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**COASTAL CONSERVANCY ANNOUNCES ONLINE ACCESS TO
SOUTH BAY SALT POND RESTORATION RESEARCH DOCUMENTS, SOLICITS
SUBMISSIONS FROM BAY RESEARCHERS**

Oakland—The State Coastal Conservancy announces the launch of an online library of salt pond research to aid planning for the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project.

The online research information is an addition to the project website, which provides information on the planned restoration of 25 square miles of South Bay wetlands from the San Mateo Bridge to southern edge of San Francisco Bay. The bibliographic database contains over 270 references to reports, books, and other works relevant to the restoration of the South Bay salt ponds, and in many cases includes the full text for download.

This online library will be a tool used during the salt ponds' restoration, as well as a resource for researchers, consultants, resource managers, and other stakeholders. The library will grow as the project generates new information and as stakeholders use the database and add relevant studies and reports.

The research bibliography provides detailed annotation for most references, including study sponsors, summarized key findings, and relationships to key restoration questions.

Using a web browser anyone can submit new references to the bibliography, and researchers are encouraged to contribute references to works relevant to the Project.

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Other features of the project web site include access to planning documents, wetlands-related fact sheets, press releases and news stories, event and meeting announcements for technical committees and public workshops, and the opportunity to provide input as an interested stakeholder. Most information is available in both English and Spanish.

The South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project is managed collaboratively by the [Coastal Conservancy](#), the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#), and the [California Department of Fish and Game](#), with the intent of restoring and enhancing critical tidal marsh wetlands, providing increased habitat for endangered species, ensuring flood protection for local communities, and providing public access for wildlife-oriented recreation and education.

To access the research library web site and information on all aspects of the restoration, visit: <http://www.southbayrestoration.org>.

The Coastal Conservancy is a state agency that works with the people of California to protect and improve the coast and San Francisco Bay. The conservancy has helped open over 80 miles of coast and bay shores to the public and preserve over 100,000 acres of wetlands, wildlife habitat, parks, and farmland.

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