

# North Bay Watershed Association



# Napa County Watershed Symposium

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### **Funding Options for Watershed Work**

#### **I Foundations**

#### **II Grants**

**State**

**Federal**

#### **III Local Funding**

**Taxes**

**Fees**

**Entities/Agencies**

# I Foundations

- Marin Community Foundation
  - funds for restoration plans or outreach

Napa Community Foundation

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## **Review**

+ Usually flexible

-Few and far between

-Usually small amounts

# II Grants

- **State**

- IRWM-Prop 84**

- Napa has Been awarded over \$ 7.5 m in first 3 rounds of IRWM

- Review**

- + Large amounts available

- 25% match,

- Prop 1 going up to 50 %( tied to water supply)

- complicated process

- Other

- DFWS- more Funding in Prop 1

- SCC- funds for projects in Napa

# II Grants

- **Federal**

- **EPA**

- WQIF-Napa has been awarded over \$ 6.5 m in last 5 years

- 319 - ?

- Other-

- **NOAA-** Through DFWS

- **NRCS**

Other – Mitigation funds

# III Local Funding

- **Taxes**

- Napa Measure A
  - 1998-Sales Tax increase- .5% for 20 years (ENDS IN 2018)
  - ~ \$240 m total
  - 67 % voter approval
- Santa Clara-Measure B-
  - \$ 548 million Parcel Tax for flood improvement and watersheds 2012- 74% voter approval

- **Fees**

- Ross Valley-Marin County-\$ 40 million
  - 2007-Prop 218 fee election- barely passed
  - Challenged in Court-State Supreme Court ruled in favor of county in 2010

# Local Funding

- **Regional**

- San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

- Created in 2008- Legislation

- raise and allocate resources for the restoration, enhancement, protection, and enjoyment of wetlands and wildlife habitat in the San Francisco Bay and along its shoreline, as well as related public recreation and flood protection projects.

- Evaluated support for a November 2014 regional parcel tax measure- decided to delay

- **Agencies**

- SCWA
- MMWD

# Local funding

- Plus
  - Can target purpose
  - Fewer constraints
  - Provides match for federal or state funds
- BIG Minus
  - Upfront voter approval
    - This is the biggest challenge