

South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project Public Access/Recreation Work Group Meeting #2 Thursday, April 1, 2:00-5:00 pm Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge Headquarters Auditorium

MEETING AGENDA

Meeting Objectives:

- Knowledge of ownership and management requirements
- Briefing and input on EDAW data collection effort
- Identification of existing/potential recreation areas (group mapping exercise)
- Elaboration/clarification on issues identified at 2/18/04 Work Group Meeting
- Identification of next steps and meeting topics

Time	Agenda Item	Lead
2:00 - 2:05	Welcome and Introductions	Austin McInerny, Center for Collaborative Policy
2:05 - 2:35	Salt Pond Ownership and Management Requirements	John Krause, California Dept. of Fish & Game, Clyde Morris, US Fish & Wildlife Service
2:35 - 3:05	Status of Data Acquisition: What do we have to work with today?	Donna Plunkett, EDAW
3:05 - 4:00	Public Access & Recreation Mapping Exercise	Group Exercise
4:00 - 4:30	Discussion of Key Topics (see list below)	Austin McInerny and Donna Plunkett
4:30 - 4:45	Detailed Project Objectives Introduction	Donna Plunkett/David Blau, EDAW
4:45 - 5:00	Identification of Next Steps and Issues to be Presented to Stakeholder Forum	Austin McInerny

Topics Identified at 2/18/04 Work Group Meeting

- Safety concerns associated with public access and recreation
- Historical and cultural resources
- Opportunities for commercial recreational activities (e.g., camping)
- Management implications associated with public access and recreation
- Land management and the inter-relationship with wildlife, including issues such as seasonal use
- Kayaking opportunities, including those associated with bird watching.
- Access should help inform restoration design rather than have restoration design drive public access
- Need to address the education/interpretive component discussed earlier
- Need to develop goals or objectives for public access to develop a set of priorities
- Need to communicate with local governments to identify ordinances that pertain to public access or recreation, and where they have joint jurisdiction with the Fish and Wildlife Service or Dept of F&G
- The values associated with concentrating versus diffusing public access and rec. should be identified
- The costs of recreational activities should be linked to geographic areas
- Need to consider camping and other rec opportunities offered by the land manager as well as comm. ops
- The wildness of much of the salt pond/marsh areas in the South Bay protects the land by itself and should be considered in restoration planning.

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