

NBWRA TAC Conference Call
Monday, February 3, 2020, 3:00 p.m.
Call 866-906-7447, Code 2428070#

Attendance: Chuck Weir; Chelsea Thompson & Leah Walker (Petaluma); Drew McIntyre (NMWD); Jake Spaulding, Grant Davis, & Brad Sherwood (SCWA), Sandeep Karkal (Novato San District); Paul Sellier (NMWD); Tim Healy (Napa San)

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Agenda

1. How often should the TAC meet, considering that the Board is only meeting 2x per year.

Drew, minimum two times with possibly two more. Leah agrees other meetings as necessary. Grant noted bond issue in November. Wants NBWRA to be prepared to respond. TAC should be able to respond to opportunities. Leah – should NBWRA comment as the bond as it is developed. Grant, feels that more than two times per year will be needed. Perhaps one more during the summer. Early summer June, July, or August. July after the 4th. CVW send Doodle Polls. July (week of the 13th) and early October. Check NACWA utility conference in July.

2. Future direction for NBWRA. Are there any additional opportunities that NBWRA should consider pursuing?

November water bond bill. Next round of IRWMP; just released guidelines.

3. FY20/21 Budget. Will need a budget to be approved at the April Board meeting.

Jake will develop a draft and distribute by March 30.

4. Status reports on the usual items:

- a. Financial reports

Two times per year is ok.

- b. Phase 1 Status and reconciliation

Current grant goes through September 2020. Final true up will occur after that, likely this fall. LGVSD should be completed by then.

- c. Phase 2 EIR/EIS and funding

Jake – IRWM received notice that the Bay Area application has completed completeness review and is now going through technical review. Have received all info from Petaluma and American Canyon. Late spring or early summer. Roughly 40-45% of the project funding has been approved. Possibly still some additional Phase 2 projects, covered under the EIR/EIS. Leah, Petaluma is likely finished for a while.

d. Program Development, State and Federal Advocacy

SCWA is still monitoring federal issues. Grant – are any agencies involved in other state funding, perhaps through an NGO. Petaluma – small wetlands projects.

e. Other Items

Grant – asked about other opportunities. Petaluma and Sonoma have groundwater projects that could be coordinated through NBWRA. Tim – doing a water study through the Napa Valley; funding came from an NBWRA grant. Recycled water will be included in the Napa study. Grant mentioned resiliency studies. Consensus is to maintain NBWRA as an entity although at a lesser level but be ready to seek opportunities as they arise. Drew – his agency agrees. Leah – new interim DPW. Leah is retiring June 25; folks are ready to step up and there will be no loss of continuity. Tim – wants to make sure that Direct Potable Reuse is on the table. Leah – ocean protection plan that would limit wastewater discharges to the ocean and Bays. This issue will not go away and agencies need to continue to track in conjunction with CASA and other organizations.