

San Francisco Bay Regional CHARG: Coastal Hazards Adaptation Resiliency Group
May 18, 2015 Steering Committee Action Items + Meeting Minutes
Location: Federal Building, 5th Floor, Oakland, CA

Participants

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Action Items:

- USACE
 - SCVWD will meet with the USACE in Fall 2015 in DC to understand upcoming funding and potential partnership with the USACE (SCVWD)
 - Meet with the USACE to identify challenges and solutions in partnership, process, and grant administration (CHARG steering committee)
 - Get back to Tom Kendall on San Francisco Bay Climate Change Study cost sharing (Norma C)
 - Determine mechanism by which CHARG can provide input to San Francisco Bay Climate Change Study
- Funding Working Group (co-chairs: Matt Gerhart, Norma Camacho, David Behar)
 - Understand how the Bay Area Restoration Authority could facilitate funding grants and projects. Talk to Amy H or Sam S, SCC (co-chairs of the funding working group).
 - Explore alternative platforms and/or organizations that could accept funding and disburse it for regional projects associated with CHARG (funding working group).
 - Develop an inventory of how each CHARG member has/is currently working with USACE to develop a broad view of how to best coordinate efforts for CHARG (CHARG policy working group)

- SCVWD just purchased and is starting to use eCivics system, which has database and notification on grant opportunities. Connect with the eCivics coordinator at SCVWD to see how we may update our funding table with opportunities for tracking (Norma C / Ellen C)
- Ask Mitch Avalon to reach out to Matt Kondolf/State of California and ask about the availability of a comprehensive list of grants from various resource agencies.
- Policy Working Group
 - Add John B to policy working group (Cross)
 - Add Hank Ackerman to regulatory working subgroup (John B)
 - Identify key local, state and federal politicians; at the appropriate time, reach out to them to educate them on CHARG issues and why they matter to elevate for policy and funding and ask them to be a champion for our issues (CHARG steering committee)
- Technical Working Group (co-chairs: Rohin Saleh, David Behar, Craig Conner)
 - (no specific action items from this meeting)
- Upcoming Working Groups/Stakeholder Meetings
 - Conduct 2 or 3 meetings of the leadership teams of each working group prior to the stakeholder meeting in the fall (working group co-chairs)
 - Send a “Save the Date” announcement for the next all-stakeholders meeting to be held fall 2015. Topics: rollout of CHARG working group framework, introduction to some initial work products, speaker for each of the working group topics, opportunity to volunteer. (Ellen Cross)
 - Coordinate with Kathy S to see whether stakeholder meeting can be hosted at UC Berkeley (Ellen Cross)

Discussion and Presentation

- USACE Letter of Intent
 - Prior to committing, we want a better understanding of the outcomes; we do not want to wait for a capital project and we want to craft the project with the USACE so the project meets the applicant and the USACE’s agreed upon objectives
- Presentation and Q+A with Howard Foster, Senior Research Associate, Center for Catastrophic Risk Management (CCRM) on assessing the vulnerability of California's gas transmission pipeline infrastructure to future storm events: a project funded by the California Energy Commission to better understand the challenges of climate change for the future of California's energy infrastructure