



**February 14, 2023**  
**Monthly Members Meeting**  
**Minutes**

**Agencies and Members in Attendance:**

Contra Costa County- Mark Boucher, Claudia Gemberling, Tim Jensen  
Sonoma Water - Carlos Diaz  
Valley Water - Katie Muller, Doug Titus, Kurt Lueneburger  
Zone 7 - Carol Mahoney, Andy Chamberlain  
Santa Cruz - Antonella Gentile  
Alameda County - Arthur Valderama, Hank Ackerman  
San Francisco Joint Powers Agency - Tess Byler  
Petaluma - Gina Benedetti-Petnic  
Past Chair - Sara Duckler  
BAFPAA Staff - Jennifer Krebs

1. Admin Updates
  - a. MOU - please send MOU Update Board approvals to Carlos & Jennifer, who will compile and track
  - b. Spring Workshop planning underway. Save the date: March 29 at Valley Water. The topic is the Changing Landscape of Flood Management and Channel Maintenance. There will be panels, a keynote speaker, and a site visit.
  - c. Quarterly meeting with the Water Board held last week. Discussion topics included the Basin Plan amendment re Climate Change; also CDF units and their maintenance; large project general restoration project order.
2. Legislation Update
  - a. [Senate Bill 23](#) Caballero. Members are encouraged to check the bill, to decide if your agency, or BAFPAA, should comment. The bill formalizes pre-consultation. ACWA asking water agencies to support. Relies on HCPs, watershed plans, etc. Regulators can recover costs for permit-related activities.
3. Round Robin on Winter Storms
  - a. Katie shared photos of Valley Water sediment & trash issues
  - b. Antonella said that the Central Coast Regional Board wants batching of projects. Thanks to Mark Boucher for information on how he calculates storm size. Pajaro River flooded beyond 50-year flood and almost overtopped the levees.
  - c. Tim said Contra Costa was looking at about 5 million dollars of damages, plus road repair work. One levee was almost overtopped. The storms caused the most intense rain in the east of the county, 500-year storm intensity.
  - d. Andy said that Zone 7 had a large number of damages: 43 sites, roughly \$10 million in damages. He will compare the authorized budgets and actual expenditures.
  - e. Tim suggests call for damage for bank repairs so agencies can discuss with each other in future meetings. Email information to Jennifer.

4. Mark Boucher on how Contra Costa is using Flood Resources from [CW3E](#), Atmospheric River page, and other links. Mark has developed ways of downloading and displaying the information that is easy to read and useful:  
<https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/1456/Storm-Event-Reports>;  
<https://www.ccflood.us/ar.html>.  
[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1r78HV8iygghr-hD0rCwrBpvKrNeZYyBU/edit?usp=share\\_link&oid=109925936022841113684&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1r78HV8iygghr-hD0rCwrBpvKrNeZYyBU/edit?usp=share_link&oid=109925936022841113684&rtpof=true&sd=true).  
Carlos noted that CW3E has other models on the website that can be used individually or on Westwrf.
5. Committee Updates:
  - a. CHARG is focusing in 2023 on white papers and their distribution. First white paper under review.
  - b. Claudia will work with Elke to resurrect the Environmental Permitting Committee
  - c. Valley Water started a working group on Homelessness who might get involved. Katie will check to see if there is information to be shared with BAFPAA.
6. Regional Planning Committee - Mark attends, but not much flood-related.
7. SFEP IC - Carol represents BAFPAA, and would like to pass the baton
8. AQPI - Jon Rutz, CW3E, is looking for funding, also writing python script for export.
9. Future Meeting agendas:
  - a. March - King Tides by San Mateo's Colin Martonana
  - b. April - Groundwater and Flooding Maps update by SFEI
10. Treasurer's Report - Mark reported that BAFPAA received funds back from a contribution to IRWMP from many years ago. Both CHARG and BAFPAA have funding for the upcoming year.
11. Next meeting - March 13, 2023 1:30