

Meeting Minutes
Environmental Enhancement Committee Meeting

1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
11th Floor Conference Room
January 6, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/ospr/EnvironmentalEnhancement.asp>

Public comments were to be accepted but no members of the public attended or have commented other than those associated with the project being considered for funding and whom are identified in these minutes.

The meeting began at 10:07 AM. In attendance were the three Environmental Enhancement Committee (EEC) members, Sam Schuchat, Stephanie Tom Coupe, and Tom Cullen. Bruce Joab, Cassaundra White, and Kathleen Jennings were in attendance, and Kathy Verrue-Slater and Julie Yamamoto were on the telephone from California Department of Fish and Wildlife Office of Spill Prevention and Response (CDFW-OSPR). Neal Allen and Lilia Corona from the Mt. View Sanitary District were in attendance, as was Lindsay Whalin from the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board (SFRWQCB).

Bruce Joab briefly reviewed the status of the project originally submitted in 2012 as the "Peyton Slough Hydraulic Relief Project, a project supporting the restoration of McNabney Marsh" and some of the changes to it that have occurred up to present day. He also reviewed the funding impacts that the EEC decision on this project would have to the EEF program.

Sam Schuchat advised that this project may be proposition 1 eligible. Then Neal Allen, District Manager from the Mountain View Sanitary District, provided more history and technical details for this project. He indicated that environmental reviews would precede construction on this project that is currently scheduled for completion in the summer of 2016. Lilia Corona and Kathleen Jennings commented on some of the technical and historical aspects of this project. Lindsay Whalin, a staff member from the SFRWQCB provided additional information on the project and indicated that their experts were in agreement that this project will improve both the habitat and water quality of McNabney Marsh. She indicated that while Cleanup and Abatement funds from the SFRWQCB could not be used for this work there was a possibility that mitigation funding could potentially be made available.

Deliberation by the committee began. Stephanie inquired about the previously discussed legal question surrounding the project, and Bruce replied that Mt. View Sanitary District had paid their fine in full to the Water Board in the form of a Supplemental Environmental Project, or SEP, and were cooperating fully with

that State agency. So, it did not appear that there were any lingering legal issues for the Environmental Enhancement program. Kathy Verrue-Slater confirmed this to be the case.

Sam Schuchat made a motion to approve funding the Peyton Slough Hydraulic Relief Project, a project supporting the restoration of McNabney Marsh, for \$201,500 in fiscal year 2016/2017. Tom Cullen seconded the motion, and a vote was held by the EEC. The vote passed unanimously in support of the motion as indicated.

Sam Schuchat reiterated that this project may be eligible for Proposition 1 funding if Neal's group applied for it.

Bruce indicated that CDFW-OSPR would work to prepare the grant for this project with the assistance of Cassandra White and Neal Allen. He also stated that there would not be a request for proposals (RFP) for the EEF program in Spring of 2015 to solicit projects for grants to be awarded for FY 16/17 due to the now apparently quite limited spending authority remaining for the program in FY 16/17.

The meeting concluded and adjourned at 11:26 AM.

These minutes were approved unanimously by the EEC via electronic mail messages from each voting member on 01/08/2015 and 01/09/2015 to Bruce Joab at bruce.joab@wildlife.ca.gov.