

The SFBRA Advisory Committee (AC) met on April 12, and here's a summary of BAFPA-pertinent items:

- The AC heard an update on **Tribal Engagement Recommendations** and voted to approve and send to the SFBRA Board.
- The AC learned that the SFBRA Board had approved funding for the **Deer Island Basin** Phase I Tidal Wetlands Project at their March 22, 2024 meeting. Congrats to Roger and other Marin County folks involved on this grant!
- Select members of the AC had volunteered to review **Round 7 grant applications**. I requested to review projects that had a meaningful flood control component. AC Round 7 reviews were completed in December, 2023, and then melded with SFBRA staff reviews to form an overall funding recommendation. Fourteen projects requested over \$70m with approximately \$15.5m available in this round. Round 7 'anticipated funding' recommendations were reviewed at this AC meeting and are listed in [this table](#).
- The RFP for **Round 8 funding** should be released in July with applications due in October, 2024. My personal recommendation is that Flood Control Districts with shoreline facilities (sorry Zone 7 😞) give serious thought to partnering with an eco-groovy non-profit and put in an application. SLR Resiliency projects with significant community outreach seem to be very competitive, and the addition of flood protection (even if its restoring lost capacity) can be very attractive.
- And as a slight aside that Roger will probably find familiar from his time on the AC, our last meeting had a lengthy discussion about the '**proportionality of DACs**' and how that should affect future funding recommendation. This concept is that some communities have a larger *proportion* of disadvantaged folks and therefore should proportionally benefit from additional directed funding. The proposed Equity Performance Measures were discussed again, and will be back at the September AC meeting for hopefully final approval to send to the SFBRA Board.
- During this discussion, **Marin and Sonoma Counties** were often brought up, arguing that the wealthier parts of those counties should somehow support their own DACs, freeing up SFBRA funds for areas, like Oakland, that have *proportionally* fewer wealthy areas to do so. I, and others, argued that the SFBRA funds have certain regional targets for funding, and significant regional-scale opportunities exist on the north bay shoreline (ie 10,000-acre Sonoma Creek Baylands, 1,000-acre Novato Creek Baylands) that provide a large ecological lift, while noting such opportunities do not exist along the Alameda County shoreline near Oakland's DACs (which are also not necessarily near the South Bay Salt Ponds).
- Upcoming AC **events** include July 30th tour of the South Bay Salt Ponds, South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project and other nearby funded projects. The tour is open to the public. Details [here](#). Our next regular AC meeting will be September 13, 2024. So next BAFPA update in October.

Respectfully Submitted to my BAFPA peeps!

--Paul R. Detjens (Flood Control Emeritus Dude)