



## January 10, 2022 Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

1. MOU revision/process – Chair Elke and the leadership team have reviewed the BAFPAA MOU. Some member agencies have changed names. New agencies have joined. The Rules of Governance are not noted. Elke shared a draft amendment with the Zone 7 Counsel. It has been ok'd & the draft was circulated with the agenda for this meeting. Elke will send out a standalone email to all agencies (Jennifer will find an agency lead for each agency).
2. Leadership update – Elke is serving her second year as BAFPAA Chair. In several months we will open up a call for new members for the leadership team. To accompany this, we will send around a list of past chairs/vice chairs. Contra Costa has been BAFPAA treasurer for several years. At some point, CCC may want to pass that along.
3. Annual Meetings – Historically, BAFPAA has held annual meetings. Last year, with COVID, we didn't have one. Might we want to have one this year? Ideas thrown out were for meetings at or with a regulatory agency; as a site visit, or two different site visits in a day; or to wait until next year, March 2023, when a new chair takes over. Next month we will discuss recruiting members to work on an annual meeting. Or perhaps the Environmental Permitting Committee could schedule a field visit. McKelvie Park, Fortex?
4. BAFPAA Admin support contract ends in March. Mark Boucher is determining if the current contract can be extended or we need to go out for a contract immediately.
5. Water Board-BAFPAA meetings. These meetings are typically quite well attended; however, BAFPAA can cover topics in a more focused and useful way. The Board staff is interested in climate change. What do member agencies want from the Board regarding climate change: permitting flexibility, reduction in fees, adjustments to regulations, etc. Do we have an ask? Can share information to avoid duplication? How can we collaborate better so BAFPAA agencies are not treated like developers but rather public agencies acting for the public good? Can we get information for how to go above staff level to senior agency level (Sacramento) to help with fees and regulatory relief? What have we learned with BRRIT? Can we ask the legislature to put permitting fees for local agencies into a bill? The Environmental Permitting Committee will meet on March 1 to try to get some definition prior to the next meeting with the Water Board. Elke will try to do research into fees.
6. AB 315 (Stone) Carol Mahoney discussed that this bill would require a state agency that funds a project to restore fish and wildlife habitats to indemnify and hold harmless a real property owner who voluntarily allows their real property to be used/accessed by a project. Might this impact how agencies can use funding? Need to look into this.
7. Committee Updates. None
8. Next meeting February 14th, 2022 at 1:30pm by Zoom

Agencies/Members in attendance:

Santa Cruz: Antonella Gentile

Sonoma Water: Keenan Foster, Carlos Diaz

San Francisquito JPA: Tess Byler

Valley Water: Doug Titus, Elise Latedjou-Durand, Brian Mendenhall, Katie Muller

Zone 7 Water Agency: Elke Rank, Carol Mahoney, Michael Miller