



**San Francisco Bay Regional CHARG: Coastal Hazards Adaptation Resiliency Group
 October 11, 2016 Funding Working Group Meeting
 Port of Oakland: 530 Water Street, 6th Floor Conference Room, Oakland**

Participants

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Carl Morrison	BAFPAA	Julie Weiss	City of Palo Alto
Carly Foster	Arcadis	Kathy Schaeffer	Chair
Ellen Johnck	Ellen Johnck Consulting	Luisa Valiela	EPA
Eric Simmons	FEMA	Matt Gerhart	SCC
Erika Powell	San Mateo County	Paul Okada	San Mateo County
Jim Porter	San Mateo County	Steve Moore	SWRCB
Joshua Polston	Port of Oakland	Sybil Hatch	Convey, Inc.

Action Items:

- Erika Powell will get point-of-contact from Carl Morrison for Prop 1 IRWM disadvantaged community grant
- Matt Gerhart will send copies of Dianne Feinstein’s letter to the EPA and the EPA’s response; forward email regarding regional hazard mitigation plans to Sybil Hatch, who will follow up with Dana; forward climate change assessment project list to Luisa Valiela
- Kathy Schaeffer will distribute literature from 10/6/16 BCDC meeting week, Climate Readiness Institute document outlining current Bay Area projects, ULI Bay Area initiatives, and BASMAA inventory of pumps and drainage systems
- Convey will draft a 1- or 2-page document to facilitate conversations with other agencies
- Sybil Hatch will check the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority’s Advisory Committee roster to see which CHARG members are included
- Matt Gerhart will forward Dana Brechwald/ABAG’s list of hazard mitigation plans currently under revision to Sybil. Sybil will follow up with Dana to create a list and workplan for CHARG stakeholders to input shoreline adaptation projects into the hazard mitigation plans

Minutes:

- San Mateo County is completing its countywide vulnerability assessment.
- Port of Oakland received two Proposition 84 grants: Local Levee Assistance, and Local Levee Repair. State of California Department of Water Resource (DWR) is not planning on successive rounds of funding; very little grant money is left over.

- BAFPAA preparing a proposal for Prop 1 IRWM underrepresented community involvement grant. Required to spend 10% of \$6.5M allocation in disadvantaged communities, which are broadly defined. Another \$6.5M will be spent on implementation projects. Environmental Coalition for Water Justice and California Indian Environmental Alliance will be leads; others participating in outreach, primarily NGO or community-based organizations. Non-competitive grant will cover outreach to disadvantaged communities throughout the Bay Area, focusing on all aspects of water, and on those near the Bay that will be impacted by sea level rise. DWR is looking for people in those communities to be involved in an integral process, developing projects that address the needs and consider the input of those communities to ensure buy-in and encourage ideas for unique solutions. Wendy Goodfriend at BCDC may be involved in this effort as it involves sea level rise.
- Jim Porter would like a point-of-contact to explore the nexus between the community involvement grant and San Mateo's vulnerability assessment. Erika Powell will follow up with Carl Morrison.
- EPA recently launched new/repackaged climate change adaptation resource center website, which includes a funding section: www.epa.gov/arc-x/federal-funding-and-technical-assistance-climate-adaptation
- Senator Feinstein sent a formal letter to EPA headquarters requesting that the San Francisco Estuary receive a formal designation (similar to the Chesapeake Bay), with consideration of climate adaptation. EPA sent a formal, non-detailed response. Matt will try to find copies and send them to this group. Amy Hutzel was part of Coastal Conservancy visit to EPA and Senator Feinstein's office. Under discussion is reinserting language about the Bay Area into FY 2018 budget. May be a good time for CHARG participants to speak up about interest in funding.
 - Recommended CHARG help identify an "ask" and create a 1- or 2-page document so that various stakeholders can speak with one voice on the need for funding. Important to consider existing efforts and coalesce them - CHARG initiatives, Measure AA, SFEI, etc. - and leverage the Measure AA momentum to move forward.
 - The 2-page document can be based on several sources: Climate Readiness Institute's habitat restoration and adaptation inventory; Urban Land Institute document; CHARG draft funding brief. Sybil will prepare a conceptual draft to be discussed at the next CHARG funding working group meeting.
- BCDC voted last week on a clarification to its role in addressing regional climate change impacts. One of nine mandates voted on by the BCDC Board is "Funding the Future," which will most likely focus on local and regional funding sources (taxes, special districts, etc.).
- Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) made it out of Senate and House and is in conference, though Congress is in recess. Bay Area projects are contained in WRDA. BCDC and SCC have been developing language addressing reuse of dredging material, including suggestions for reuse.
- San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority is moving forward with administrative set-up; draft timeline for Measure AA-funded grants is early 2018 based on 2017 tax rolls. Project list is maintained annually, updated early in the year. The map and list of projects are on the sfbayrestore.org website. The Technical Advisory Committee includes about 40 members-at-large to provide guidance and award grants. Need to check to see whether CHARG members are represented on this committee, and whether additional CHARG members should be nominated to assist with prioritizing multi-benefit approach (estuary, flood control, and habitat restoration) and developing design standards for restoration activities.
- CHARG technical working group members met with California Department of Water Resources staff on August 24, 2-16. Purpose was to inform DWR staff about CHARG activities, and urge DWR to fund and take

a more active role in the group. DWR suggested that staff are currently focusing on the Central Valley, and suggested looking to SCC instead. CHARG technical working group will continue to coordinate with DWR.

- California's fourth Climate Change Assessment is underway. Michelle Iblings attended a workshop last week as a member of the technical advisory group to establish standards for green infrastructure.
- FEMA Hazard Mitigation Planning 404 and 406 grants
 - After a disaster, if federal funding is not spent on disaster relief, moneys may be available for other projects. Those projects need to be already included in a jurisdiction's Hazard Mitigation Plan. Possible CHARG funding strategy is to make sure shoreline adaptation projects are eligible.
 - Pump stations and storm drains all around the Bay Area will need to be restored; suggested that CHARG team with BAFPA to get an inventory of all pump stations etc. in need of upgrading and ensure that they're included in hazard mitigation plans
 - Next step will be to reach out to CHARG stakeholder group and invite people to participate in a working group that will coordinate adding these to local hazard mitigation plans and report results to CHARG
- Agenda item "January Senate subcommittee presentation" will be discussed during next CHARG funding working group meeting, which will be in two months.