

**San Francisco Bay Regional CHARG: Coastal Hazards Adaptation Resiliency Group  
 July 23, 2015 Funding + Policy Working Groups Action Items + Meeting Minutes  
 Location: Conference Call**

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**Announcements**

- RBD Tomorrow at SF City Planning

**Action Items:**

- Feedback from Funding Briefing PowerPoint Discussion (Schaefer)
  - Left side: All counties and esteemed groups and what they are saying about funding needs and changes in governance. Right side: What we would do with the money.
  - It is important to have a collaborative agreement behind the Brief for a region that has a lot eyes on it.
  - **Slide 1:** Reviewed documents from Grand Jury Reports; DWR Flood Futures; California Energy Commission Report; BCDC NOAA ARTs effort
    - Question: Other Key Reports / Groups to reference? Other counties?

- SV2.0: Website under construction. Liang Lee is setting up meeting with Dementra. Their information talks about funding and actions to be taken without specifics.
- City of San Francisco’s Capital Planning SLR approach is more updated than Grand Jury. It provides a good overview on adaptation planning with ways to be applied. See <http://onesanfrancisco.org/staff-resources/sea-level-rise-guidance>
- Include that there are lots of disparate government entities that are brought together to take action.
- Include nine bay area counties. Need more information on Sonoma, Napa, and Contra Costa Counties. Include:
  - Napa River / Sonoma Marsh Restoration Project / Salt Marsh – huge effort for Sears Point (SLR) – add project activity if not planning information
  - Bayland Goals climate expectations Council’s Surviving the Storm Report: <http://www.bayareacouncil.org/issues-initiatives/storm-flood-protection/>
  - DWR may have information from the engagement with various counties (follow up with Terri)
- Funding for additional support to help on governance – needs to be done at state / federal level.
- We are going to have an overarching strategic program for funding – “seed money” to understand the SLR landscape better from governance, policy to technical aspects.
- Len spoke on behalf of the Policy Working Group: We want to make sure we are not asking for money from lawmakers before we address changing/creating an easier regulatory climate; we want a message of being seen as doing good public works. We don’t want money to lead or be perceived as lobbyist.
- Extremely grateful to ACFCD, FEMA and SCVWD and others who put money into CHARG. When we have more concrete vision, budget then David B will go to City for funding money. Need to separate CHARG operations from funding of initiatives.
- **Slide 3:** State and Federal funding is needed to know where are we going? We need the answers from harvesting from existing documents – this would have to be a “living list” as this group tackles – we need to answer these questions.
  - address information gaps
  - address regional governance issues

- build neighborhood and community capacity to accommodate and respond to sea level rise and flood inundation
  - assist with the development and implementation of building codes and the development of comprehensive plans
  - evaluate and prioritize the restoration of wetlands
  - identify and address the vulnerabilities associated with networked infrastructure
  - identify critical action thresholds
  - start to develop a statewide and regional systems approach to projects similar to the Everglades Project
- If we want to describe that last bullet – we need to tell more about the Everglades – or describe a broad umbrella for funding streams.
  - What’s working and not working: DWR proposes what is practicable. What’s remotely similar to the work in the CVFPP and even that is not really what this group is after which is a melding of public safety and environmental aspect.
  - We want a document that can support something similar to Sacramento: Cap to Cap where keys stakeholders (public / private) and go to DC and talk about the issues.
  - Opportunity for CHARG are the different levels of funding requests for reorganization; feasibility study; facilitation; a regional conversation is encouraging and includes all counties so not surprised as CHARG evolves; now we are piece-mealing and trying to put money where they can to tackle the checklist; we need to describe the current state of funding in the region but we need a larger scale effort to come. Create specificity around the needs.
  - Consider the Brief as a first purpose to garner support – think about the Jury Reports and the common points that they recommend such as communication and spreading the risk to the community and include risks into the General Plan (GP) and develop actions that each City has to own an Action Plan. CHARG could develop a consistent way of incorporating information into the GP and coordinate the actions across the counties then appealing to each of county agencies to fund CHARG to provide value. Then step 2 is funding actions that CHARG can discuss and come up with a plan. Eg. the USACE on Shoreline Levee after the first step we did not meet the low cost benefit ratio so questionable about funding and when; but other sources to consider like corporations on the shoreline. CHARG could coordinate among all regulatory agencies.

## **Next Steps**

- Funding Brief
  - Present at August 24<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee presentation

- Funding Mechanism Table
  - Matt will work with Liang/Norma in September
- Steering Committee Meeting / Working Group Updates on August 24th 3:00 to 5:00 pm at SCC
- Schedule Save the Date for Fall meeting (request not to include October Oct 14-16)
  - Kathy/Ellen to create funding PowerPoint for Stakeholder meeting.