



November 14, 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Attending:

Santa Cruz - Rusty Barker, Antonella Gentile, Mark Strudley

Valley Water - James Downing, Katie Muller, Doug Titus, Elise Latedjou-Durand

Contra Costa - Mark Boucher, Tim Jensen

Sonoma Water - Carlos Diaz

Zone 7 - Elke Rank, Jeff Tang

One Shoreline - Makena Wong

BAFPAA Staff: Jennifer Krebs

1. Administrative Updates

1. Carlos has agreed to be Chair for next year. Jennifer will send an email to the membership soliciting nominations for Vice Chairs. The schedule is as follows:
 - a. Leadership will work on slate between now and December. In December, a slate will be presented.
 - b. Membership to vote on the new Vice Chair(s) in January.
2. MOU update. MOU is being reviewed by all agencies. Should be amended by January.
3. October BAFPA-Water Board meeting. Intro of Eileen White, new Executive Officer.
 - a. Elke and others did a presentation on BAFPA. Eileen was knowledgeable and enthusiastic. She realizes that agencies are of different sizes with different funding sources.
 - b. Discussion on gravel road - VW was concerned about MRP language. Only roads that are being expanded or new will require permits. James - John B and Keith are talking today about exclusions in permits. VW may have more to report at the next meeting.
 - c. Water Board is interested in participating/collaborating in a training session/workshop in March.
4. March workshop. BAFPA volunteers - Elke, Carlos, Antonella, Katie Muller. Also Keith, Liz and Xavier from the Water Board
5. Rusty Barker on Pajaro River Vegetation Maintenance 2021. See attached materials. The Pajaro River runs through Watsonville. It forms part of the boundary of Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. Project focus was upstream of 101. There is not much flood conveyance. Turns out to be a 12 to 15 year flow. Levees constructed in 1949. The Army Corps realized the need to upgrade 20 years later. Big floods in 1995 and 1998. The 2021 Project involved both Left and Right Banks for 1.8 miles. Used a risk approach. There has been change in canopy height, kept refugia, but removed much vegetation. Many trees have rebounded quickly. SC is discussing with the Water Board documenting regrowth so as not to plant new trees. SC wants to be good stewards. Re mitigation requirements: WB has asked for alot of mitigation. County has put in for DWR. Denied authorization; told to proceed by the Water Board; then fined. SC thinks trimming willows is like mowing the lawn. Hopefully work will be done in 5 years, not in perpetuity. Want to set back levees 200 to 400 feet. Used Lidar data for hydraulic modeling.

6. Committee Updates:
 - a. CHARG. Anticipating first of white papers in New Year's per Carlos.
 - b. Homelessness - SC planning Pajaro camp clean-up. They may have to scrape soil due to contamination (Does not know info on Soils report). Zone 7 is going to include Homeless Encampment Cleanup as mitigation.
7. Treasurer's Report - all dues paid for 2022/2023.
8. Next meeting 12/12/22 at 1:30.