



## **Executive Director's Report – March 26, 2026**

### **Statement of Economic Interests**

The annual California Form 700 (Statement of Economic Interests) deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please be sure to file your forms with the SFCJPA through Netfile. Reminders will be sent.

### **SFCJPA Activities –**

#### **Reach 2 Project Updates –**

##### Funding

Department of Water Resources (DWR) Prop 1 Integrated Water Resources Management (IRWM) grant for \$5,955,258 (DWR No. 4600015417) – We are still awaiting news from our grant managers at the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, whose meeting with the DWR program managers has been postponed to April. We have made our case for a condensed set of implementation actions and a request to extend the schedule through December 31, 2028. Our grant managers are advocating on our behalf for this request.

USACE CAP205 – The USACE funding for CAP 205 program has been allocated but is currently paused and may be subject to cancellation. Without an infusion of funding from the federal government, our USACE project work will end in June 2026. We have submitted a funding request to Congressman Mullin's office (a Community Project Funding request) for \$1.8 million. If awarded, this funding, matched with the SFCJPA's contributions, will see the CAP205 project through all necessary planning and design to bid-ready status (through ~2028). We do not know when we will have word on the acceptance of this funding request.

##### Reach 2 Project Planning and Design

Addressing the IRWM grant timeline has become our near-term priority. The project team is working on an approach and plan to focus on the project elements (the widening downstream of University Avenue Bridge) necessary to meet the grant timeline. Other project elements will be integrated following this work.

##### USACE CAP 205 Program

The USACE team is continuing their hydraulic and economic analyses for the future with project modeling scenarios. We are discussing potential wrap up deliverables should funding not be authorized.

### **SAFER Bay Project**

Staff has been coordinating comment responses with the technical teams at Cities of East Palo Alto and Menlo Park. We are currently developing thoughtful and complete responses to the 15 comment letters from various entities representing more than 25 organizations, 35 comments at our three public meetings and 8 comments submitted to the SFCJPA website. We appreciate all comments for their meaningful engagement on the SAFER Bay Project.



**Project Status Summary and Tracking (previously completed items have been deleted from this table)**

Reach 1	Activity/ Milestone	Tasks/Sub-Tasks	Schedule	Status
	Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting	Review O&M recommendations, obtain needed approvals/permits, oversee field work as indicated and annual reporting.	Weed management occurred during the week of February 9, 2026, based on restoration ecologists' recommendations.	Ongoing for Year 9 O&M.
Reach 2	Activity/ Milestone	Tasks/Sub-Tasks	Schedule	Status
	Arborist Survey of updated project area		Updated and expanded tree survey planned to be completed by May 2026.	On track. Project work is underway.
	USACE CAP 205	Future Without Project (FWOP) condition package and model, inundation maps, and report are complete. Preliminary work on Future With Project Modeling.	FWOP model and economic evaluation, assessment of channel widening order of operations impacts.	In progress.
	DWR/IRWM grant (DWR No. 4600015417)	Working with our grant managers at SFEP on a grant agreement amendment for a schedule and scope adjustment.	Quarterly reports, Amendment Justification Letter Request	Negotiations for a grant deadline change will happen in early April.
	Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for necessary project elements.	Contract in place with EMC Planning for SEIR but may need to be updated based on outcome of project redesign.	9-12 months from start to finish (or longer if more complex)	Delayed until details of a staff recommended preferred overall project alternative is defined and the Board and public have weighed in.
	Mitigation Newell Road Bridge Replacement	Submitted Final Mitigation Monitoring Plan for	Revised MMP 1/16/2026	Email received from Water Board on 2/27/2026



	Project	Resource Agency approval.		<p>stating they have reviewed the MMP and have no comments.</p> <p>Mitigation plantings are growing in Grassroots Ecology's Native Plant Nursery in the Upper San Francisquito Creek Watershed.</p>
	NatRes EEM Grant app for Newell Road Bridge Mitigation	CalTrans has now fully funded their portion of the NRB. This will enable us to apply for a Natural Resources EEM grant to help defray the costs of mitigation.	Grant deadline July 2026. Grant disbursement (if awarded) in Spring 2027.	To begin grant application process in May 2026
	Support JPA member dialog on homeless encampments and trash in SFC.	Integrated as standing agenda item on regular SFCJPA Mgrs/Executives meeting agenda.	Ongoing	Ongoing
	Use updated USACE model floodplain data to quantify project benefits based on number of parcels impacted/protected.		Discussions on parcels and benefits are ongoing	In progress.
	<p>Define project funding agreement principles and basic framework characteristics.</p> <p>Investigate Reach 2 financing options</p>	Work with JPA members to lay the groundwork for a funding framework.		In progress/early stages.



Stream Maintenance Permitting	Activity/ Milestone	Tasks/Sub-Tasks	Schedule	Status
	CEQA	Project Description Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)	Certification of IS/MND planned February 2027	In progress. Draft Project Description has been circulated to member agencies for comment.
	Invasive Species Removal Plan		October 2026	Not started but SFCJPA obtaining existing information.
	Mitigation Monitoring Plan	Draft and final	Draft – October 2026 Final – December 2026	Not started
	Technical Studies	Biological, wetland, cultural and other studies to support CEQA and permitting		Not started
	Creek Maintenance Plan		Draft – April 2026 Final – July 2026	Not started
	Draft Permit Applications		October 2026	Not started
SAFER Bay	Activity/ Milestone	Tasks/Sub-Tasks	Schedule	Status
	Draft Environmental Impact Report		Comment period ended on 1/23/26.  Final EIR adoption scheduled for 5/28/26	The team is working on responses to the comments received.
SFBRA and DWR grants: Administration and reporting	Quarterly		Ongoing.	Ongoing.

(Green = Complete/on track. Amber = early stages or small progress. Pink = Not-yet-begun, or no recent progress)



## **Coordination –**

We continue to meet regularly with our SFCJPA public works colleagues and with the executive representatives of our members. We continue to have regular meetings with Stanford University, CalTrans, and CalTrain.

## **Operations and Administration –**

### Accounting and Administration Support

*Audit Services Request for Proposals* – We extended the solicitation by one week. We received three responsive bids. After proposal reviews and interviews, a selection will be made by March 27, 2026.

Miranda Beasley, CPA of Grant & Smith, SFCJPA's current auditing firm, will present their audit findings and report at the March board meeting. The presentation will include answers to comments and questions received from our member agency colleagues (per the direction of the Board, we shared the Grant & Smith Draft Audit reports with the finance leaders of our member agencies).

Staff have been working with Robert Half Recruiting and Employment agency since August for assistance with administrative support. We also engaged staff at Robert Half to review SFCJPA accounting and finance procedures. In response to comments from the Board and member agency colleagues, we hired Nancy Flynn, CPA, on a part-time, temporary basis from Robert Half. Nancy will provide a brief presentation of her work including her independent third-party audit review and an assessment of the SFCJPA accounting and finances at the March board meeting.



**Running report of all contracts less than \$50,000 entered in FY 25/26**

<b>Contracted Entity</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount and duration</b>	<b>Date</b>
Woodard & Curran	SAFER Bay grant administration support	\$28,750	March 3, 2026
Grassroots Ecology	Provision of native plants for Newell Road Bridge Project mitigation	\$23,250.17	January 8, 2026
Grassroots Ecology	Reach 1 and Reach 2 restoration support	\$17,500	October 28, 2025
Good Stuff Partners	Creation of document templates and agency branding support.	\$13,000	October 21, 2025
WRA, Inc.	Task Order 2.1 for review of USACE Agency Technical Review hydraulic model.	\$48,600	September 12, 2025
Hanford ARC	Second Amendment to the contract for Reach 1 maintenance. Scope of work includes two four-day weeding events – in accordance with H.T. Harvey staff recommendations.	\$39,360	August 28, 2025
Black & Veatch	Preliminary feasibility assessment of bypass tunnel(s) to meet all or some of the necessary capacity increases in the Reach 2 project area.	\$49,730	August 11, 2025
Streamline, Inc.	Website development, technical support, assistance in transition from .org to .gov, ADA and multiple language support. Three-year contract.	\$10,080	August 2025

**Future Board Meetings – Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be hosted at the City of Menlo Park’s City Council Chambers: 751 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Potential Topics</b>
April 23, 2026	Reach 2 Update (Tentative) USACE Presentation
May 28, 2026	Certification of SAFER EIR
June 25, 2026	Reach 2 Update (Tentative) Update from Stanford University on Searsville Project
July 23, 2026	Board recess
August 27, 2026	Reach 2 Update