

SF Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee

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Monday, January 28, 2019, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, 525 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco, CA 94102

13th Floor Hetch Hetchy Conference Room

Conference Call Dial-in: 515-604-9996; Access Code: 555505

Meeting Objectives:

- Receive update on status of IRWM Prop 84 grant rounds
- Discuss approach to Prop 1 IRWM DACI grant administration
- Receive update on Prop 1 IRWM DAC Involvement funds work
- Discuss approach to Prop 1 Implementation

Agenda:

1:00 – 1:05	Welcome and Introductions	Chair
1:05 – 1:20	Status on Prop 84 Rounds 1 - 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Round 1 completion• Update on status of Round 2, Drought Round 3, and 2015 Round 4• AQPI update	J. Bradt J. Muller J. Spaulding
1:20 – 1:25	Addition of Stormwater Resource Plans to the Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adoption of the Santa Clara Basin Stormwater Resources Plan	SCVURPPP/ B. Mendenhall
1:25 – 1:40	Approach to Prop 1 IRWM DACI Grant Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Status of invoicing and contracting to date	Chair
1:40 – 2:05	Approach to Prop 1 IRWM DAC Involvement Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outreach partner presentation from Nuestra Casa• Update on needs assessment• Update on Tribal outreach	B. Schwartz S. Norris
2:05 – 2:25	Discussion of Approach to Prop 1 Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss approach for grantee and grant application• Discuss participation in the Project Scoring Committee	B. Mendenhall
2:25 – 2:30	Announcements and Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Action items from meeting• Future meeting times and locations	Chair

Attachments:

1. December 3, 2018 CC Meeting Summary
2. Summary update on IRWM grant rounds
3. AQPI update
4. Draft Prop 1 Implementation schedule
5. Members of the Project Scoring Committee (PSC)
6. Roundtable of Regions comment letter on California Water Plan Update 2018
7. Schedule of future CC meetings

**SF Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee Meeting Summary
December 3, 2018
Location: State Coastal Conservancy, 1515 Clay Street, Oakland, CA**

1. Roll Call – Appointed Functional Area Representatives Present

Water Supply- Water Quality	Wastewater- Recycled Water	Flood Protection- Stormwater	Watershed	Disadvantaged Communities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Seedall, CCWD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl Munoz, SFPUC (representing BACWA by phone) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Mendenhall, SCVWD (by phone) • Mark Boucher, CCCFCWCD (by phone) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josh Bradt, SFEP (by phone) • Brenda Buxton, SCC 	

Others Present:

Nicki Alexander, Friends of Sausal Creek
 Devon Becker, ACWD
 Maddie Duda, EJCW
 Chris Dundon, CCWD
 Jarrad Fisher, San Mateo RCD
 Nahal Ghoghaie, EJCW
 Paul Gilbert-Snyder
 Richard Harris, EBMUD
 Ryan Hirano, EJCW
 Tiffany Margulici, EB Parks
 James Muller, SFEP
 Claire Nordlie, EBMUD
 Michelle Novotny, SFPUC
 Anna Marie Schmidt, Friends of Sausal Creek
 Britton Schwartz, EJCW
 Jake Spaulding, SCWA
 Chelsea Spier, DWR

By Phone:

Jessica Arm, DWR
 Kaitlyn Byrne, City of Hayward
 Jacques DeBra, EKI Environment and Water
 Natasha Dunn, SFEP
 Maggie Dutton, CCWD
 Warner Chabot, SFEI
 Robyn Navarra, Zone 7
 Matt Sagues, MMWD
 Alex Tavizon, CIEA

1. Status of Round 1, Round 2, Drought Round, 2015 Round 4

For Prop 84 Round 1, Josh Bradt gave an update. He is working with the local project sponsors to collect outstanding deliverables. DWR and SFEP conducted site visits. SFEP submitted final amendment language for the grant agreement that is being reviewed by DWR.

For Round 2, Q15 documents were uploaded to DWR October 31. Final execution of the invoice is expected in early December. Project 7 Oakland Sausal Creek Restoration received their retention payment on November 20. SFEP is currently working on the sixth amendment to the grant, which will include multiple projects. The amendment is expected to be complete in December.

For Round 3, Q11 is expected to be executed in early December. Q12 documents were submitted in November and are under review. Q10 payments to local project sponsors were sent out October 30. SFEP is processing an amendment to extend the grant to December 31, 2020.

Additionally, SFEP has started working towards reallocating \$705,000 in admin funds via a subsequent amendment. MMWD and San Mateo RCD each requested a portion of these funds to demonstrate additional benefits for the region. MMWD proposed to increase their AMI installations. San Mateo RCD proposed to repair a leaking reservoir. Both proposals were discussed at Project Selection Committee (PSC). The PSC discussed over 2 calls and all members agreed to split the money between the two organizations, \$350,000 to MMWD and \$352,500 to San Mateo RCD. It was noted that James Muller reached out to all other projects in Round 3 and no other projects submitted proposals for the funds to demonstrate additional benefits for the region. No one opposed the proposal and it passed unanimously at the Coordinating Committee.

For Round 4, Q8 documents were submitted on October 15 by local project sponsors and are under review by SFEP. Q7 payment was executed on October 12 and payment from DWR is expected in January. SFEP is working with local project sponsors to amend the scope, budget, and schedule with expected extension to 2022.

Jake Spaulding gave an update on AQPI. Report and invoice #7 is under review at SCWA. Other developments with AQPI are included in the meeting attachments.

Action Items:

- James Muller will work with DWR to start the reallocation of Round 3 leftover admin funds to MMWD and San Mateo RCD.

2. Approach to Prop 1 IRWM DAC Involvement Funds

Ryan Hirano was introduced as the new Bay Area Program Coordinator.

EJCW is preparing Q5 documents for submittal to DWR. EJCW has been receiving feedback from the outreach partners on the invoicing process and in response will be implementing a streamlined invoicing process soon.

Almost all outreach partners are under contract. It is hoped that CIEA will be under contract within the next week.

Maddie Duda provided an update on the program work related to the needs assessment. EJCW held listening sessions with Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful in San Jose at Vietnamese Cultural Center and with the Dillon Beach community. Many other partners are getting started on their needs assessments. She will have broader report out to the group in January.

The Mountain Counties IRWM Funding Area held a DACTIP lessons learned summit in Tahoe in November. The Funding Areas convened to discuss how each region is implementing the DAC funding.

Ms. Duda clarified that listening sessions are focus groups with the intention of listening to the community by asking open-ended questions. They are water focused and specific to the program.

Nicki Alexander gave a presentation on Sausal Creek's outreach work. She is the education and outreach coordinator with Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC). FOSC is a grassroots organization aimed at preserving and restoring the watershed by connecting surrounding communities to the watershed. FOSC manages an environmental education program as well as infrastructure projects, including the Oakland Dimond Park daylighting and Erosion Control Project (Prop 84) projects in Dimond Park and Dimond Canyon in Oakland.

For the DACITP, FOSC is focused on the Fruitvale neighborhood, where they have had previous experience through the Walkable Watershed project. However, they recognize that previous efforts didn't have enough community involvement. They hope to deepen their connections with DACs and engage more community contribution in the process.

Fruitvale is made up of Latinos predominantly. The area has experienced an economic boost from the business improvement district, but green space is limited. The creek is mostly underground and people are unaware that the storm drains connect to the creek, which impacts trout when people dump into the storm drains.

FOSC has started engaging the community on how they envision a walkable watershed during local events including the Cinco de mayo and Dia de los Muertos festivals. At local events, the overwhelming feedback from the community is that trash and access to green space are the biggest issues. FOSC is engaging with other local organizations including Unity Council, Brothers on the Rise, IPOC, Keep Oakland Beautiful, and Josie De La Cruz recreation center.

Action Items:

- Ms. Duda will share a summary of the DACITP lessons learned summit in Tahoe.

3. Discussion of Approach to Prop 1 Implementation

Brian Mendenhall reported that the Planning and Process (PnP) subcommittee received 47 forms from projects after an initial, optional solicitation for projects. The PnP received 16 proposals for projects in the east sub-region, 13 in the west sub-region, 7 in the south sub-region, 7 in the north sub-region, and 4 regional proposals. The total grant request was \$267 million. The group is considering only funding \$23 million this round, split between roughly 10 projects, so several projects will not be funded. The PnP is reviewing to make sure they meet eligibility requirements, including local match, CEQA timeline requirements, lifecycle benefit, etc. The PnP will respond back to proposals with feedback.

A proposed schedule for the approach to Prop 1 Implementation is included in the meeting packet.

Mr. Mendenhall asked if EJCW has the capacity to review projects during the formal solicitation for projects to check if projects are truly benefitting DACs. It was unclear on several of the projects.

There was discussion about requesting a change from DWR in the amount of funding available in Round 1 from the default. There was comment to defer the 10% dedicated to DAC implementation to Round 2 to leverage the knowledge and potential for projects coming out of the DACTIP. There was another comment that since the funds rollover from Round 1 or Round 2, it would be better if the amount available in Round 1 isn't limited.

There was discussion regarding participation on the PSC. The PSC reviews and scores project proposals from the formal solicitation and develops a list of projects to recommend for funding to the CC. Each member scores every project, so it's a significant time investment. It is anticipated that the scoring process will occur in March-April. The deadline for requesting to participate on the PSC is the next CC meeting, January 28. It was acknowledged that there should be DAC representation on the PSC. EJCW commented they plan to have a staff member participate. Mr. Tavizon reported that there are tribal members interested in being part of the PSC.

There was discussion about selecting a grantee for the round. SFEP is willing to be the grant administrator. East Bay Parks District is also interested in administering the grant. The deadline to state interest in administering the grant is the next CC meeting, January 28.

In the past, the region has used a consultant to prepare the grant application. The projects that are recommended for funding paid their proportional share for the consultant.

Action Items:

- Taylor Chang will follow up with Steve Ritchie about requesting a July workshop date with DWR.
- Mr. Tavizon will reach out to the Tribal members that are interested in participating on the PSC to see if they can attend the January CC meeting.

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Project entirely closed out except for ongoing Post-Performance Reports
 Project with significant concerns

Critical Milestone achieved since last meeting.

ABAG/DWR Grant Agreement #4600010575 - Round 2 Quarterly Status: Q15 documents were approved and executed in early January Payments: Project Q15 payment expected to go out to LPSs in March. Retention for project 6 was paid in december. Retention for project 5 approved and payment to LPS expected in March/April Amendments: SFEP has submitted all documents for Amendment 6 and is awaiting DWR review. Site Visits: No site visits occurred during this period Grant Term: December 31, 2020	Construction Status Breakdown Complete: 12 Underway: 6 (3 over 85%) Sig. Concerns: 2 Withdrawn: 1	Funds (as of Q15) Total Grant: \$20,000,000 Total Match: \$13,485,178 Grant Funds Spent: \$16,794,692 (84%) Match Funds Documented: \$9,628,217 (71.4%)
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01_Bay Area Regional Water Conservation & Education Program	Solano County Water Agency	100%	Not Scheduled	N/A	Mar-19	Draft #1 March 2019	N	N	None to Date	Jul-19
02_East Bayshore Recycled Water Project Phase 1A (Emeryville)	EBMUD	Complete	Nov-16	Y	Submitted	Final Approved by DWR	Y	Y	#1	closed
03_Lagunitas Creek Watershed Sediment Reduction & Managments	Marin Municipal WD	Complete	Nov-17	N	Nov-18	Awaiting draft #3	N	N	#1	Nov/Dec 2018
04_Marin/Sonoma Conserving our Watersheds, Agricult BMPs	Marin RCD	98%	Nov-17	Y	Feb-19	Draft #1 Spring 2019	N	N	None to Date	May-18
05_Napa Milliken Creek Flood Damage Reduction & Fish Passage Barrier Removal	County of Napa	Complete	Feb-18	Y	Submitted	Approved by DWR	Y	N	None to Date	Nov/Dec 2018
06_5th St. East & McGill Road Recycled Water	Sonoma Valley Cnty San Dist.	Complete	Nov-17	Y	Submitted	Final Approved by DWR	Y	Y	None to Date	Closed
07_Oakland Sausal Creek Restoration	City of Oakland Pub. Wks.	Complete	Apr-17	Y	Submitted	Final Approved by DWR	Y	Y	#2	Closed
08_Pescadero Water Supply & Sustainability	County of San Mateo	85%	None to Date	N	Jul-18	Draft #1 Spring 2019	N	N	None to Date	May-19
09_Petaluma Flood Reduction, Water & Habitat Quality for Capri Cree	City of Petaluma	96%	Feb-18	N	Sep-18	Draft #1 Spring 2019	N	N	None to Date	Sep-19
10_Bayfront Canal/Atherton Channel Flood Improve & Habitat Restore	Redwood City	0%	None to Date	Jun-20	Sep-20	Draft #1 July 2020	N	N	None to Date	Dec-20
11_Regional Groundwater Storage & Recovery Phase 1A	SFPUC	Complete	Jun-17	Y	Submitted	Final Approved by DWR	Y	Y	#2	closed
12_Richmond Breuner Marsh Restoration	East Bay Regional Park Dist.	Complete	Apr-17	Y	Submitted	Final approved by DWR	Y	Y	#1	closed
13_Infrastructure Upgrades for Water Supply & Quality	Roseview Heights Mutual Water	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
14_SF Bay Climate Change Pilot Projects	SFEP & Oro Loma San Dist	Complete	Apr-17	Y	Dec-18	Final Draft with DWR	N	N	None to Date	Apr-19
15_SF Airport Reclaimed Water Facility	SFO/City of San Francisco	55%	None to Date	N	Sep-18	Draft #1 August 2019	N	N	None to Date	Feb-20
16_San Jose Green Streets & Alleys Demonstration	City of San Jose	Complete	None to Date	Y	Sep-18	Awaiting final draft	N	N	None to Date	Mar-19
17_San Pablo Rheem Creek Wetlands Restoration	Contra Costa Water Dist.	Complete	Apr-17	Y	Submitted	Final Approved by DWR	Y	Y	#1	closed
18_Upper York Creek Dam Removal & Ecosystem Restoration	City of St Helena	0%	None to Date	N	Jun-20	Draft #1 June 2020	N	N	None to Date	Dec-20
19_Students & Teachers Restoring a Watershed (North & East Bays)	Point Blue Conservation	Complete	Feb-18	N/A	Mar-19	Draft #1 January 2019	N	N	None to Date	Jul-19
20_Grant Administration	ABAG	N/A	N/A	N/A	Oct-20	Draft August 2020	N	N	N/A	Dec-20

ABAG/DWR Grant Agreement #4600010883 - Round 3 (Drought Round) Quarterly Status: Q11 invoice was executed in December 2018. Q12 invoice under review. Execution expected in January Payments: Q11 payments to LPSs are expected to go out in April. Amendments: SFEP will execute Amendment #4, extending the project to September 30, 2020 in January 2019. SFEP will process Amendment #5 to reallocate \$702,500 in admin funds after #4 is complete. Site Visits: No site visits occurred during this period Grant Term: September 30, 2020	Construction Status Breakdown Complete: 6 Underway: 4 (all over 60%) Sig. Concerns: 0 Withdrawn: 0	Funds (as of Q11) Total Grant: \$32,178,423 Total Match: \$25,121,180.72 Grant Funds Spent: \$27,434,743.46 (85.3%) Match Funds Documented: \$24,963,012.75 (99.4%)
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01_Lower Cherry Aqueduct Emergency Rehabilitation	SFPUC	60%	None to Date	May-19	Jan-19	draft #1 Spring 2019	N	N	None to Date	Jul-19
02_Zone 7 Water Supply Drought Preparedness	Zone 7	Complete	Aug-16	Y	Submitted	Final Approved by DWR	Y	Y	#2	closed
03_Los Carneros Water Dist. & Milliken Sarco-Tulocay Recycled Water	Napa Sanitation District	Complete	Aug-16	Y	Submitted	Final Approved by DWR	Y	Y	#2	closed
04_Sunnyvale Continuous Recycled Water Production & Wolfe Rd Pipe	Santa Clara Valley WD	95%	May-18	N	Submitted	Draft #1 Spring 2019	N	N	None to Date	Apr-19
05_DERWA Phase 3 Recycled Water Expansion	DSRSanDist/EBMUD	Complete	May-16	Y	Submitted	Final Approved by DWR	Y	Y	#2	closed
06_Calistoga Recycled Water Storage Facility	City of Calistoga	Complete	Aug-16	Y	Submitted	Final Approved by DWR	Y	Y	#2	closed
07_Drought Relief for South Coast San Mateo County	San Mateo RCD	85%	Jun-17	Feb-20	May-20	draft #1 Spring 2020	N	N	None to Date	Sep-20
08_Stinson Beach Water Supply & Drought Preparedness	Stinson Beach County WD	100%	None to Date	Sep-18	Submitted	draft #3 December 2018	N	N	None to Date	Apr-19
09_Bay Area Regional Drought Relief Conservation Program	StopWaste	100%	None to Date	N/A	Sep-18	draft #1 December 2018	N	N	None to Date	Apr-19
10_WaterSMART Irrigation with AMI/AMR	Marin Municipal WD	99%	None to Date	N/A	Sep-19	Draft #1 Winter 2019	N	N	None to Date	Mar-20
11_Grant Administration	ABAG	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sep-19	draft #1 Summer 2019	N	N	N/A	Oct-19

ABAG/DWR Grant Agreement #4600011486 - Round 4 Quarterly Status: Q8 was executed by DWR 1/7/19. Payments: Q7 payment from the state is expected in January, 2019. Payment to LPSs expected in January. Q8 payment from state expected in April Amendments: SFEP is working with LPS's to amend the scope, budget, and schedule. Expected extension to 2022. Site Visits: SFEP went to the project completion event on site 12/14/2019 Grant Term: December 31, 2020	Construction Status Breakdown Complete: 0 Underway: 7 (3 over 50%) Sig. Concerns: 0 Withdrawn: 1	Funds (as of Q8) Total Grant: \$21,469,025 Total Match: \$22,395,709 Grant Funds Spent: \$3,177,877.55 (14.8%) Match Funds Documented: \$0 (0%) *

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01_Grant Administration	ABAG	N/A	N/A	N/A	Jun-21	Jun-21	N	N	N/A	Aug-21
02_Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit	Santa Clara Valley WD	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
03_Marin 2020 Turf Replacement	Marin Municipal WD	0%	None to Date	N/A	Sep-19	draft #1 September 2019	N	N	None to Date	Apr-20
04_East Palo Alto Groundwater Supply	City of East Palo Alto	97%	Aug-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	draft #1 March 2019	N	N	None to Date	Mar-19
05_Coastal San Mateo County Drought Relief Phase II	San Mateo RCD	62%	None to Date	Apr-19	Jun-19	draft #1 March 2019	N	N	None to Date	Jan-19
06_SFQuito Creek Flood Damage Reduction & Ecosystem Restore Phase 2	SFQuito Creek JPA	100%	Dec-18	May-19	May-19	draft #1 May 2019	N	N	None to Date	Dec-19
07_Mt View Shoreline Portion of SBSRPR	State Coastal Conservancy	0%	None to Date	Dec-19	Feb-20	draft #1 February 2020	N	N	None to Date	Sep-20
08_Eden Landing Portion of SBSRPR	State Coastal Conservancy	0%	None to Date	Dec-20	Oct-20	draft #1 October 2020	N	N	None to Date	May-21
09_Novato Creek Flood Protection and Habitat Enhancement	State Coastal Conservancy	0%	None to Date	Dec-20	Dec-20	draft #1 December 2020	N	N	None to Date	Jul-21

*NOTE: No projects that have committed to matching funds have billed against the grant to date.

AQPI Update

Reporting, Invoices & Payments

- Report/Invoice #7 under review at DWR.
- Report/Invoice #8 under review at Sonoma Water

Budget/Schedule

- Expenses are tracking within the Budget and progress is in line with amendment 1 schedule

Other Developments

- The federal government shutdown has furloughed NOAA & USGS staff working on the project and has halted work under the project at both agencies. In addition to pausing ongoing work at the agencies, the data feed from NOAA was taken down and remained down during the recent storm events. The radars were/are operated by CSU staff and are still collecting data, however NWS and local partners do not have access to that data. Sonoma Water is working with CSU staff to build a redundant connection which should be active the week of January 23rd.
- We expect delays in project progress to carry on for several weeks after the shutdown ends as federal employees' process the backlog of work created by the shutdown.
- SCVWD X-Band Radar – Estimated Installation date for permanent radar Jan/Feb 2019
- SCWA X-Band Radar – Estimated Installation date for permanent radar Feb 2019
- East Bay X-Band Radar – Estimated installation of container mounted radar September 2019
- SFPUC X-Band Radar – Estimated installation of container mounted radar September 2019
- Process of acquiring access to a C-Band that can be temporarily deployed next winter is in motion—at no additional cost to the project

Bay Area IRWMP
Project Scoring Committee

Name	Agency	Functional Area	Region
Steve Ritchie	SFPUC	Chair	West
Brian Mendenhall	SCVWD	FP-SW	South
Mark Boucher	CCCFCWCD	FP-SW	East
Brenda Buxton	State Coastal Conservancy	Watershed	Regional
Judy Kelly	NBWA	Watershed	North
Mark Seedall	CCWD	WS-WQ	East
Cheryl Munoz	SFPUC	WW-RW	West
Robyn Navarra	Zone 7		East
Chris Choo	Marin County		North

Integrated Regional Water Management Roundtable of Regions

A consortium of IRWM Regions in California



January 22, 2019

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Subject: Comments on public review draft of California Water Plan Update 2018

Dear Director Nemeth:

Writing on behalf of the statewide IRWM Roundtable of Regions, we thank you for the opportunity to comment on the public review draft (PRD) of California Water Plan Update 2018. The Roundtable comprises representatives of the 48 IRWM regions across California.

We appreciate the inclusive approach taken by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) prior to release of the PRD. DWR staff has been generous with its time in involving us and others as stakeholders. Our organization has been very involved with the Update over the past two years, reviewing and commenting on several drafts of the document. DWR also partnered with us to hold multiple IRWM-focused panel discussions at both the 2017 and 2018 Water Plan Plenary meetings. Many Roundtable members contributed a lot of time and effort to provide input for this important Update in the hope that it would reflect the vital role IRWM plays in sustaining and protecting California's water resources and ensuring regional sustainability.

That said, we were disappointed to receive the PRD late last month after a long delay and find that it lacked much of the substance and context we have come to expect from the California Water Plan, particularly in the area of regional water management. Indeed, it reads like the executive summary of a more extensive document that does not appear to exist. The high-level comments that follow focus on how Integrated Regional Water Management is portrayed – or not – in Update 2018. We expect many individual Roundtable member agencies will send more detailed comments concerning the Update.

We are extremely disappointed by the fact that IRWM goes largely unmentioned in the PRD, even though it is a prominent theme in the past three Updates and is called out as one of the Actions in the California Water Action Plan. The State has invested more than \$1.2 billion in grant funding

since 2002 to support IRWM planning and implementation in California's 48 IRWM regions; Proposition 1 (2014) designates another \$510 million in IRWM grant funds. Significantly more money and resources have been invested by local and regional agencies and Tribes to support essential IRWM projects.

While IRWM is far more than just funding, we appreciate that Update 2018 acknowledges, on page 4-2, that IRWM "has delivered significant value and continues to be an effective way for the State to help fund local and regional activities. Regional water management groups (RWMG) are well-positioned in many areas to interact with the State to explore planning and funding innovations". We suggest that this comment become a recommended action under Goal 1, Improve Integrated Watershed Management. This new recommended action should be worded along the lines of "Support IRWM as an effective way for the State to help fund local and regional efforts for sustainable water management."

Also regarding Goal 1, we would prefer that it be renamed "Strengthen State Support for Integrated Regional Water Management." The term used in Goal 1, "Integrated Watershed Management," implies that integrated water management should occur on a watershed, not a regional, basis. California is a very diverse state. Integrated management limited to just a watershed scale isn't appropriate in many planning regions. Each planning region should have the latitude to determine the appropriate scale on which to plan and act, as has been previously acknowledged and approved by the State, including in the Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002. As the 2017 preliminary draft of this Update observed, "State, regional, local and tribal governance must align planning and implementation at effective geographic scales. The determination of the appropriate geographic scale should consider the interdependent physical (especially hydrologic), biological, economic and social processes and functions within each basin."

Other comments regarding IRWM and Update 2018 include:

- Recommended Action 1.1: We strongly support this recommended action, which calls for "base-level support to help long-term stability of IRWM programs." Strategy 2 (Strengthen Practices) of the Stakeholder Perspectives Document for IRWM recommends annual funding of \$250,000 for each IRWM regional water management group "to help support key operations." Implementation of this strategy would be a good way to execute Recommended Action 1.1. Furthermore, we propose that the second sentence of Recommendation Action 1.1 be revised to add the Roundtable of Regions to those organizations that DWR will coordinate with while preparing recommendations to "strengthen timely and meaningful communication with vulnerable communities to inform water resources management." IRWM practitioners will bring valuable expertise and experience to this task.
- Recommended Action 4.2: We recommend that rather than beginning a separate effort, the State should build on the work of IRWM RWMGs, which have actively and fruitfully engaged with disadvantaged community (DAC) liaisons.
- Recommended Action 5.3: The State should include IRWM practitioners, through the Roundtable of Regions, as stakeholders in the identification of and engagement with regulatory challenges. Given their experience, IRWM practitioners are well-positioned to

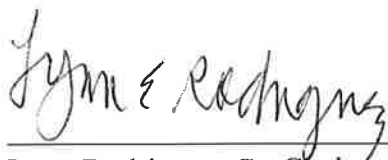
coalesce regulators and stakeholders to address regulatory alignment issues as they relate to regional water management and improving regional outcomes.

In a more general sense, we strongly recommend that Update 2018 be aligned with the Stakeholder Perspectives Document, which includes numerous useful recommendations for how the State should support and strengthen IRWM in such areas as government and regulatory alignment, funding, improved processes, training and performance measurement. We also urge DWR to use the wealth of information it received from thought leaders and water management experts at the 2017 and 2018 Water Plan Plenary meetings. Panel sessions at the two plenaries addressed regulatory alignment needs to support IRWM, how RWMGs and nascent groundwater sustainability agencies may work better together, how water plan updates may leverage water management planning efforts at the regional level and identification of priorities for strengthening regional water management.

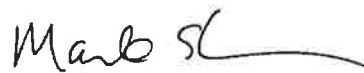
We also would appreciate more acknowledgement of and additional links to the 14 supporting documents listed in the PRD. We assume the more substantive information is in these documents. It should be easy for readers to access the supporting documents for reference, but it is not. Given the review period for the draft update, we will not have the opportunity to comment on the supporting documents, or even to review the nine documents listed as “in preparation.”

In closing, we are unsure whether to request a full-scale revision of the public review draft by the new administration or to recommend that work begin immediately on a more comprehensive Update 2023. In either case, the Roundtable of Regions looks forward to continuing our working relationship with DWR’s dedicated and helpful staff and to establishing a productive partnership with the Newsom Administration as we all work together in the furtherance of Integrated Regional Water Management to the benefit of our state.

Sincerely,



Lynn Rodriguez, Co-Chair
IRWM Roundtable of Regions
Watersheds Council of Ventura County



Mark Stadler, Interim Co-Chair
IRWM Roundtable of Regions
San Diego County Water Authority

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Paul Massera
Lew Moeller

BAIRWMP Coordinating Committee
Schedule of Future CC Meetings

Date	Location
February 25, 2019	EBMUD (Large training room)
March 25, 2019	CCWD (Delta conference room)
April 22, 2019	SFPUC (2 nd Floor O'Shaughnessy conference room)
May 27, 2019	??