



COASTAL HAZARDS ADAPTATION RESILIENCY GROUP *for the San Francisco Bay Region*

**San Francisco Bay Regional CHARG: Coastal Hazards Adaptation Resiliency Group
August 18, 2016 Funding Working Group Meeting
Port of Oakland: 530 Water Street, 2nd Floor Courtyard Conference Room, Oakland**

Participants

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>ORGANIZATION</u> |
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| Amy Hutzal | California State Coastal Conservancy |
| Beckie Zisser | Save The Bay |
| Brian Mendenhall | Santa Clara Valley Water District |
| Carly Foster | Arcadis |
| Charles Gardiner | Catalyst |
| Joshua Polston | Port of Oakland |
| Kathy Schaeffer | UC Berkeley, interim CHARG chair |
| Luisa Valiela | Environmental Protection Act, Region 9 |
| Louis Morales | California State Coastal Conservancy |
| Martha Whetstone | San Francisco International Airport |
| Matt Gerhart | California State Coastal Conservancy |
| Paul Okada | San Mateo County Office of Sustainability |
| Warner Chabot | San Francisco Estuary Institute |

Action Items:

- Convey will send Doodle poll to determine best date for the next meeting, anticipated mid- to late- October
- Beckie Zisser will be point person on a separate meeting or conference call to discuss the role of advocates and sectors working with legislative offices to push for additional EPA funding – Beckie will get info to Matt Gerhart and Amy Hutzal prior to their D.C. trip September 13-14.
- Kathy Schaefer will craft an outreach email regarding funding learning opportunities
- Kathy will reach out to Margie O’Driscoll, Alex Zwissler from RBD, and Marcia Sully from OES
- Charles Gardiner reach out to John Coleman with Bay Planning Coalition
- Martha Whetstone to find contact for water committee meeting
- Matt Gerhart will ask Dana Brechwald about getting projects included in hazard mitigation plans

Agenda:

- Announcements for the good of the order

- Cap-to-Cap concept: Few funding opportunities for CHARG but policy changes in support of our efforts are a possibility.
- BCDC Funding Committee
 - Very preliminary high-level financing strategies – 5-10 year goals for direction/strategic priorities
- [Susan Moser](#) Study
 - Received grant from State of California; “Overcoming financial... barriers to... adaptation.”
 - ARCA – Julia Kim staff person – BARCA on committee, Allison Brooks and Amy Hutzal. Amy will ask Julia to tell us when there is a chance for CHARG to get involved.
- [Measure AA](#)
 - Election results certified at last Restoration Authority meeting and a timeline issued for grant making which will be available on the [Restoration Authority website](#).
 - Funding will become available in late 2017 through taxes collected during first half of that year; documents will become available next summer.
 - Convening a governing committee, an independent body investigating the criteria and projects that should take priority.
 - Subcommittee meeting 9/7 to discuss next steps with advisory committee, how to grow and be representative of the Bay Area - project list and map not embedded in measure but used to evaluate projects – read language in measure for definitions of programs.
- [IRWM](#) DAC Grant Opportunity
- Other activities
 - Luisa Valiela with EPA received copy of a letter from Diane Feinstein to Gina McCarthy directing EPA to work on budget request, the most direct Feinstein’s office has been to date about the challenges of getting funding over the years. EPA has received \$4-5M annually since 2008.
 - Beckie Zisser with Save the Bay: NGO efforts to lobby Feinstein’s office. EPA can’t lobby. The role of advocates and sectors working with legislative offices is key.
 - Meeting or conference call to go into this in more detail. FY2018 Beckie will let the group know when and how we push for additional funding. Beckie will act as point person. Beckie will get info to Matt Gerhart and Amy Hutzal prior to their D.C. trip September 13-14.
 - President Obama’s climate czar has said that no federal funding will be awarded for sea level rise adaptation, indicating a necessity for strategizing how requests for grants are parsed. The upcoming election could have a big impact on funding requests.
 - OAK and SFO have applied for an FEMA A99 zone designation. An A99 zone would allow at grade building improvements to be permitted. One requirement of the A99 Zone designation is that the flood control restoration project must have 100% of the restoration funding authorized (but not funded). SFO needs authorization from USACE to do a study and will start on their own. OAK has been in feasibility studies for 7-10 years and were able to get State water resource grants through DWR, through a local levee assistance program. Feasibility studies were done prior to the USACE studies. Agencies can reimburse themselves for previous expenses, which DWR bases on the \$13.8M currently available for projects.

- Senator Mitch McConnell has committed floor time after the current recess to discuss The Water Resources Development Act of 2016 (WRDA).
- Review of the draft FEMA Funding Document prepared by Convey
 - 406=mitigation funding; 404=funding following a disaster. California as an enhanced state has 20% additional. Both have to be included in local hazard mitigation plan.
 - In the past FEMA 404 and 406 money could not be used to fund levees, however the interpretation of the law has changed and as long as the levee was not constructed with USACE dollars, it may now be eligible for FEMA mitigation funding. There are opportunities for the airports and constraints, require full National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process; project must be completed within four years.
 - Federal government contracting procedures are considered by some jurisdictions to be overly cumbersome. The added expense of complying with the federal grant requirements may be an issue for some projects
 - Discuss possible projects that might be good targets for funding.
 - Choose 5-10 projects then meet with Oakland Emergency Services (OES) and ask how they'd be ranked according to OES criteria. Work with agencies and OES putting together proposals so that applications are successful and can be used as a learning tool.
 - FEMA non-disaster programs - max congressional allocation per project in 2015 was \$4M including 20% additional for preparation. Can't use hazard mitigation FEMA funding for a plan that isn't tied to an implementation projects – could design a levy
 - BARC project – Dana Brickwald – mandated elements, ABAG has a copy. Work with Dana to identify projects, then take them to Marcia Sully in California Governor's Office of Emergency Services to determine viability (last year grants issued as a result of the Lake County fires with a \$2M cap – grants vary by disaster)
 - Possible opportunity for CHARG to contact stakeholders on informational events about funding / workshops on criteria, e.g. FEMA funding fair, state funding fair where all entities are represented. Kathy Schaefer will craft an outreach email.
 - Next California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) funding fair is **September 14, 2016** at UC Merced Small Business Development Center 550 E. Shaw Avenue Fresno, CA 93710. Agenda is check-in at 8am, agency presentations from 8:30-12:00, and "discuss your projects" from 12:00-2:00pm. Registration is free. Go to www.cfcc.ca.gov and click on Funding Fairs
- Update on the individual funding outreach follow-up
 - [Bay Planning Coalition](#)
 - John Coleman is contact – Charles Gardiner will help make contact
 - Partnership potential? BPC would give CHARG credibility with Bay Area businesses.
 - [Bay Area Council](#) – Adrian Covert
 - [Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative](#) (USASI)
 - [Urban Land Institute](#) (ULI) – professional planner organization with policy teams / not member-based
 - [SPUR](#) – regional equivalent of ULI

- [Joint Venture Silicon Valley](#)
 - Kathy Schaefer still trying to connect with Supervisor Pine
- [Silicon Valley Leadership Group](#)
- [Ducks Unlimited](#)
 - [SF Bay Joint Venture](#) – Beth Hunning? – group of habitat joint ventures with minor funding for coordination
 - Know who champions are, who is on what committees. Kevin Mullen potential contact?
 - Reach out to [NOAA](#) – CHARG more aligned with NOAA grant program, look more to state than feds for funding
 - Water committee meetings? Martha Whetstone attends and will find out how to approach them.
- Review of the Goals
 - Group agrees current goals are on-track
 - BCDC – still a need for CHARG to do what BCDC isn't able to do. Maggie from BCDC is now with City of San Francisco – not on CHARG stakeholder list
 - Align with or form partnership with Resilient by Design? Kathy will reach out to Margie O'Driscoll and/or Alex Zwissler (Exec Director of Bay Area RBD Challenge)
 - Near-term Priorities
 - Continue outreach to identified individuals
 - Kathy work on email to send to Sybil Hatch about FEMA 404 and 406, to encourage sharing projects – if Matt Gerhart sees Dana Brechwald (ABAG) he will ask about getting projects into hazard mitigation plans. Kathy will also reach out to Marcia Sully (OES)
- Facilitation update: A new CHARG facilitator has been chosen and Alameda County Flood Control District is currently negotiating a contract. Once new facilitator has started Convey will help with the transition.
- Next meeting will be in mid- to late- October. Convey will send a poll to determine best date for majority of participants. Time will remain 9:30-11:30am and we will meet in the Port of Oakland offices if space is available.