

San Francisco Estuary Partnership  
Implementation Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, November 6, 2024

## MEETING SUMMARY

### Attendees

**IC Members:** Amanda Bohl, Arthur Feinstein, Barbara Salzman, Cameron Carr, Casey Skinner, Chris Barr, Dana Michaels, Eryan Sloane, Jane Lavelle, Jessica Fain, Jessica Martini-Lamb, Karen Buhr, Laura Tam, Lindsay Correa, Nikki Roach, Pat Eklund, Reid Bogert, Sara Azat, Sree Gopal, Stuart Siegel, Tess Byler

**SFEP Staff:** Caitlin Sweeney, Alex Thomsen, Alexis Gabriel, Athena Honore, Ben Botkin, Diana Fu, Hannah Kempf, Graham Prentiss, Heidi Nutters, James Muller, Karen McDowell, Lila Bowen, Natasha Daniels, Sarina Seaton, Sasha Harris-Lovett

#### 1. Welcome/Intros

Keith Lichten called the meeting to order, introduced the attendees, welcomed new participants, and reviewed the agenda.

#### 2. Approve 08/07/2024 Meeting Summary (ACTION)

- Motion to Approve 08/07/2024 meeting summary by Barbara Salzman, seconded by Arthur Feinstein. Motion carried.

#### 3. Director's Report

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

- Bay Area Tap Water Testing Report Released
- San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Seeks Members for Advisory Committee and Governing Board
- Four new funding sources to highlight
  - Bipartisan Infrastructure Funding – Yr 3 (\$909,000)
  - EPA Wetlands Program Development Grant – Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program (\$665,000)
  - State Revolving Fund – State of Our Estuary (\$1 million)
  - Friends of the Estuary/Honey Hove – Estuary Youth Council (\$500,000)
- BAMSC primary representative for the IC will now be Reid Bogert, Stormwater Program Director
- Introduced New Staff, Climate Adaptation Specialist, Graham Laird Prentiss
- Update from Karen McDowell on invasive golden mussels

**4. Integrating Human Dimensions into the Blueprint: Report from the Social Science Advisory Committee**

- Sasha Harris-Lovett, SFEP, introduced the item
- Michael Mascarenhas, UC Berkeley, provided the report from the Social Science Advisory Committee, including recommendations for the next Estuary Blueprint

**5. Tribal and Environmental Justice Issues in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta**

- Amanda Bohl and Morgan Chow, Delta Stewardship Council, presented
- Identified environmental justice issues and options to address those issues.
- Differentiating between environmental justice and tribal justice

**6. Estuary Blueprint Steering Committee Report**

- Keith Lichten announced three meetings a year for the Steering Committee

**7. Estuary Blueprint Implementation: Action 4 Novato Baylands Strategy**

- James Muller, SFEP, and Jeanette Weisman, MTC, presented
- ABAG/MTC and the Bay Area Toll Authority will have more opportunities going forward. More integration of transportation and the environment.

**8. Estuary Blueprint Implementation: Action 3**

- Ben Botkin, SFEP, presented on the Priority Conservation Areas Refresh and Grant Program

**9. IC Member Announcements**

- Jessica Fain, reported on BCDC's regional shoreline adaptation plan. Public comment closed a few weeks ago. Received hundreds of comments. Turning around for commission approval on December 5<sup>th</sup>. BCDC released a beneficial re-use action plan for Bay Area which is now out for public comment. December 5<sup>th</sup> deadline for comments.
- Keith Lichten - Waterboard meetings on November 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 9am. Information item on North Bay Selenium Load. December meeting information on Caltrans trash control
- Sree Gopal – Ocean Protection Council spoke about the process of 2026/20230 strategic plan. Will be hosting webinars in Winter and early Spring and public listening sessions along the coast. Ready for release November or December next year. Public comment late Spring and early Summer.

**10. IC Meetings Roadmap**

- Caitlin Sweeney reviewed the 2025 Meetings Road Map. The next meeting will take place on March 19, 2025. Hybrid/Yerba Buena Conference Room

**11. Adjourn to Next Meeting**

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:25pm.