

**CITY/COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
Water Committee**

**MINUTES
MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Nihart in the First Floor Conference Room at 155 Bovet Road, San Mateo, at 5:33 p.m. Attendance sheet is attached.

1. Public Comments on items not on the agenda.

Supervisor Pine announced that the Board of Supervisors approved the County Public Works' request for funding to expand flood control work. That funding can help support the committee's work.

2. Approval of minutes of February 3, 2016 meeting.

Member Derwin moved to approve the February 3, 2016 minutes, member O'Connell (Brisbane) seconded, motion passed unanimously.

3. Presentation on the Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan for the San Francisco Littoral Cell (SFLC CRSMP) (information item).

The original plan was to have two speakers presenting on this item, one on the technical aspect of the draft SFLC CRSMP, another one to cover the governance aspect. Unfortunately, the technical person wasn't able to attend this meeting due to an unforeseen situation. Ben Gettelman of Kearns & West provided a presentation on the governance evaluation of the project. The project team reviewed and analyzed governance structure options based on input from relevant stakeholders. The objectives of governance include providing framework for decision-making and sharing of resources and information across jurisdictional boundaries; increase accountability; and managing sediment regionally (actions of one jurisdiction can impact others).

The project team developed the following key considerations and recommendations relative to governance:

- Should be resource efficient
- Will require leadership and commitment
- Potential impact on local efforts should be considered
- Governance should be scale-able and adapt to changing needs
- Focus initially on information sharing and coordination
- Should be linked to other relevant efforts in the region
- Should help agencies and staff (perceived need/benefit); not be another commitment.

The project team considered the following governance options:

- Status quo
- Coordinating network
- Lead agency
- Special district
- Joint powers authority

4. Update on the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Proposed \$12 parcel tax for the nine-county (information item).

Supervisor Dave Pine, Chair of the SF Bay Restoration Authority, provided an update on Measure AA, “The Clean and Healthy Bay Initiative” up for voter decision in June 2016. The Measure is proposed for 20 years, and would raise \$25 million per year. It would need 2/3 support in all nine counties cumulatively to pass. 50% of revenue would be allocated to four regions in the Bay Area based on population. The other 50% would be based on competition. The West Bay (includes SF and San Mateo Counties) would receive 11% minimum.

The needs for the measure, among others, include securing tidal marsh. Tidal marsh provides habitat for fish and wildlife, filter pollution, open space & recreation opportunities, enhance quality of life and economy, and flood prevention and sea level rise mitigation. Also, the measure would help to address the growing threat of climate change and sea level rise, as well as the added effects of sea level rise and storm surge resulting in net increase in water surface elevation.

5. Set meeting duration and provide input for a facilitated-discussion in April for the committee’s work.

Member O’Connell (Brisbane) moved to set future meeting length to 2 hours, member Aguirre seconded, motion passed unanimously.

At the February 3rd meeting, the committee expressed interest in holding a facilitated discussion to establish a workplan. Sandy Wong introduced Leslie Park, a facilitator, who will facilitate the discussion at the April meeting. Ms Park briefly talked about her general approach to facilitation.

In addition, due to several members must attend another meeting following Water Committee meeting, the group decided to start the April 6th meeting at 5:00 pm to allow adequate time for the facilitated discussion. The 5 pm start time only applies to the April meeting.

6. Member comments and announcements (information item).

Member Aguirre announced she will attend a water education for Latino Leaders, an Annual Conference in San Jose next week.

Brian Perkins announced that on April 11th at 12:00 noon, there will be a presentation on water desalination (by an Israeli group) in the same conference of this meeting.

Sandy Wong reminded everyone the tour of the “Advanced Water Purification Center” has been set for March 12, 2016 at 12 noon.

7. Adjournment.