



September 9, 2024

Monthly Members Meeting Minutes

Attending

- Livermore: Mallika Ramachandran, Leo
- CDFW: Brandon Amrhein, Marcus Griswold, Karen Weiss
- Valley Water: Katie Muller, Sepi Bahrani
- Contra CC: Mark Boucher, Tim Jensen, Claudia Gemberling
- Sonoma Water: Keenan Foster
- Santa Cruz - Antonella Gentile
- San Mateo - Johnathan Persho
- Marin - Judd Goodman, Tracy Clay, Roger Leventhal
- Alameda - James Yoo, Jaceline Tom, Moses Tsang
- Zone 7- Elke Rank, Ed Reyes
- Army Corp - Tami Church
- San Francisquito - Denean Ni
- Jennifer Krebs - BAFPAA Staff

1. Introductions

2. **Marcus Griswold, CDFW & Team on Advanced Mitigation Options** - Goal is to describe ecological function to maintain it moving forward. Trying to connect habitats. Entire presentation attached. Overview slide on advanced mitigation agreements (MCAs)

Connectivity Advance Mitigation Modifications		
MCA Program	Banking Program	CAM
Must occur within an approved RCIS	Can occur anywhere	Program dependent
Non-permanent & permanent credits	Permanent credits	Permanent credits
Requires Conservation Easement or Long term durability agreement (non-permanent)	Requires Conservation Easement	Requires Conservation Easement and where infeasible, long-term durability agreement
Framework option available	No framework	Program dependent
CDFW program – allows other agencies to sign agreement	Up to 8 MOU agencies using the Bank Enabling Instrument	CDFW program- can work with other agencies
Can create from excess mitigation	Option not available	Program dependent
Public review required	No public review	Program dependent
Closure still allows for the use of credits purchased prior to closure	Closure stops the transfer (use) of credits purchased prior to closure	Program dependent

Upcoming Webinars

October 4, 2024

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. [Overview of CDFW's Advance Mitigation Programs Webinar](#)
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. [Connectivity Advance Mitigation \(CAM\) Webinar](#)

October 15, 2024

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. [Regional Conservation Investment Strategies \(RCIS\) Webinar](#)

Register at: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Planning/Connectivity>

- Question: What role does CDWF envision for flood agencies in such a program? Non profit agencies are interested. Flood agencies could work with RCDs. RCDs could get credits and agencies could participate. Program opens the doorway if an agency wants to plan for mitigation banks.
 - Question: Different agencies have different requirements: do you have an example that worked for the Army Corps and or Water Board? not yet
 - Caltrans is interested in partnering.
 - Prop 68 funds available to create an RCIS that may cover many of the costs. Contact Karen Weiss.
Link for more info: [Prop 68 Funding Opportunities \(ca.gov\)](#)
- Admin Items
 - Water Board - BAFPAA Meeting this Thursday. Discussion on Sediment Solutions
 - Volunteers for Strat Plan - Elke
 - Committee Updates
 - EPC - Agencies expressed frustration with interagency process
 - CEAC issues - At CEAC, southern CA agencies have problems with endowing mitigation. Jennifer will reach out to Jennifer from Orange County.
 - USACE Levee Owner Workshop 9/26/2024. RSVP and Lunch Order:
<https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/zvyrXD1Q5X>. In future years hope to have this around the Bay
 - Silver Jackets & Flood Risk Program - Tami's new role. She hopes to coordinate better with Flood Agencies. tami.c.church@usace.army.mil
 - SFEP Implementation Committee - next meeting 11/6
 - AQPI - Last month, Scripps hosted a User Group meeting. Sonoma Water doing long term no-cost extension.
 - Future Meeting Topics
 - Jennifer Shuck, So Cal, CEAC
 - Round robin on summer work
 - CHARG white paper

d. Homeless encampments, - 5 minutes each agency of new issues, ongoing problems

6. Dues - Katie sending them out this week

7. Next Meeting - 10/21 1:30