



Minutes October 13, 2021 Monthly Meeting

1. Presentation by Christina Toms and Xavier Fernandez on the Proposed Regional Board Basin Plan Amendment on Wetlands and Climate Change. [Link to Regional Board Webpage](#). The presentation was video recorded. Please contact Jennifer Krebs if you would like to view it. Q&A afterwards focused on how to make it easier to implement flood-related mitigation measures for climate change, including permitting, costs, and lack of funding programs for green-grey infrastructure. Discussion also on different types of aquatic environments and different needs for climate change adaptation other than wetlands, such as rocky intertidal systems. The Board currently feels that permitting changes in the future will be based on experiences with projects today. Perhaps permit streamlining will emerge from current experiences.
2. Chair Elke announced that DWR will be advertising a PSP for drought round funding this month. The link to the DWR active grants page is: [LINK](#)
3. Discussion of BAFPAA rules of governance and by-laws. Chair Elke is reviewing them and may make recommendations to the larger group. She noted that the documents call out annual meetings with agency GMs, as well as a legislative committee. Do we want or need this? Also do we need to make it easier to add agencies to BAFPAA? This is ongoing work. BAFPAA Member Carol Mahoney is now the Zone 7 Governmental Relations Manager. She will continue to work on legislative issues with BAFPAA, and can perhaps lead legislative efforts.
4. Sonoma Water kicked off a big project with NRCS announced Carlos Diaz. The agencies are collaborating on the Central Sonoma Watershed Project. They are looking at the existing flood infrastructure in the Santa Rosa Creek Watershed, constructed in the 1960s, and how it can be modernized and improved for future climate constraints.
5. San Francisco Estuary Institute is working with Valley Water on Urban Greening efforts per Brian Mendenhall.
6. Next Meeting November 8, 2021 at 2:30

Meeting Attended by:

Christina Toms, Regional Water Board
Xavier Fernandez, Regional Water Board
Elke Rank, Zone 7 Water Agency
Antonella Gentile, Santa Cruz
Carlos Diaz, Sonoma Water
Natalie Muradian, Vallejo San
Katie Muller, Valley Water
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Brian Mendenhall, Valley Water
Doug Titus, Valley Water