

San Francisco Bay Regional CHARG: Coastal Hazards Adaptation Resiliency Group
April 8, 2015 Steering Committee Action Items and Meeting Minutes
Location: California State Coastal Conservancy Offices, Oakland, CA

Participants:

Hank Ackerman	Alameda County
David Behar	SFPUC
Mark Boucher	BAFPAA Chair/Contra Costa County
Allison Brooks	Bay Area Regional Collaborative (BARC)
Norma Camacho	SCVWD
Ellen Cross	Convey Facilitator
Sybil Hatch	Convey Facilitator
Liang Lee	SCVWD
Roger Levanthal	Marin County
Maria Lorenzo-Lee	DWR
Rohin Saleh	Alameda County
Terri Wegener	DWR

Invited guest: Mark Boucher, Contra Costa County Flood Control District as representing the Bay Area Flood Protection Agencies Association.

Action Items:

- All: fill out Doodle Poll to schedule a meeting with SAGE (Systems Approach to Geomorphic Engineering) - no later than Friday 4/11/15
- Boucher/Ackerman: check into BAFPAA MOU for CHARG funding
- All: call your working group leaders and inform them of CHARG's intent to a conference call and get their email addresses - no later than April 13
- Cross: email the working groups leaders - no later than April 15
- All: complete tracked changes on the CHARG Letter of Intent - no later than April 22
- Convey, SCVWD, ACFCD, FEMA: discuss CHARG funding and budget
- Convey: create excel spreadsheet of working group contacts (co-chairs; leaders; stakeholders)
- All: next steering committee meeting May 18th 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (at FEMA offices?)

Announcements:

- David Behar, SFPUC, as the new steering committee member, introduced himself and his background and interest in CHARG.
- Allison Brooks announced that the JPC will now be known as Bay Area Regional Collaborative (BARC)

CHARG / BAFPAA History, Relationship, and Next Steps:

- Mark Boucher and Hank Ackerman presented BAFPAA/CHARG history, mission, goals and achievements to date, and funding
- Terri Wegener asked question, from the State perspective and sea level rise, the entire watershed is important. How will CHARG and BAFPAA (if merged) address riverine flooding?

- Unanimous agreement that CHARG and BAFPAA will continue to be separate entities but collaborate where goals are mutually beneficial (for example, localized projects that will have link to regional projects)
- Reserve BAFPAA for programmatic functions related to flood-centric coalitions (for example, vegetation management, IRWMP, homelessness in the creeks)
- CHARG's platform is broader and will focus and coordinate on local projects' impacts to region (for example, EIA11 and EIA1-10 in the south Bay). CHARG has more of a policy focus than "boots on the ground" flood management
- BAFPAA's funding was collected and used largely for the IRWMP Update
- BAFPAA offered to use its Memorandum of Understanding as an accounting vehicle by which funding could be collected from BAFPAA members and allocated toward CHARG activities. Limitation is that only BAFPAA members could participate.

Strategic Brief Implementation and Formation of Working Groups

- Terri Wegener commented that the State would like a representative on each working group
- Technical working group (co-leaders Saleh, Behar, and Conner)
 - Group suggested inviting the following members:
 - Andy Gunther, BAECC
 - Abby Hall, EPA
 - Wendy Goodfriend, BCDC
 - SFEI delineation of the Bay
 - Planning staff from a Bay Area city (check with Lindy Lowe on contacts made through Adapting to Rising Tides)
 - Caltrans representative from the Climate Change Branch (Hatch to contact)
 - Bruce Riordan, Climate Readiness Institute
 - Patrick Bernard, USGS / OCOF
 - Chandra (Colorado)
 - SFPUC deep dive into sea level rise (Natural Climate Asses paper; get on same page for science)
- Funding working group (co-leaders Camacho, Gerhart, Behar)
 - Group suggested inviting the following members:
 - Harriet Tregoning/director of the HUD Office of Economic Resilience: Behar to check about HUD's possible local interest in CHARG
 - Call Carol Norris, HUD (Cross to contact)
 - Abby Hall, EPA
 - Eric Simmons, FEMA
 - Craig Conner, USACE
 - Restoration funding by June/November 2016 to move forward. Flood protection \$10-15 per parcel; need funding to get on ballot (via Save the Bay; Bay Area Council) to make it more equitable.
 - Behar to reach out to John Frawley on Restoration Initiative to speak at first CHARG funding working group workshop
- Policy working group (co-leaders Brooks and Materman)
 - Group suggested inviting the following members:
 - Rick Calendar, SCVWD to replace Norma for leadership team

CHARG Administration

- CHARG Letter of Intent
 - Steering committee members to review draft and make changes and suggestions within the next two weeks.
- CHARG Budget
 - ACFCF has, and will continue to fund CHARG through June, 2015 (\$139,100 ACFCF plus \$51,400 through a FEMA CTP)
 - SCVWD offered to take responsibility for CHARG administrative funding for fiscal year 2016 through its FEMA CTP grant as well as balance of expenditures beyond the grant.
 - Focus for FY2016 will continue to be on the value CHARG brings, with an emphasis on demonstrating substantive value.
 - From a funding calendar perspective, SFPUC can allocate funding in September for fiscal year 2017
 - May want to consider funding allocation strategy based on miles of shoreline.