



## SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP

### CCMP Revision WATER Subcommittee Meeting #1

Friday, September 19, 2014, 1:30 pm-3:30 pm  
1515 Clay Street, 14th Floor, Room 1411, Oakland, CA

### MEETING SUMMARY

Attendees: Harry Seraydarian, Mike Connor, Carl Morrison, Luisa Valiela, Tom Mumley, Campbell Ingram (via phone)

SFEP Staff: Judy Kelly, Caitlin Sweeney, Josh Bradt, Athena Honore

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

#### 2. Background on CCMP Revision

Caitlin Sweeney provided an overview of the CCMP revision process, including overall objectives, structure, process, and schedule.

#### 3. Subcommittee Meetings Timeline and Outcomes

Caitlin went over the handout sent to the Subcommittee members regarding the timelines and objectives for the upcoming subcommittee meetings.

#### 4. Subcommittee Ground Rules

Caitlin presented the following ground rules for the Subcommittee meetings:

- Meetings will begin and end on time
- Come prepared – read materials in advance and come ready to contribute
- One person speaks at a time
- Members represent interests of agencies and organizations and are responsible for internal briefings, etc.
- Respect completed decisions
- Operate on consensus – seek general agreement all can “live with”

#### 5. CCMP Revised Goals

Josh Bradt presented background on the new CCMP structure, and defined goals, objectives and actions (referencing the CCMP Framework document that was emailed to Subcommittee members). Josh explained the objective of the agenda item is to develop 1-3 goals for the Water Topic Area of the CCMP, and provided some background information on sources for possible goal language, including other NEPs, SFEP’s Strategic Plan, the 1993 CCMP Mission Statements, and the 2007 CCMP goals.

Josh led the Subcommittee through a short brainstorming exercise where Subcommittee members were asked to list four responses to the statement: “The Bay-Delta Estuary water suffers from\_\_\_\_\_.” The results of the brainstorm are captured below. Several of the items were mentioned multiple times:

- Insufficient inflow/outflow
- Too much reliance on Delta
- Urban/ag runoff
- Invasive species (SAV)
- Groundwater management
- Long-term water supply/drought response
- Pesticide regulatory mess
- CECs/other consumer products (ex, microbeads)
- Hydromodification of tributary streams
- Lack of watershed flows (natural floodplains, small tributaries)
- Legacy pollutants
- Changing sediment regime
- Stormwater
- 1911 water rights
- Directly connected impervious surface

The next brainstorm was in response to the following statement: “The Bay-Delta Estuary water should (be)\_\_\_\_\_.” The results of that brainstorm are captured below. Again, some items were mentioned multiple times.

- Actions that appropriately support human and environmental needs
- Support beneficial uses (fish/aquatic life, wildlife, human) in the Bay/Delta/tributaries
- Fishable/swimmable
- Revised Clean Water Act
- If Bay shows signs of drought, due to climate change not water deliveries
- Improved outflow regime
- CECs are addressed through source control
- Tributaries to Bay – protect and improve watershed health and function
- Ag controls runoff through recycling
- Water rights allocations reflect triple bottom line (environment, economy, equity)
- Effective adaptation to sea level rise
- More natural hydrological budget improvements
- Diversity of fish and wildlife found in Bay
- Sufficient Estuary inflow/outflow – appropriate timing to support resilient natural communities

Josh then presented the following straw proposal for two goals for the Water Topic Area as a starting point for the group to develop one or more working goals:

**Improve the water quality of the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary**  
**Increase freshwater availability to the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary**

After much discussion regarding the goals, the Subcommittee members agreed that they would hold off on writing a definitive goal statement for now and revisit goal language after the objectives and actions are developed. The group agreed to capture some essential elements of a desired goal that they will use to help frame objectives and actions. The essential elements include:

- tributaries to Estuary - flow

- groundwater and groundwater management
- water quality and quantity with species and timing goals
- integration (people/management)
- reuse
- triple bottom line – economy, equity, environment

**6. Next Steps**

SFEP staff will send out meeting summary and doodle poll for next meeting.

SFEP staff will set up a web page for Subcommittee members to access documents and information relevant to the CCMP revision process.