how the tools are being accessed and used
- The JTC suggested that screen shots as well as the one-page write up of the tools be featured
- The final report on the project will come back to the NBWA Board in the February 2017 timeframe

III. Concept Proposal for Revised Game of Floods, Chris Choo

- Chris reported that the game has been popular and won several awards but currently staff intensive
- The interest is now in modifying the game to make it simpler to play and more accessible to the general public – currently requires some technical background to really have most successful engagement
- Marin Co. folks have been talking to a game designer who understands and has created games around regional planning and other public issues
- Idea is to modify the game and consider adding role cards, chance cards, dice or some other method to keep the game moving, make it more Bay Area generic and create a boxed game for the \$30 - \$40 per box price making it easier to use and share
- Proposal is for \$7,000 NBWA funding to make the design changes [during discussion the group agreed to an small increase in the proposal budget to cover game boxes for the other North Bay counties]
- JTC also discussed other ways to get the game out into the community and supported the idea of an NBWA-sponsored workshop with environmental education organizations from the North Bay invited to learn about the game and create expertise in the game beyond Marin
- Chris agreed to add a new task for outreach like a workshop and/or other ideas
- The JTC conceptually supported the request; agreed to look at the revised Proposal via email and if no objections from that review, suggest Board approval.
- Chris will revise the proposal and it will be sent to the JTC for final comment via email

IV. IRWMP Review

- Judy and Chris brought the group up to speed on IRWM [Integrated Regional Water Management Plan] noting IRWMP is a statewide grant program of DWR to encourage an integrated approach to regional water planning and development.

- Progress is focused now on an application for \$6.5M for the Bay Area in this round. The region includes all of Marin; all of Bay draining North Bay counties; Sonoma and Petaluma and Napa creek watersheds and parts of Solano.
- A draft application has been put together by the two leads, ECJW and the California Indian Environmental Alliance with a Draft Work plan and budget. The concept is now to propose to DWR a bare-bones Work plan with the intent of expanding and detailing the work plan once DWR has approve the submitted proposal and funding is available to the two lead agencies.
- The proposal will include a “Pre Proposal Bay Area DACI Project Applicant List” that includes over 20 concept outreach projects that could be considered for funding under this round. This list is not meant to be the full and final list and there is no promise of future funding meant for those parties on the list. Several North Bay proposals are on the list.
- Scoring criteria and project screening is expected to be complete by the end of the first quarter of 2017. The Sonoma Ecology Center is listed as one of 8 entities to be considered for subcontracts for work through the two lead agencies.
- There was discussion about the difficulty of this round of funding as the focus is new; there are new lead entities which have not participated in earlier rounds; and a lack of specific details about what funds will be allocated to which outreach partners. The proposal is expected to go to DWR next week. For more information about the IRWMP process see the Bay Area IRWMP website www.bairwmp.org

VI. Wrap up

ACTION: Chris will revise the Game of Floods proposal and it will be sent out for any final comments by the JTC

Next meeting- **Wednesday, January 25th, 2017-10:00 am-noon –Novato Sanitary District (500 Davidson)**

Next meeting will include follow up on current projects:

Stormwater /Trash proposal

Road RAM tool

ABAG/SFEP shoreline access APS

Participants:

Chris Choo- Marin DPW

Daria Isupov- Russian River Watershed Association

Leigh Sharp- Napa RCD

Valerie Minton, Sonoma RCD

Tito Saski, So. Co Farm Bureau

Judy Kelly- NBWA