

**South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project
Stakeholder Forum Meeting (10-04-06)**




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**Long-Term Governance,
Institutional Structure and
Decision-Making**

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Key Questions

- Who will manage implementation of the project?
- How will science and adaptive management be integrated into project decision-making?
- How will public involvement be integrated into project decision-making?
- What will be the role of regulatory agencies in implementing the project?

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Brief History

- May: Organizational Retreat
- June: Conservancy Proposal
- July: Stakeholder Forum
- August: Comment Letters
- September: PMT Discussion
- September: Revised Proposal
- October: Stakeholder Forum

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Next Steps

- Approval from FWS, DFG, and SCC heads.
- Release of Draft EIS/R with Adaptive Management Plan that describes organizational structure in January 2007.
- MOU among agencies describing roles and responsibilities during implementation and adaptive management.

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Conservancy Proposal

- Conservancy's original role was to develop a restoration plan that could be implemented in 2008.
- Conservancy is proposing to continue facilitating the project during implementation and adaptive management.

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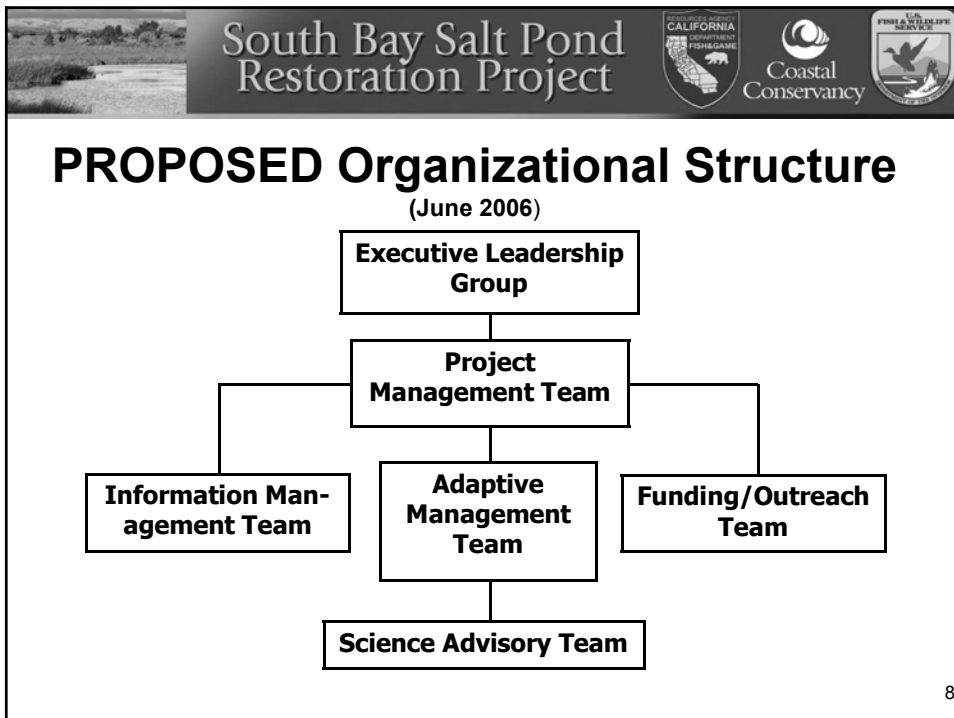
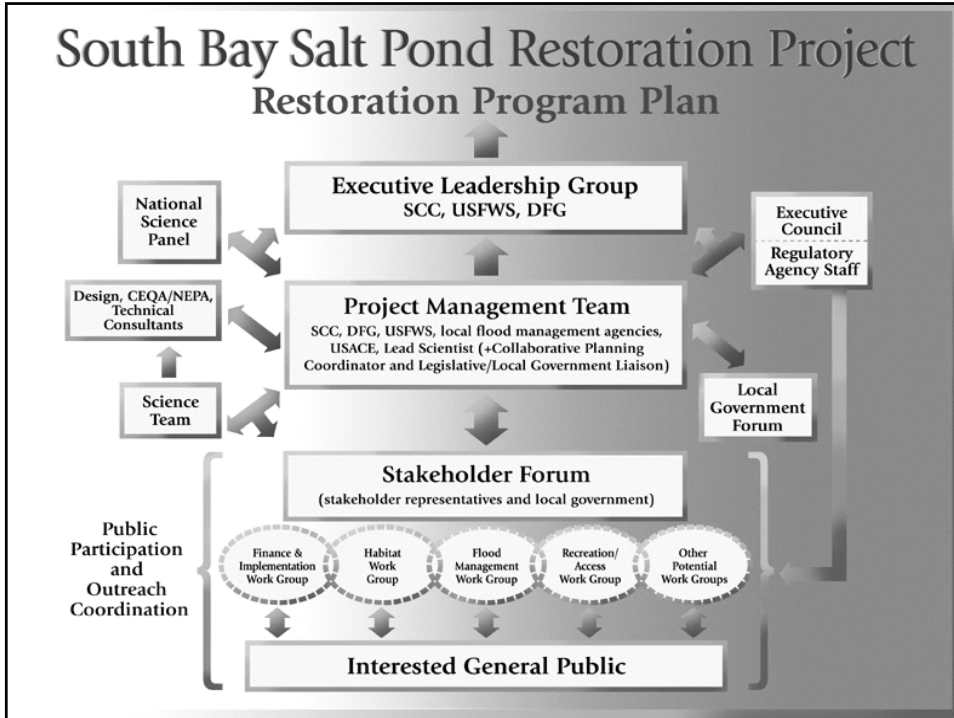


Conservancy Tasks

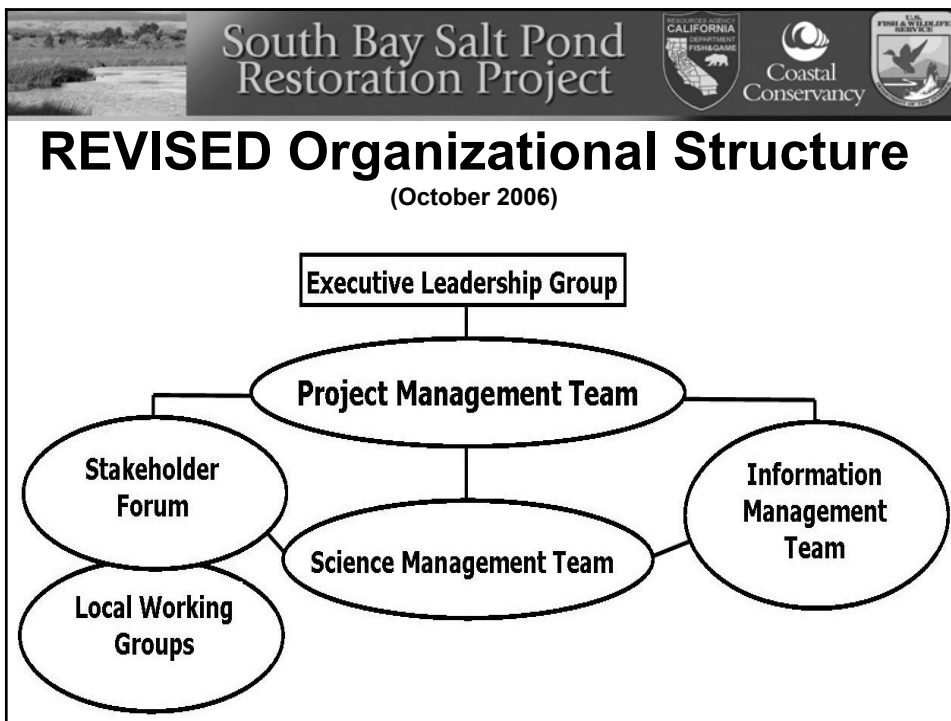
- Work with landowners and flood control agencies to construct the project.
- Oversee the Adaptive Management Program.
- **Convene decision-making and advisory groups in a streamlined organizational structure.**
- Assist with funding and conduct public outreach.

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Summary of Changes

- Stakeholder Forum retained, with slight change in focus.
- Science Management Team makes recommendations to PMT on Adaptive Management issues.
- Public input on Adaptive Management embedded in Forum and Local Working Groups.
- Phase 1 Working Groups: Upper Eden Landing and Alviso Ponds/Santa Clara County.
- Funding and Outreach responsibility of PMT, with assistance from others.

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Unchanged Concepts

- Decision-making rests with PMT and ELG.
- PMT to receive input from scientists and public on Adaptive Management decisions.
- Annual Report.
- Science Symposium.
- Local Gov't representation increased.
- Regulatory Agencies invited to PMT meetings.
- Information Management Team.

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