



## Ravenswood Working Group

### CHARTER

The **Ravenswood Working Group** will support the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project. Phase 1 of the SBSP project in the Ravenswood Ponds focuses on opening up a former salt pond (SF2) to the bay, and on expanding and improving public access.

#### **Mission**

The mission of the Ravenswood Working Group is to:

- Provide a forum for collaborative dialogue among community members and project managers in the Phase 1 restoration implementation and flood protection planning, including the implications of sea level rise; and
- Help develop ways to more actively engage the general public in supporting future project funding needs.

#### **Roles and Responsibilities:**

The Ravenswood Working Group is a subcommittee of the Project's ongoing Stakeholder Forum. (The Stakeholder Forum is the principal public advisory body for the Project, and will continue to meet periodically through Phase 1.)

Over the next two years, Ravenswood Work Group members will:

- Provide feedback on the restoration actions at Pond SF2
- Provide feedback on the design for public access improvements at Pond SF2 and Bayfront Park/Pond R4
- Provide feedback on proposed Phase 1 research and applied studies
- Help foster local support for funding of Phase 1 and future activities
- Help identify public outreach opportunities to raise awareness of the Project throughout the Ravenswood area

#### **Membership**

Work Group membership consists of interested members of the public who live, work and/or recreate within the southeast San Mateo County area. Members may represent the following organizations or interests:

- SBSP Project Stakeholder Forum
- Private industry and Chambers of Commerce
- Local elected officials and/or their staff from Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, Palo Alto, Atherton, Redwood City, and San Mateo County
- Neighborhood and Homeowners associations
- Environmental groups
- Municipal and county public works and planning departments/agencies
- State, Municipal, county and regional transportation and/or economic development agencies/organizations
- Private utilities, such as Pacific Gas & Electric and retail water companies/agencies
- Recreational interests (e.g., fishing, boating, bicycling, hiking, birding, hunting)

The Chair of the Ravenswood Working Group is Clyde Morris, Manager of the San Francisco Bay Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge.

### **Meeting Frequency**

The Work Group will meet about two to four times a year. The meetings will be professionally facilitated, to help participants to provide focused review, discussion and input to the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project Management Team and to the Shoreline Study Management Team.

### **Timeframe**

Phase I projects of the SBSP project are expected to be completed by the end of 2010.

### **Protocols and Decision-Making**

The Working Group will provide input and feedback to the Project partners and to the Project Stakeholder Forum, and all recommendations stemming from the Working Group will be carefully considered by the project partners. Decision-making on any Phase 1 and future actions in the Ravenswood Ponds area resides with the project partners, and ultimately with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the landowning agency.

Working Group members will be expected to report back to their peers and constituent groups on a regular basis, and to bring forward any concerns from their communities to the Working Group.