

San Francisco Estuary Partnership
Implementation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 21, 2023

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendees

IC Members: Tom Mumley, Pat Eklund, Luisa Valiela, Lorien Fono, Barbara Salzman, Tess Byler, Warner Chabot, Lindsay Correa, Stuart Siegel, Adam Garcia, Amanda Bohl, Campbell Ingram, Casey Skinner, Hannah Fertel, Hayley Currier, Jessica Martini-Lamb, Kelli McCune, Lyndsey Tu, Steve Goldbeck, Adrian Covert, Jane Lavelle, Alison Whipple, Sara Azat, Jacki Zipkin, Vince Bacalan

SFEP Staff: Caitlin Sweeney, Ben Botkin, Natasha Daniels, Alex Thomsen, Darcie Luce, Diana Fu, James Muller, Karen McDowell, Leslie Perry, Athena Honore, Heidi Nutters, Taylor Pantiga, Will Geiken, Sarina Seaton, Sasha Harris-Lovett

1. Welcome/Intros

Tom Mumley called the meeting to order, introduced the attendees, welcomed new participants, and reviewed the agenda.

2. Approve 11/14/23 Meeting Summary (ACTION)

- Correction: Expand Agenda Item 5 to include the description of Task 16-1 which is to “Update and implement the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary Water Quality Control Plan with timely and scientifically sound information and keep the public and non-governmental organizations, Tribes, and local, state and federal official informed.”
- Motion to Approve 11/14/23 meeting summary by Pat Eklund, seconded by Tess Byler. Motion carried.

3. Director’s Report

Caitlin Sweeney highlighted several items in the Director’s Report:

- The State of the San Francisco Estuary Conference will be held at the Henry J Kaiser Center in Oakland on March 12-13, 2024.
 - Registration will be open until 3/5
 - The Scholarship application deadline is extended to 2/26
- Two new funding sources to highlight
 - Integrated Regional Water Management Program - \$32M awarded to SFEP from DWR, will support 12 regional projects

- New 3-year contract with DSC to supports staff time to work on the State of the Estuary platform and the conference
- Completed projects
 - Completion of the Healthy Watersheds, Resilient Baylands Program
- New IC representatives (in summary)
- Last meeting for Darcie Luce. Has been with SFEP since 2016. Led the revision of the Estuary Blueprint and tracking and management of the Blueprint progress. Instrumental to bringing social science to the partnership.

4. **Operating Procedures and Elections (ACTION)**

Caitlin Sweeney reviewed attachment 3 in the packet and reviewed the operating procedures for the IC. Discussion ensued regarding language in the operating procedures requiring the SF Regional Water Quality Control Board to hold either the Chair or Vice Chair seat and timing of the Chair and Vice Chair elections.

Motion by Barbara Salzman to defer the selection of a Chair and Vice Chair until a future meeting. Luisa seconded. Motion carried.

5. **Estuary Blueprint Progress Report**

- Darcie Luce presented highlights from the Progress Report.
- Currently over 35% of the way towards 100% completion of the tasks
- 85% of the tasks have been started
- Alison Whipple from Valley Water presented on Task 5-1 which is 100% complete.
- Campbell Ingram from the Delta Conservancy presented on Tasks 7-1, 7-2, and 7-3. Action 7, Tasks 7-2 completed at the last cycle, and 7-3 had significant progress made.

6. **Estuary Blueprint Implementation: Task 24-3 Bay Area Greenprint Resilience and Equity Modules**

- Ben Botkin introduced Adam Garcia and Liz O'Donahue as well as the Bay Area Greenprint.
- Adam reviewed the Greenprint objectives and the new Equity and Resilience Module.
- Can see the modules at www.bayareagreenprint.org

7. **30 Years of SFEP's Clean Vessel Act Program**

- Natasha Daniels presented on the 30 year history of the Clean Vessel Program.
- the program and due to shifting foci for SFEP. However, unsure of who will step in to take up the work into the future.

8. **FY 25 Draft Workplan and Budget**

- Caitlin Sweeney presented the draft FY 25 Budget and Workplan Oct 1, 2024 – Sept 30, 2025. Deadline for submittal to EPA is June 1. Looking for comments by the end of April. Final workplan/budget will be presented at the May IC meeting.

9. IC Member Announcements

- Stuart Siegel reported on progress on the Strip Marsh on SR 37. Is folded into the SR 37 projects. Also, NERR has been working with the regional water board on removing the sail boat that has drifted into Sear's Point.
- Pat Eklund reported that at the last BCDC meeting there was a great presentation on the Port of SF's Adaptation Plan.
- Tom Mumley reported on the status of the Climate Change Basin Plan Amendment.

10. 2024 IC Meetings Road Map

- Caitlin Sweeney reviewed the Road Map, which is in the packet. The next meeting will take place on May 22, 2024. Some discussion on whether to continue to have future meetings as hybrid or fully remote.

11. Adjourn to Next Meeting (May 22, 2024)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM