



May 12, 2025

AGENDA

Monthly Members Meeting

1:30 - 3:00 pm

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Meeting ID: 259 187 569 313 0

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1:30	1. Introductions	All
1:35	2. Admin Updates/Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome, Gretchen! • Follow-up from Dr. Shaefer presentation “Closing the Natural Disaster Financial Protection Gap” • BAIRWM Coordinating Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Action Item: Select BAFPAA Representative • Prop 4 funding webinars • USGS Study on marsh restoration • Water Board meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next meeting: June 26 ○ Christina Toms to present on Butano Creek 	Antonella Gentile
1:55	3. 2025 BAFPAA Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time and date: Monday, October 6, 8:30 AM • Location: 1025 Escobar Street, Room 110A, downtown Martinez • Call for topics, panels (draft attached) 	Sara Duckler and Elke Rank
2:10	4. Roundtable on federal policy impacts	Antonella Gentile
2:25	5. Committee Updates and Reports on Other Groups (as needed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Permitting Committee - Elke Rank, Claudia Gemberling (May 8 meeting update) • San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority - Paul Detjens (next meeting May 16) • San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) Implementation Committee - Tess Byler • Advanced Quantitative Precipitation Information (AQPI) - Mark Boucher • Silver Jackets – Tami Church 	As noted
2:35	6. Upcoming membership meeting topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (BCDC, different perspectives) • Fast-Tracking Wildfire Safety Projects and Expanding Beneficial Fire https://www.wildfiretaskforce.org (Brian 	Antonella Gentile

	<p>Mendenhall, Valley Water)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other topics? 	
2:45	<p>7. Treasurer's Report (report attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tessera Contract executed • Checking account stands at \$93,925.37, savings at \$147,474.13 (includes \$92,446.00 in funds for CHARG) 	Katie Muller
2:55	<p>8. Adjourn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting June 9, 2025 at 1:30PM 	Antonella Gentile



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Monthly Members Meeting Summary
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1. Introductions

- Gretchen E. Hayes of Tessera Science Consulting welcomed as new BAFPAA Coordinator. Members asked to whitelist her email for future communication: GretchenEHayes@gmail.com.

2. Administrative Updates

NFIP

- Dr. Schaefer Presentation Follow-up on Alternative Funding Mechanisms to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP): Members encouraged to send feedback on alternative flood insurance funding mechanisms for various scale areas, including countywide.

BAIRWMP

- **Brian Mendenhall to provide functional areas for next meeting**
- Brian Mendenhall is currently BAIRWMP Chair so must abstain from voting.
- BAFPAA Representation:
 - Elke Rank remains as a representative
 - Mark Boucher stepping down
 - Sarah Duckler nominated and confirmed as new BAFPAA representative with unanimous vote approval

Funding Opportunities

- **Coastal Conservancy Funding Webinar 5/12 Recap**
San Francisco Bay coastal flood risk and related shoreline resilience
 - **Webinar Recording:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PJW04nwsFPs>
 - **Webinar Slides:** <https://scc.ca.gov/files/2025/02/SF-Bay-Funding-Webinar-ALL-slides.pdf>
 - **Q& A:** <https://scc.ca.gov/files/2025/02/SF-Bay-Funding-Webinar-QA.pdf>
 - **Prop 4 Funding:** <https://scc.ca.gov/2025/02/04/climatebond/>
- **Prop 4 Funding**
W 5/21 Wildfire Resilience Webinar
 - Emphasis on integrating wildfire risk reduction into stream maintenance plans.
 - Limited traditional flood project funding; Emphasis on wetlands/restoration.
- **FEMA Funding**
 - BRIC discontinued
 - HMGP remains active; focused mainly on wildfire; more need than funding
- **EPA**
 - May have \$25-\$50 M for water quality grants, TBD
- **Coastal Conservancy**
 - Rolling Grants
- **Cal Trans and USACE will partner on grants**

USGS Marsh Restoration Study

- **Roger Leventhal to request a presentation from USGS, potentially by Jessica Lacy**
- Linking tidal-creek sediment fluxes to vertical sediment accretion in a restored salt marsh

- <https://www.usgs.gov/centers/pcmssc/news/linking-tidal-creek-sediment-fluxes-vertical-sediment-accretion-a-restored-salt>

Resource Sharing

- [Gretchen Hayes to survey membership for preferred methods of resource sharing \(email, website, etc.\)](#).
- [Membership to send listserve links to Gretchen Hayes to monitor for funding, webinars, topical interests to BAFPA.](#)

RWQCB Water Quality Certification Fee Revision Proposal

- [W 6/11 RWQCB Water Quality Fees Stakeholder Meeting](#)
- [Meeting Handout:
<https://waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/stakeholder/docs/2025/20250507-wqcstakeholdermtg-handout.pdf>](#)
- Water Board Fees: One commenting agency estimated \$2M permit fee for flood control project permitting, raised concerns.
- Currently no comment opportunity.
- Track progress here: https://waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/#20250603

RWQCB Quarterly Meeting with BAFPA

- [TH 6/26 11AM Next RWQCB Quarterly Meeting](#)
- [Brian Mendenhall to present on Wildfire Resilience Webinar](#)
- [Christina Toms from RWQCB to present on Butano Creek](#)

3. BAFPA Conference: Monday, October 6, Martinez

- [BY F 6/6/25: Call for Topics, Speakers, and Champions to Lead Sessions. Submit to Sara Duckler and Elke Rank](#)
- [Sara Duckler and Elke Rank to review invitee list and send out Save the Date](#)
- Monday, October 6: 1025 Escobar Street, Room 110A, Martinez.
- Format: Morning panels, lunch, optional field trip.
- List of proposed topics appended

4. Roundtable on Federal Policy

- Postponed discussion

5. Committee & Partner Updates

Environmental Permitting Committee (Elke Rank)

- [8/6 11AM Next Environmental Permitting Committee Meeting](#)
- [BY F 6/6/25: Submit examples of RWQCB permitting challenges – primarily regarding timelines – to Claudia Gemberling to raise with Keith Lichten](#)
- RWQCB: Concerns raised over RWQCB response delays; focus on improving consistency and efficiency
- BEAVERS: Potential field trip for beaver dam analogs discussed.
- WOTUS: Discussion of Federal jurisdiction over ephemeral streams

AQPI (Mark Boucher)

- CBAND Radar installation summer 2025 in Marin, soon on the San Francisco Peninsula
- \$1M installation funding commitments needed by September; Agreement to be finalized by Spring 2026.
- \$1M/Year Long-term funding costs to be shared.

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RSAP (Roger Leventhal)

- RSAP Plans must be completed by 2034 for grant funding
- CHARG Committee submitted comments to BCDC
- Regional comments highlighted planning and funding challenges.
- Discussion of OLUs “Operational Landscape Units” for plans
- BCDC to provide tech support and GIS data for plans

SILVER JACKETS (Tami Church, USACE)

- **TH 5/29 Next Silver Jackets Meeting**
- **ACOE offered quarterly check-ins with BAFPAA:**
Regulatory, 408, Emergency, Levee Safety, Inspections, Technical Assistance, Funding partnerships, Silver Jackets, etc. Conversations could be project specific, or more overarching.
- 6/10/25 New Commander of SF District: LTC Virginia Brickner
- Annual USACE Levee Owners Workshop September or November:
Possible 2-day workshop – with Day 1 being more of a basics of flood preparedness and working with USACE/FEMA/DWR, and Day 2 being a more elevated discussion about updates or advances in addressing flooding, upkeep and retrofits of flood systems.
[Request for hosting facilities for USACE Levee Owners Workshop in September or November](#)

7. Treasurer’s Report

- Tessera Sciences Contract Executed for BAFPAA Coordinator
- Balances:
 - Checking: \$93,925.37
 - Savings: \$147,474.13 (includes \$92,446.00 for CHARG)

7. General Membership Meeting:

- **M 6/9, 1:30PM Next General Meeting**
- BCDC RSAP and Valley Water’s Executive Order presentation.



2025 BAFPAA Annual Member Meeting

Monday, October 6, 2025
Martinez, CA
Morning Panels & Afternoon Fieldtrip

CALL FOR PANEL TOPICS, SPEAKERS, and CHAMPIONS

We are formulating the morning sessions for the BAFPAA Annual Member Meeting, Monday October 6th. We invite anyone who has a topic idea, or who would like to champion a topic (e.g. volunteer to speak or recruit speakers, organize a panel or workshop) to get in touch with our 2025 chairs:

Sara Duckler, Co-Chair
sara.duckler@pw.cccounty.us

Elke Rank, Co-Chair
erank@zone7water.com

Many people are needed to assist our chairs in putting together another great conference! If you would like to champion any of the suggested topics below, or any other idea, **please get in touch before our next General Meeting on June 9, 2025 at 1:30PM.**

We usually explore three topics of interest. Suggested topics to date include:

- Improving Communication of Technical Information to the Community (Judd Goodman)
- Beneficial Reuse of Sediment and Marsh Restoration (Roger Leventhal)
 - Potential USGS Speaker, Jessica Lacy on Study:

[Linking tidal-creek sediment fluxes to vertical sediment accretion in a restored salt marsh](https://www.usgs.gov/centers/pcm/sc/news/linking-tidal-creek-sediment-fluxes-vertical-sediment-accretion-a-restored-salt-marsh)

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- Variations among different Maintenance Permit Programs; permitted activities, mitigation requirements, etc. (Claudia Gemberling)
- AQPI (Mark Boucher)
- Agency websites with real-time rain/stream gauge data
- Training module ~20 minutes on environmental regulatory arena for work in creeks
- Local fish passage projects
- Newly listed species (Monarch, Western Pond Turtle, Crotch's Bumblebee)
- Federal Funding Uncertainties, Project Impacts, Work-Arounds and New Funding Ideas
- Funding Models, such as Maintenance Assessment District, Community Facility District, Geologic Hazard District, other
- Beaver Dam Analogs or Beaver Reintroduction for hydrograph modification; Potential field trip site to discuss resolving issues with beaver dams and flood protection
- Endowments/ Conservation Easements & Legislation – possible presentation by Jennifer Shook (Orange Co.) from So Cal's coalition of agencies and discussion regarding BAFPAA partnership



SAVE THE DATE!

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LOCATION

1025 Escobar St.
Martinez, CA 94553

ABOUT US

www.bafpaa.org

WHAT TO EXPECT

Mark your calendars for BAFPAA's annual gathering—where insight meets experience! Join fellow professionals for a dynamic day of enriching morning sessions exploring cutting-edge industry topics, followed by exclusive afternoon field trips to innovative projects shaping our field. This unmissable opportunity connects you with peers, thought leaders, and real-world applications all in one event.

More details coming soon, including session topics and registration information.



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and Water Conservation District