

THE SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY: A NATIONAL TREASURE

From the world-famous Golden Gate Bridge spanning the Bay, attracting millions of tourists every year and feeding our economy, to the inland Delta and upstream rivers that supply California's Central Valley — where farmers help feed the nation — the San Francisco Estuary is a water body of national significance and international renown. But climate change and population growth threaten the people and wildlife that call this unique place home.

ESTUARY BLUEPRINT GOALS

- Sustain and improve the Estuary's habitats and living resources
- Bolster the resilience of the Estuary's ecosystems, shorelines, and communities to climate change
- Improve water quality and increase the quantity of fresh water available to the Estuary
- Champion the Estuary

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership — a place-based member of the National Estuary Program (NEP) established in 1988 under the Clean Water Act — tackles these challenges through collaborative partnerships to achieve a collective vision for a thriving, resilient estuary. This vision is articulated in the Estuary Blueprint, a comprehensive, action plan by over 70 local, regional, state, and federal stakeholders (see goals). The NEP consistently receives strong, bipartisan Congressional support.

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership advances multi-benefit projects by building partnerships and leveraging federal funding with state and local funds for regional-scale restoration, water quality improvement, and climate resilience.

SUCCESSES

- **Promote efficient partnerships** to achieve on-the-ground success, engaging industries, businesses, local communities, scientists, regulatory agencies, and other stakeholders.
- **Leverage federal funds** to build the capacity of local partners to implement innovative projects.
- **Pass through funds** of multi-million dollar regional programs to local partners to drive successful restoration and sustainability efforts.
- **Develop local community-based vision plans** rooted in environmental justice and climate resilience.
- **Advance green shoreline protection strategies** through collaborations with flood control districts, researchers, and communities.
- **Protect water quality and public health** through outreach to and partnerships with Bay and Delta marinas and recreational boaters.



BY THE NUMBERS



\$10,400,000

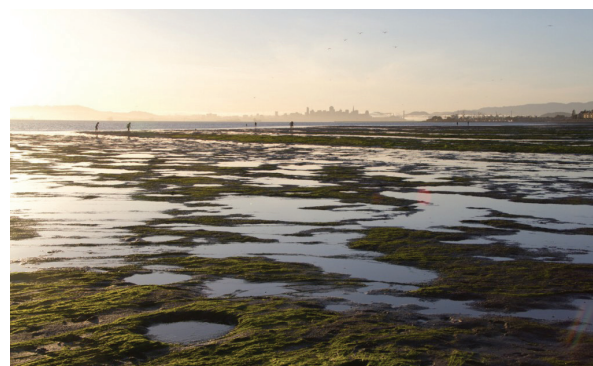
in funding passed through to local partners

50

active local projects, 10 regional programs

40,000 acres

of wetlands estored throughout the Bay area toward
100,000 acre goal



\$26

leveraged per \$1 dollar of
federal funding



100

implementing partners

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