



March 14, 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Attending:

Sonoma Water: Carlos Diaz, Keenan Foster

Zone 7: Mike Miller, Carol Mahoney

NCE: Mike Carlson

Alameda: Hank Ackerman

Valley Water: Brian Mendenhall, Katie Muller

Santa Cruz: Antonella Gentile

Livermore: Megan Verner-Christ

1. Chair/Vice Chair meeting last week. Elke sent out a draft amendment to the BAFPAA MOU to facilitate new members joining; referencing the Rules of Governance; updating the current list of members. She is asking for Agency review by 4/11. Currently three agencies, not in the original MOU are BAFPAA members: Vallejo, Santa Cruz, and One Shoreline.
2. Water Board/BAPFAA meeting:
 - a. Keith Lichten will send Jennifer a copy of the Primer on Community Flood Projects. BAFPAA members should review. Perhaps we want to send comments.
 - b. Mike Montgomery has returned to the US EPA, heading up Superfund. Tom Mumley is interim EO; staff attorneys are changing as well as county leads.
 - c. MRP behind schedule, did not go to the Board in March. Now set for May 2022. Re, the MRP, two issues of concern to BAFPAA members:
 - C.17 unsheltered homelessness – collaborative work to manage populations in place and to seek additional housing and services. Will clarify mapping.
 - Gravel maintenance roads – clarifying requirements on these roads based upon drainage around roads.
 - d. Basin Plan Amendment for Climate Change: went to the Board a couple of weeks ago, open now for comments. The effort acknowledges that climate change will affect water quality. Clarified that the amendment is non regulatory. Hearing 4/13. Written comments by 4/27.
 - e. Project Mitigation: Discussion about planting in times of drought. Keith wonders if BAFPAA wants to develop guidance for mitigation activities in time of drought. The goals would be to do needed work, maintain integrity of banks plus to protect habitat/maintain water quality.
 - f. Next meeting June 9th, 10:45.
3. Environmental Permitting Committee will have a field trip to Contra Costa County on April 20th. Locations to be visited TBD. The Committee, which has been chaired by Ave Brown of Contra Costa, needs a new chair.
4. Homelessness committee - Carol suggests turning this into a Water Quality Committee. This committee, too, is in need of a new chair.
5. CHARG - two white papers in the works:
 - a. guidance doc for practitioners around the Bay for shoreline projects. A small group will review prior to roll out.
 - b. piece on shoreline hardening.

Roger and John working with BPC. CHARG will speak at the May conference. Will re-engage with the Steering Committee in April. Re, the CHARG budget, Mark Boucher reports that CHARG has 106,612.50 in the bank out of an \$115,000 allocation.

6. San Francisco Estuary Partnership Implementation Committee meeting this coming Wednesday. Estuary Blueprint has flood related items: beneficial flooding is a new buzzword. Looking for places where that can be done. Draft is out and will be discussed on Wednesday.
<https://www.sfestuary.org/progress-tracking/>
7. Sonoma Water has a new project manager for the APQI project, Dale Roberts.
8. Discussion on how BAFPA can be more proactive regarding regulations. Possible collaboration with the Bay Area Council, which has noted that CA has many regulations. Working in Sacramento (with agency heads rather than staff) might be more productive than the current approach. Perhaps each agency should identify their top roadblocks. Carlos will continue this discussion next month at the Vice Chair- Chair meeting.
9. Next Meeting: 4/11/22