



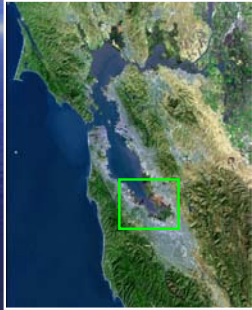
Time	Topic
12:30 – 12:35	Welcome and Agenda Review
12:35 – 12:40	Introductions of Restoration Project Staff and Local Government Forum Meeting Attendees
12:40 – 1:00	Overview of Salt Pond Restoration Planning Effort, Timeline and Challenges
1:00 – 1:10	Overview of Public Participation Opportunities During Restoration Planning Process
1:10 – 1:30	Questions/Discussion
1:30 – 2:00	Identification of Most Pressing Issues/Projects by Local Government Staff and Discussion of Concerns for Restoration Project (Habitat, Public Access and Flood Control)
2:00 – 2:20	Discussion Regarding Best Methods for Informing and Involving Local Government Elected Leaders
2:20 – 2:30	Next Steps and Future Meeting Dates

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Presentation Overview

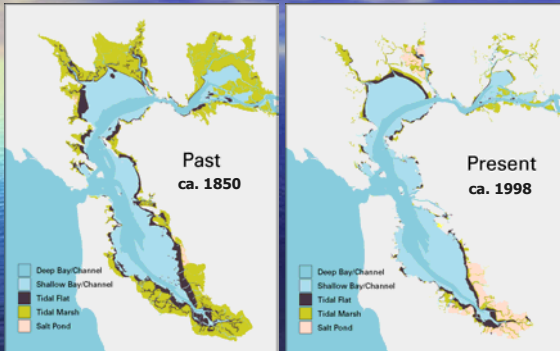
- Background
- Acquisition of salt ponds
- Transfer of salt ponds to public ownership
- Long-term restoration planning process



Why Restore the South Bay?



Wetlands Past and Present



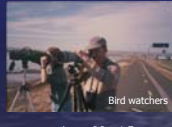
Human Impacts

- Development
- Pollution
- Bay filling
- Commercial salt production
- Unsustainable fishing and hunting practices
- Introduction of non-native plant and animal species



Wetland Benefits

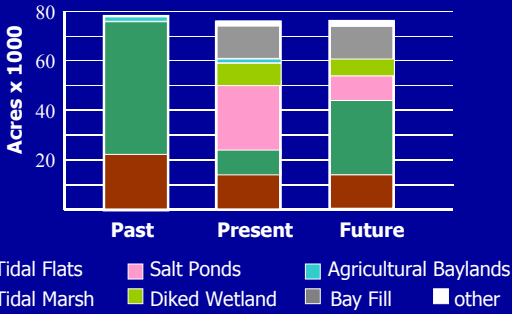
- Filter and clean the Bay
- Flood protection
- Economic returns
- Habitat values
- Wildlife-compatible public access and recreation



Regional Planning Efforts



Past, Present, and Recommended Future Bayland Habitat Acreage for South Bay Subregion from Goals Project 1999



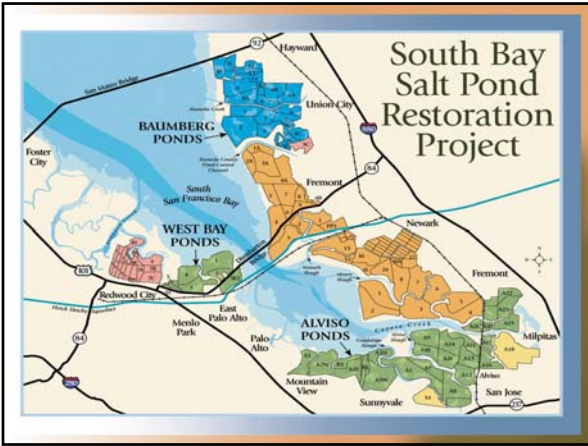
Salt Pond Acquisition



Acquisition of Salt Ponds

- 16,500 total acres
 - 15,100 in South Bay
 - 1,400 along Napa River
- \$100 million cost
 - \$72M from State of California
 - \$8M from United States Government
 - \$20M from Packard, Goldman, Hewlett, and Moore Foundations





Ending Salt Production

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Transfer of Ownership

- Cargill to reduce salinity levels established by State discharge permits
- Phase out salt production over period of years
- Cargill responsible for management of ponds during phase-out period

Water quality testing during salt pond phase-out period

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Restoration Planning Mission

To prepare a scientifically sound and publicly supported restoration and public access plan that can begin to be implemented within five years.

Long-Term Restoration Goals

Provide:

- A mix of habitats
- Flood management
- Wildlife-compatible recreation



Tidal Marsh



Salt Ponds



Tidal Mudflats



Flood Management



Public Access and Recreation

- Provide access for existing users
- Enhance/expand recreational access
- Integrate recreation and wildlife protection

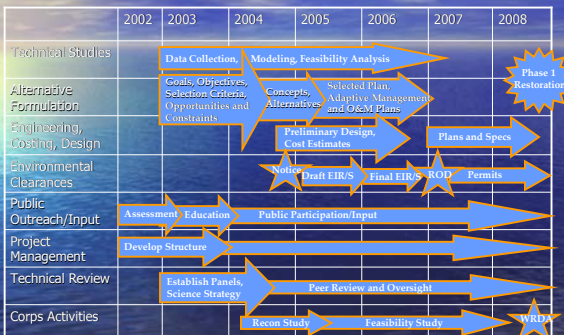


Technical Issues

- Invasive species (e.g., *non-native cordgrass*)
- Contaminants (e.g. mercury)
- Land subsidence and sea level rise
- Sediment availability
- Protecting existing infrastructure
- Monitoring and adaptive management



Anticipated Project Schedule & Process

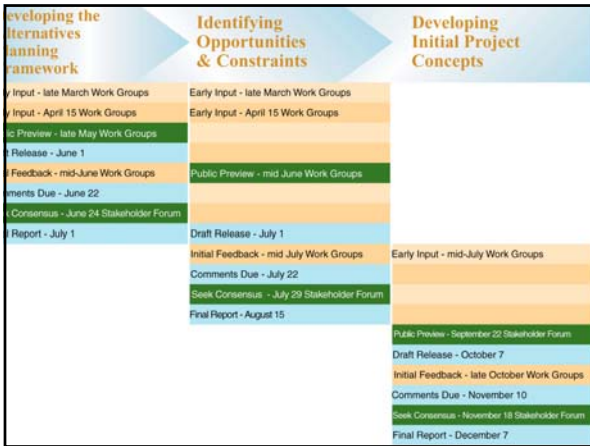


EIR/S = Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement's ROD = Record of Decision; O&M = Operations and Maintenance; WRDA = Water Resources Development Act









Local Government Input

- What, if any, potential projects is your jurisdiction considering that may affect/be impacted by the Salt Pond Restoration Project?
- What issues/concerns do you want the Salt Pond Restoration Planning Team to be aware of?

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Continuing Local Government Involvement

What is the best method for informing and involving local government elected leaders and staff?



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Next Steps...

- **Stay informed**
 - Visit www.southbayrestoration.org
 - Add staff names to project mailing list to receive regular electronic updates about the status of the project
 - Attend public meetings
 - Participate in Work Groups and Local Government Forum
- **Request a presentation in your community**

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Upcoming Meetings:

- **Habitat Restoration: March 26**
Administration Building, San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant, 700 Los Esteros Road, San Jose
- **Flood Management: March 29**
Alameda County Flood Control District's field office, 951 Turner Court, Hayward - (vicinity of Chabot College)
- **Public Access/Recreation: April 1**
Auditorium of the Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters, Newark
- **Stakeholder Forum: April 15**
NASA Ames Research, Moffett Field, Mountain View

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