



## **SOUTH BAY SALT POND RESTORATION PROJECT IDENTIFICATION OF PHASE 1 ACTIONS**

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Identification of Phase 1 actions for the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project is an important step in the alternatives development process that needs to proceed now to allow us to move into the NEPA/CEQA review process. Listed below are some criteria that are proposed for selecting Phase 1 actions. Also identified are those actions that are occurring prior to Phase 1 as part of the ISP or other efforts in the overall geographic area.

### **PRE-PHASE 1 (ISP & OTHER) ACTIONS THAT WILL FIT INTO THE LONG-TERM PLAN:**

- Eden Landing restoration breaches
- Island Pond breaches
- Union City/EBRPD trail opening
- Others?

### **PHASE 1 CRITERIA:**

- Available funding
  - What is the amount of funding needed to carry out the action?
  - Is that funding likely to be available?
  - Who will be providing it?
- Likelihood of success
  - Will the action produce the desired result?
  - Will the action be likely to demonstrate progress toward achieving the Project Objectives?
- Ease of implementation
  - Will it be permitted in a timely manner?
  - Can construction commence in a timely manner?
- Visibility and accessibility
  - Will the results be visible and accessible to the public?
  - Will the results be visible and accessible to decision makers?
- Opportunities for adaptive management and applied studies
  - Can we implement high priority studies to answer key questions identified in the Science Plan for Long-Term Planning and the Charette Report?
  - In particular managed ponds are important to test.
- Value in building support for Project
  - Do the Phase 1 actions need to be distributed throughout the Project Area?
- Certainty of investment
  - Is there risk that the investment in capital facilities will be lost due to adaptive management changes in subsequent years?
- Others?