

San Francisco Bay Regional CHARG: Coastal Hazards Adaptation Resiliency Group
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Action Items

Organizational Structure		
ACTION	WHO	WHEN
Explore structure of other similar working groups (for example, Permittees under the SF Bay Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit; East Bay Hills Fire Risk Reduction Group; Ag Innovations Network) to better understand their operational and functional models.	Kathy, Sybil, Ellen	June 20

Future Funding		
ACTION	WHO	WHEN
Consider how CHARG can comment on the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (WRRDA)	Norma, Craig	??
Consider USACE's pilot water budget and how CHARG can engage	Craig	July
Consider: FEMA's disaster-related funding and funding associated with Risk MAP discovery process in the North Bay; DWR's IRWMP and Investment Strategy; USACE – WRRDA and water budget	Kathy	July

Stakeholder Meeting Preparation		
ACTION	WHO	WHEN
Develop draft agenda for July 24 meeting	Kathy, Sybil, Ellen	June 17
Provide IRWMP project list and maps	Matt	June 23
At January stakeholder meeting, USACE to speak on WRRDA and what it means to CHARG	Craig to coordinate	January 2015

CHARG Collaboration Opportunities		
ACTION	WHO	WHEN
Bay Area Council is organizing with BAFPA an economic impact of severe storm report in Fall 2014; would like to get CHARG input	Matt?	July?
Confirm with Carol Mahoney and Mark Boucher/BAFPAA that CHARG is complimenting and building on BAFPAA's efforts	Paul	Done – very supportive
Consider a meeting between steering committee members and Bay Area regulators to discuss policy priorities	Kathy	2015?
Provide CHARG with USACE Compendium of Projects that builds resiliency in them	Craig	June

FMA Annual Conference Preparation		
ACTION	WHO	WHEN
Facilitate informal gathering after FMA USACE talk on WRRDA in the local meeting area	Kathy	FMA Sept conference
Send FMA panel descriptions to steering committee members	Ellen	June 20
Verify FMA meeting and hospitality suite for Wednesday, Sept 3 at 6:00 pm	Kathy, Ellen	ASAP

Introductory Remarks

Stu Townsley (USACE Flood Risk Manager, South Pacific Division) talked about collaboration and leveraging each other's work to show connectivity and leverage funding. Encouraged the group to engage in pilot water budget and WRRDA process when appropriate. Focus on what matters for coastal resiliency and how to drive recommendations forward. Focus on how to tell the story about sea level rise and coastal hazards.

Feedback on Stakeholder Meeting

- Everyone was complementary. Great turnout, good energy, broad representation.

- Recommendations for future meetings included:
 - Revisit goals and have everyone comment on them and contribute their thoughts.
 - Make sure we articulate what the organization is and what we're trying to accomplish. Need to make sure that each stakeholder understands how they fit into the organization and know that their input is valued.
 - Continue to articulate the "Why" people should attend to keep it relevant and keep them engaged.
 - How do we tell our story to elected officials and a larger public?
 - Need to organize ourselves through subcommittees to keep momentum and be able to tackle the various action items we identify.

Collaboration / Funding

- The Bay Area Council, with BAFPAA, is organizing an "economic impact of a severe storm" analysis/report due to be completed in Fall 2014. Would like to get CHARG input.
- May want to consider collaborating with non-profit partners to support a public education campaign focused on informing the public about how they can advocate for funding in their communities.
- Provide project language for projects under consideration for WRRDA. USACE wants to develop a robust pilot budget that reflects Bay Area "shoreline" issues and to influence USACE to develop guidelines.
 - IRMWP shoreline projects (subset or all); accelerate FS or Construction phase projects
 - USACE has 1980s study that covers SF Bay and a compendium of project ideas. Should evaluate how that may translate into a program of activities with resiliency goals built in.
 - How do these projects fit into WRRDA and DWR Investment Strategy?
- DWR has a policy-level document (Flood Future Report) and investment strategy. CHARG may be in a good position to bridge gap between policy and implementation by providing a conduit for information flow. Investment strategy is likened to statewide strategies. CHARG should consider identifying big-need/high-priority projects that are vital to the state. By doing this, statewide priorities can be aligned with local-regional priorities for water and flood management. Suggest creating a subcommittee with resource agencies to address policy and regulatory issues pertaining to permitting. One objective would be to devise ways to review permit applications in light of sea level rise and climate change scenarios.

Upcoming Events

FMA

- Stu is giving a presentation on WRRDA. Suggest that CHARG facilitate an impromptu gathering after Stu's talk to discuss WRRDA and how CHARG can be involved
- FEMA Hospitality Wednesday 6:00 pm
- Action: Email to steering committee FMA Panels

July 24th Stakeholder Meeting Ideas

- So that....breakout;
- Development of CHARG regional project compendium map. Idea would be to have stakeholders identify/plot projects within their jurisdiction.

- Criteria for inclusion on the map:
 - Priority criteria from IRWMP:
 - Shoreline with habitat and flood protection
 - River barrier breach
 - South Bay Salt Pond –related projects
 - Wastewater reuse
 - Geographic distribution
 - Sediment reuse
 - Wetlands restoration
 - Resiliency and consistent approach to sea level rise
 - CHARG Criteria
 - Shoreline
 - Multi-benefit
 - Collaborative opportunity
 - Draw on IRWMP
 - Funding opportunity: Watershed Budget; WRRDA; Bechtel Foundation; FEMA funding
- Map Outcomes
 - Create impact, develop a visual showing the magnitude of the number of projects and challenges associated with them.
 - Better education if everyone knows how to make sure their respective projects are aligned to get funding
 - Identify opportunities to partner and piece funding together.
 - Show the map and what CHARG represents. Eventually use metadata for each project for criteria; for instance, how project is accommodating sea level rise, what is the design criteria, what isn't being done but could be?
 - Help to sort out regional solutions that could solve a group of local problems.

CHARG Goals / Differentiators

- How is CHARG different from BAFPAA?:
 - CHARG focuses on shoreline and sea level rise
 - BAFPAA is a local agency only. CHARG has state and federal members
 - More local representatives in CHARG
 - CHARG covers shoreline not covered by BAFPAA