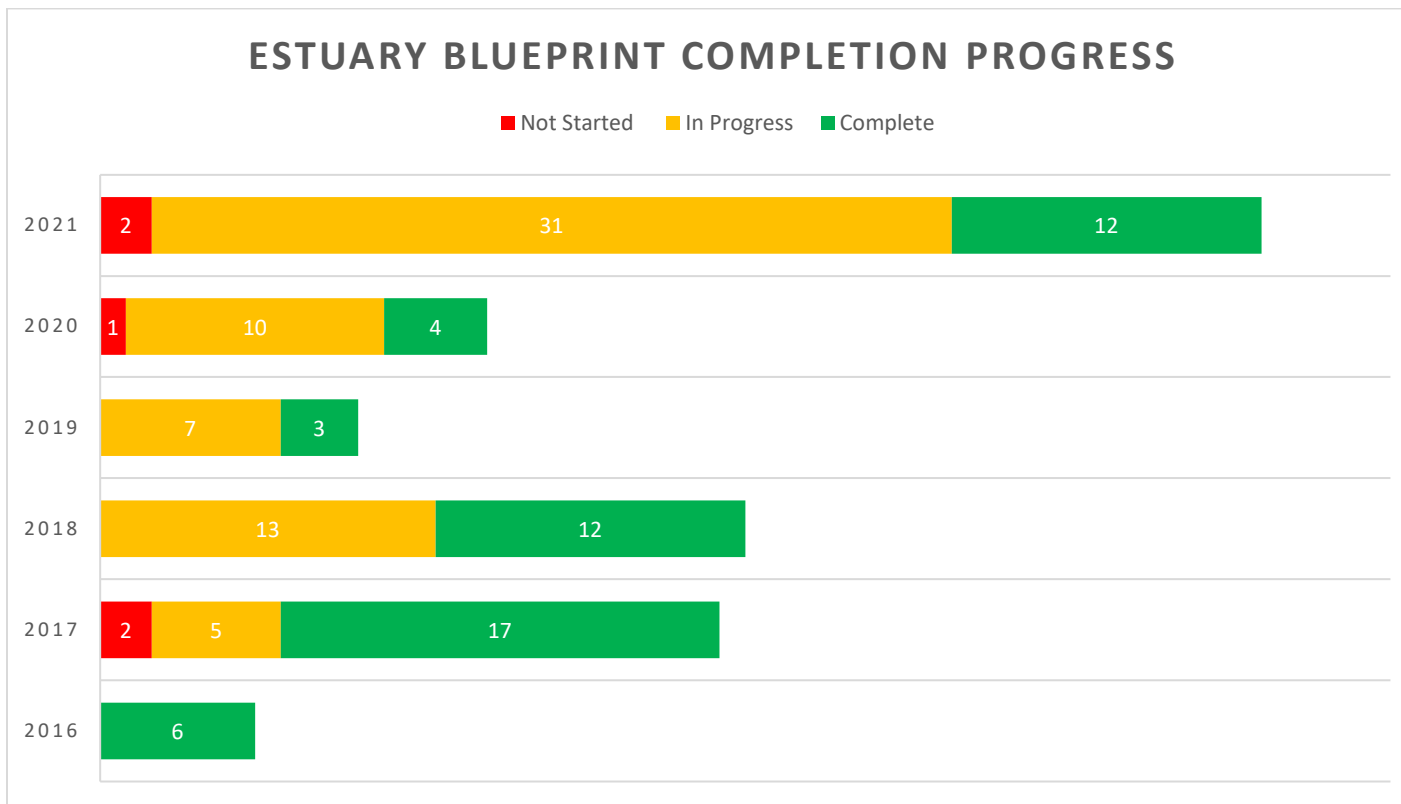


Estuary Blueprint Task Status Updates 2016 - 2021
November 2020



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2016 TASKS						
Action Name	Task #	Task Description	Milestone	% Complete	Owner	SFEP Contact
Conserve and enhance riparian and in-stream habitats throughout the Estuary's watersheds	7.1	Merge the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture's project tracking database with California's EcoAtlas. Identify potential additional functions to facilitate riparian and stream projects.	Complete merge of project tracking database with EcoAtlas.	100	SFBJV	Josh Bradt josh.bradt@sfestuary.org
Restore watershed connections to the Estuary to improve habitat, flood protection and water quality	12.1	Develop and disseminate data, information, and tools to assist with site selection and design of multi-benefit projects.	Disseminate data and tools through a website.	100	SFEI	Adrien Baudrimont adrien.baudrimont@sfestuary.org
Advance natural resource protection while increasing resiliency of shoreline communities in the Bay Area	15.1	Coordinate programs to provide technical assistance on best practices in climate change planning and adaptation for cities, counties and other stakeholders.	Form a multi-stakeholder Bay Area Climate Technical Assistance Task Force	100	BARC	Heidi Nutters heidi.nutters@sfestuary.org
Improve regulatory review, permitting, and monitoring processes for multi-benefit climate adaptation projects	17.1	Identify opportunities and recommendations for improved regulatory processes for multi-benefit flood control and habitat restoration projects through the existing Flood Control 2.0 project.	Regulatory guidance and recommendations, reports, workshops, and podcasts.	100	SFEP	Natasha Dunn natasha.dunn@sfestuary.org
Improve regulatory review, permitting, and monitoring processes for multi-benefit climate adaptation projects	17.2a	Analyze current San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) policies governing fill in the Bay in light of sea level rise and the need for adaptation strategies, and revise as necessary.	At least three workshops	100	BCDC	Natasha Dunn natasha.dunn@sfestuary.org
Integrate water into the updated Plan Bay Area and other regional planning efforts	23.1	Organize a regional water summit to help incorporate related water issues in regional planning efforts and Plan Bay Area, in support of Task 23-2. Coordinate staff of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership and the Association of Bay Area Governments to complete this task.	Hold water summit.	100	SFEP, ABAG	Darcie Luce darcie.luce@sfestuary.org

2017 TASKS						
Action Name	Task #	Task Description	Milestone	% Complete	Owner	SFEP Contact
Develop and implement a comprehensive, watershed-scale approach to aquatic resource protection	1.1	Develop a written framework that explains the need for watershed-based aquatic resource protection; frames an approach to meet this need; and identifies and incorporates supporting technical tools and policies. The framework should also address relevant regulatory and governance issues	Complete framework.	15	SFEI	Josh Bradt josh.bradt@sfestuary.org
Identify, protect, and create transition zones around the Estuary	4.1	Develop a regional steering committee and technical advisory committee to guide a bay-wide, science-based, inventory of existing and projected future transition zones. Base the inventory on current baylands restoration projects, land use, ownership, topography, elevation, and other criteria consistent with climate change adaptation science and regional, state, and federal agency initiatives.	Establish transition zone inventory steering and technical advisory committees.	100	SFBJV, SFEP	Heidi Nutters heidi.nutters@sfestuary.org
Protect, restore, and enhance seasonal wetlands	8.1	Re-establish the Interagency Vernal Pool Stewardship Initiative among state and federal agencies. Build relationships through the Initiative with land trusts and conservancies, landowners, Resource Conservation Districts, and municipalities to coordinate planning efforts.	Re-establish the Vernal Pool Stewardship Initiative.	0	SFEP	Caitlin Sweeney caitlin.sweeney@sfestuary.org
Restore watershed connections to the Estuary to improve habitat, flood protection and water quality	12.2	Advance a multi-benefit project in the Yolo Bypass by establishing a common vision for improvements supported by local, state, and federal agencies.	Initiate construction of multiple fish passage improvement projects	100	DWR	Adrien Baudrimont adrien.baudrimont@sfestuary.org
Manage sediment on a regional scale and advance beneficial reuse	13.1	Strengthen Long Term Management Strategy (LTMS) policies on the beneficial reuse of dredged material by expanding programs such as "SediMatch." Resolve logistical issues in matching sediment supply from dredging projects and upland construction sites with habitat restoration and shoreline adaptation projects.	Expand and improve SediMatch.	100	BCDC, SF Bay JV, SFEI	Adrien Baudrimont adrien.baudrimont@sfestuary.org
Manage sediment on a regional scale and advance beneficial reuse	13.4a	Advance understanding of how the creation of sandy beaches and their replenishment provides multiple benefits. Create monitoring tool to identify potential sites for sandy beach creation or replenishment projects, choose pilot project sites, and track progress.	Release the monitoring and tracking tool.	0	SF Bay JV	Adrien Baudrimont adrien.baudrimont@sfestuary.org

Demonstrate how natural habitats and nature-based shoreline infrastructure can provide increased resiliency	14.1	Develop a primer on how bayshore projects can be designed and optimized to achieve multiple rather than single benefits.	Develop primer and implement outreach strategy for primer.	100	SFEI, SFEP	Adrien Baudrimont adrien.baudrimont@sfestuary.org
Advance natural resource protection while increasing resiliency of shoreline communities	15.2	Integrate resiliency and natural resource protection into Plan Bay Area. Lay the groundwork for a more comprehensive regional resiliency effort.	Complete resiliency section in the 2017 update of Plan Bay Area.	100	BARC, SCC	Heidi Nutters heidi.nutters@sfestuary.org
Integrate natural resource protection into state and local government hazard planning	16.1	Establish and implement innovative approaches for integrating natural resources into hazard mitigation, response and recovery planning in the Delta.	Complete the Delta Levee Investment Strategy.	100	Delta Stewardship Council	Natasha Dunn natasha.dunn@sfestuary.org
Improve regulatory review, permitting, and monitoring processes	17.3a	Analyze current San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board regulations and policies governing the permitting of multi-benefit projects designed to address sea level rise. Develop findings, alternatives, and recommendations to support the Board's evaluation of baylands climate adaptation projects.	Complete report with recommendations.	100	SF Bay Regional Board	Natasha Dunn natasha.dunn@sfestuary.org
Improve regulatory review, permitting, and monitoring processes	17.4	Bring major permitting and regulatory agencies together with project implementers and other key stakeholders in workshops to facilitate the creation of a more transparent and predictable system for the review and approval of multi-species and multi-benefit projects over the long-term.	Institute a once or twice yearly workshop.	100	Coastal Hazards Adaptation Resiliency Group	Natasha Dunn natasha.dunn@sfestuary.org
Improve the timing, amount, and duration of freshwater flows	18.1	Work with partners to disseminate a report highlighting the contribution of freshwater flows to the health of the lower Estuary, San Francisco Bay.	Disseminate report.	100	SFEP	Darcie Luce darcie.luce@sfestuary.org
Develop long-term drought plans	19.1	Fund an assessment that analyzes which retail and wholesale water supply agencies around the Estuary have long-term water supply plans for five to 10 year drought.	Complete assessment.	90	SFEP	Darcie Luce darcie.luce@sfestuary.org
Expand the use of recycled water	22.1	Promote existing outreach activities educating the public about recycled water. Encourage the sharing of informational materials, resources, and program models among municipalities, wastewater agencies, and drinking water agencies.	Develop platform for sharing resources	50	BACWA, SFEP	Darcie Luce darcie.luce@sfestuary.org

Integrate water into the updated Plan Bay Area and other regional planning efforts	23.2	Incorporate water and San Francisco Bay related issues into the Plan Bay Area 2017 update. Consider ways to reduce per capita water use and optimize water recycling in the update, as well as issues such as landscape water use, water quality, stormwater management (low impact development and green infrastructure), and drought preparedness.	Complete an update of Plan Bay Area.	100	SFEP, ABAG	Josh Bradt josh.bradt@sfestuary.org
Manage stormwater with low impact development and green infrastructure	24.1	Develop outreach materials on lessons learned and the current state of LID benefits knowledge.	Develop materials.	100	SFEP, EPA	Josh Bradt josh.bradt@sfestuary.org
Manage stormwater with low impact development and green infrastructure	24.2	Improve the San Francisco Estuary Institute's LID tracking tool "GreenPlan-IT." Enhance all components of the LID planning tool, "GreenPlan-IT."	Complete refined GreenPlan-IT.	100	SFEP, EPA	Josh Bradt josh.bradt@sfestuary.org
Decrease raw sewage discharges into the Estuary	26.1	Review sewer lateral repair ordinances currently in operation around the region, and target 30 percent of the uncovered jurisdictions for assistance in developing and passing sewer ordinance modeled on existing ordinances.	Complete review and identify jurisdictions.	100	SFEP	James Muller james.muller@sfestuary.org
Decrease raw sewage discharges into the Estuary	26.4a	Develop a mobile app for boaters to report broken pumpouts, and for marinas to report pumpout use and operational status; pilot a mobile pumpout program for marinas and recreational boaters in the Oakland Estuary. Install 10 new dockside pumpout systems.	Launch application and pilot program.	100	SFEP	James Muller james.muller@sfestuary.org
Decrease raw sewage discharges into the Estuary	26.5	Work with the Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group (BAPPG) to identify new audiences for outreach messages about reducing non-flushable items to sanitary sewers to reduce sanitary sewer overflows	Identify new audiences.	25	SFEP	Darcie Luce darcie.luce@sfestuary.org
Implement Total Maximum Daily Load projects in the Estuary	27.1	Develop and implement a multi-media outreach campaign aimed at reducing household indoor and outdoor pesticide use.	Complete final report on outreach campaign.	100	SFEP	Heidi Nutters heidi.nutters@sfestuary.org
Advance nutrient management in the Estuary	28.1	Secure additional funding to ensure continuation of long-term monitoring of nutrient-related parameters in the Bay through the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's Nutrient Management Strategy.	Secure funding and continue monitoring.	100	SF Bay Regional Board, SFEI	Heidi Nutters heidi.nutters@sfestuary.org
Advance nutrient management in the Estuary	28.2	Undertake and fund water quality research to attain an improved quantitative understanding of San Francisco Bay's "dose response" to nutrients.	Secure funding and continue research.	100	SF Bay Regional Board, SFEI	Heidi Nutters heidi.nutters@sfestuary.org

Advance nutrient management in the Estuary	28.4	Develop a Nutrient Research Plan for the freshwater Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta through the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. Use the plan to determine whether nutrient objectives are needed to protect beneficial uses in upper Estuary.	Complete Delta Nutrient Research Plan.	100	Central Valley Regional Board	Heidi Nutters heidi.nutters@sfestuary.org
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2018 TASKS

Action Name	Task #	Task Description	Milestone	% Complete	Owner	SFEP Contact
Develop and implement a comprehensive, watershed-scale approach to aquatic resource protection	1.2	Develop criteria to evaluate watersheds that could be used to pilot the Task 1-1 framework. Select a pilot watershed that drains into San Francisco Bay based on these criteria.	Complete criteria and select pilot Bay watershed	5	SFEI, SFEP	Josh Bradt josh.bradt@sfestuary.org
Establish a regional wetland and stream monitoring program	2.1	Develop and implement a Bay Area and Delta regional wetland monitoring plan that establishes separate, yet closely coordinated, steering committees for the upper and lower Estuary.	Hold initial meeting of the steering committees.	100	SF Bay JV, SF Bay Regional Board, SFEI	Heidi Nutters heidi.nutters@sfestuary.org
Establish a regional wetland and stream monitoring program	2.2	Determine how much funding is needed to support program management and administration, technology purchase and upgrades, hardware and software operations and maintenance, practitioner training, and annual data synthesis and report; develop a business model to meet these funding needs .	Complete the business model.	75	SF Bay JV, SFEP	Heidi Nutters heidi.nutters@sfestuary.org
Establish a regional wetland and stream monitoring program	2.3	Complete the California Aquatic Resource Inventory (CARI) for the Delta; complete riparian inventories for the Delta and the Bay Area; upload the inventories into the California EcoAtlas information system	Complete the Delta CARI and the Delta and Bay Area riparian inventories.	50	SF Bay JV, SFEI	Heidi Nutters heidi.nutters@sfestuary.org
Identify, protect, and create transition zones around the Estuary	4.2	Complete a regional inventory of transition zones based on the methodology developed by the technical advisory committee.	Complete Bay transition zone inventory.	100	SF Bay JV, SFEP	Heidi Nutters heidi.nutters@sfestuary.org
Protect, restore, and enhance seasonal wetlands	8.3	Develop a white paper on best practices for grazing management to protect seasonal wetlands and enhance habitat quality.	Complete white paper.	20	SF Bay JV	Caitlin Sweeney caitlin.sweeney@sfestuary.org

Increase the efficacy of terrestrial predator management	10.1a	Develop a map showing priority areas in the San Francisco Estuary where actions can be taken to reduce feral cat predation on sensitive species, particularly Ridgway's Rail.	Produce feral cat threat assessment and opportunities map	10	Point Blue, USFWS	Karen McDowell karen.mcdowell@sfestuary.org
Manage sediment on a regional scale and advance beneficial reuse	13.2	Identify funding to pay for the additional costs of dredged materials disposal beyond "least-cost" options, including costs for offloaders to pump sediment for beneficial reuse projects on Estuary shorelines.	Identify and secure funding.	75	SF Bay Joint Venture	Adrien Baudrimont adrien.baudrimont@sfestuary.org
Manage sediment on a regional scale and advance beneficial reuse	13.3	Identify funds and conduct research and monitoring to quantify all potential sediment sources to the Estuary. Determine sediment needs for maintaining current habitats under various sea level rise projections.	Complete study and share results.	75	SF Bay JV, SFEI	Adrien Baudrimont adrien.baudrimont@sfestuary.org
Demonstrate how natural habitats and nature-based shoreline infrastructure can provide increased resiliency	14.2	Develop a system for describing the variety of shorelines around the Estuary based on shoreline features, ecosystem processes, land use, and other relevant factors.	Develop shoreline typologies.	100	SFEI, SFEP	Adrien Baudrimont adrien.baudrimont@sfestuary.org
Improve the timing, amount, and duration of freshwater flows critical to Estuary health	18.2	Assist the State Water Resources Control Board in updating the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta Water Quality Control Plan (Bay Delta WQCP) by providing concise, scientifically sound data to the State Board during its deliberations and by keeping the public and local officials informed.	Complete update of the Bay-Delta WQCP with updated flow objectives.	90	SFEP	Darcie Luce darcie.luce@sfestuary.org
Improve the timing, amount, and duration of freshwater flows critical to Estuary health	18.3	Work with relevant partners and agencies to more broadly incorporate integrated freshwater flow and habitat messages and information in public outreach materials or relevant programs.	Add messages to the materials of at least 3 partners.	75	SFEP	Darcie Luce darcie.luce@sfestuary.org
Reduce water use for landscaping around the Estuary	21.1	Work with water supply agencies, municipalities, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), the California State Water Resources Control Board, and others to develop a standardized approach to quantifying and reporting on water use for all new and existing landscaped areas. Use the latest available technology, as well as the methodology developed by DWR for the update 2015 MWELO, and other methods as appropriate.	Ensure standardized reporting in place.	80	SFEP	Darcie Luce darcie.luce@sfestuary.org

Reduce water use for landscaping around the Estuary	21.2	Working with the partners identified in Task 21-1, develop permanent (i.e., non-drought) performance standards against which progress in reducing landscape water use region-wide will be measured.	Ensure performance standards in place.	80	SFEP	Darcie Luce darcie.luce@sfestuary.org
Expand the use of recycled water	22.2	Collaborate with BACWA's Recycled Water Committee and others to: expand incorporation of recycled water in local and regional water resources planning processes; identify opportunities for the broader use of recycled water; overcome funding and planning gaps; and address regulatory and permitting constraints.	Hold three meetings.	65	BACWA, SFEP	Darcie Luce darcie.luce@sfestuary.org
Manage stormwater with low impact development and green infrastructure	24.3	Partner with local jurisdictions to analyze LID and GI potential in select areas using Green Plan-IT and other applicable planning tools, and integrate findings into relevant agency planning mechanisms and policies for adoption and implementation.	Complete identification and analysis.	100	SFEP, US EPA	Josh Bradt josh.bradt@sfestuary.org
Manage stormwater with low impact development and green infrastructure	24.4	Develop and promote a comprehensive regional road map that identifies key policies, documents, legislation, agencies, and specific actions needed for integrating GI with future climate change, transportation, and other infrastructure investments, including looking for opportunities to implement large regional projects.	Complete work plan.	100	SFEP, US EPA	Josh Bradt josh.bradt@sfestuary.org
Manage stormwater with low impact development and green infrastructure	24.5	Create and make available to municipalities and other interested parties design tools for LID retrofits, such as: cost-effective, low maintenance standard design details for LID retrofits of typical road configurations; unit cost estimates for both LID retrofit practices and non-LID standard street details; and "lessons learned" reports on previous grant- or local agency-funded LID retrofit projects.	Complete design tools and make available.	100	SFEP, US EPA	Josh Bradt josh.bradt@sfestuary.org
Manage stormwater with low impact development and green infrastructure	24.6	Create a GIS-based database to track completed LID and GI projects in the public and private realms; coordinate the database with Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) accounting systems developed by other local partners to identify and quantify the load reduction benefits	Launch database.	95	SFEP, US EPA	Josh Bradt josh.bradt@sfestuary.org
Address emerging contaminants	25.2	Support the continuation and evaluate the effectiveness of the regional education program aimed at reducing or eliminating the use of triclosan and triclocarban. Evaluate tools, such as non-purchase agreements, ordinances, or inclusion as a priority product by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, to reduce personal care products containing triclosan or triclocarban.	Complete evaluations.	100	Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group, CA PSP, SFEP	Darcie Luce darcie.luce@sfestuary.org

Decrease raw sewage discharges into the Estuary	26.2	Produce and promote a white paper that describes existing and potential funding mechanisms for residents to help pay for private sewer line repair and replacement, such as grant programs and financing strategies	Complete white paper.	100	SFEP	James Muller james.muller@sfestuary.org
Implement Total Maximum Daily Load projects in the Estuary	27.2	Evaluate Best Management Practices (BMPs) in Suisun Marsh to improve marsh water quality and address dissolved oxygen and methylmercury impairment. Characterize managed wetland responses to BMPs through water quality modeling.	Develop water quality model.	100	SF Bay Regional Board, SFEP, Suisun RCD	James Muller james.muller@sfestuary.org
Advance nutrient management in the Estuary	28.3	Update the Nutrient Management Strategy for San Francisco Bay based on monitoring and modeling and load reduction study results from Tasks 28-1 and 28-2.	Update Nutrient Management Strategy.	100	SF Bay Regional Board, SFEI	Heidi Nutters heidi.nutters@sfestuary.org
Engage the scientific community in efforts to improve baseline monitoring of ocean acidification and hypoxia effects in the Estuary.	29.1	Convene scientists from around the San Francisco Estuary, including from leading marine laboratories and universities, to identify potential impacts of ocean acidification and hypoxia on beneficial uses of the state's waters. Build a conceptual model that can inform design and implementation of monitoring approach.	Convene workshop and complete a meeting summary with recommended actions.	100	SFEI, SFEP	Heidi Nutters heidi.nutters@sfestuary.org
Champion and implement the CCMP	32.3a	On a five-year cycle, provide current information about the health status of the Estuary through an updated State of the Estuary Report. Continue to gather data for current indicators, and develop new indicators that provide needed information regarding Estuary health and align with actions in the CCMP.	Develop a strategy for updating the 2015 State of the Estuary Report	100	SFEP	Caitlin Sweeney caitlin.sweeney@sfestuary.org

2019 TASKS						
Action Name	Task #	Task Description	Milestone	% Complete	Owner	SFEP Contact
Establish a regional wetland and stream monitoring program	2.4	Establish a regional network of sentinel tidal marsh monitoring stations within the Delta and the Bay to support ecological functioning and planning, incorporating and building on the San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve program.	Establish sentinel marsh monitoring network.	50	SF Bay JV, SF Bay NERR, SFEP	Heidi Nutters heidi.nutters@sfestuary.org

Increase the efficacy of terrestrial predator management	10.1b	Develop a map showing priority areas in the San Francisco Estuary where actions can be taken to reduce feral cat predation on sensitive species, particularly Ridgway's Rail.	Engage managers on feral cat management and report on findings.	10	Point Blue, USFWS	Karen McDowell karen. mcdowell@sfestuary.org
Increase the efficacy of terrestrial predator management	10.2a	Guide predator management on publicly-owned conservation lands that support threatened and endangered species by: 1) assessing the impacts of management strategies (including the direct removal of predators and landscape alterations to reduce predator access to sensitive habitats) on populations of listed threatened and endangered species; 2) developing data and protocols for predator management activities; 3) engaging managers of conservation lands in needs assessments.	Complete and disseminate predator management assessment report and recommendations.	10	USFWS	Karen McDowell karen. mcdowell@sfestuary.org
Restore watershed connections to the Estuary to improve habitat, flood protection and water quality	12.3	Use the tools developed in Task 12-1, as well as findings from other research and projects to identify and select sites for multi-benefit projects.	Develop scopes and conceptual restoration designs for four sites.	100	SFEP	Adrien Baudrimont adrien. baudrimont@sfestuary.org
Demonstrate how natural habitats and nature-based shoreline infrastructure can provide increased resiliency to changes in the Estuary environment.	14.3	Based on the primer developed in Task 14-1 and the system developed in Task 14-2, develop best practices guidelines for natural and nature-based shoreline features that increase the resiliency of the Estuary and provide multiple ecosystem benefits to the region.	Develop best practices guidelines and recommendations.	55	SFEI, SFEP	Adrien Baudrimont adrien. baudrimont@sfestuary.org
Increase regional agricultural water use efficiency	20.1	Fund and complete a report assessing one Bay and one Delta area in the Estuary region, evaluating current practices against the range of applicable water use efficiency methods and management practices. Outline the mechanisms by which conserved water could produce great instream flow and groundwater recharge.	Complete report.	90	SFEP	Darcie Luce darcie.luce@sfestuary.org
Reduce water use for landscaping around the Estuary	21.3	Support expansion of local or regional water efficient landscape maintenance training programs that use the watershed approach. Support use of models such as the California Friendly Landscape Training Program and Bay-Friendly Landscape (Rescape California) Program.	Launch training programs in three new regions	90	SFEP, Rescape California	Darcie Luce darcie.luce@sfestuary.org

Integrate water into the updated Plan Bay Area and other regional planning efforts	23.3	Evaluate opportunities to take similar action through state mandated Sustainable Communities Strategies in the Delta region, using the Plan Bay Area update process as a model.	Complete evaluation.	50	SFEP, ABAG	Darcie Luce darcie.luce@sfestuary.org
Decrease raw sewage discharges into the Estuary	26.3	Publish an industry-supported, technically vetted sewage management manual for marinas.	Complete sewage management manual for marinas.	100	SFEP	James Muller james.muller@sfestuary.org
Advance nutrient management in the Estuary	28.5	Synthesize existing data and models in the Delta to update and expand the Department of Water Resources' report entitled, Characterizing and quantifying nutrient sources, sinks and transformations in the Delta: synthesis, modeling, and recommendations for monitoring. Use this synthesis to inform the design of the Delta Regional Monitoring Program and develop assessment questions.	Update report.	100	Central Valley RWQCB	Heidi Nutters heidi.nutters@sfestuary.org

2020 TASKS						
Action Name	Task #	Task Description	Milestone	% Complete	Owner	SFEP Contact
Maximize habitat benefits of managed wetlands and ponds	6.2	Study the ability of managed ponds to sustain waterbird numbers in the Bay. Analyze regional waterbird monitoring data with regard to managed pond use and bird density over time, as compared to other habitats.	Produce report comparing bird use of various habitat types in the Bay and share results.	60	SCC, USGS	Caitlin Sweeney caitlin.sweeney@sfestuary.org
Maximize habitat benefits of managed wetlands and ponds	6.3	Study the ability of managed wetlands to sustain diverse species of vertebrates, invertebrates, and endemic and endangered plants over time. Analyze species use, density and diversity as compared to non-managed wetlands.	Produce report comparing species use and diversity	20	SCC	Caitlin Sweeney caitlin.sweeney@sfestuary.org
Maximize habitat benefits of managed wetlands and ponds	6.4	Develop a methodology for assessing the long-term costs and benefits of managed wetlands and ponds. Methodology should take into account habitat benefits for multiple species and changes in maintenance requirements resulting from sea level rise and climate change	Develop and implement a methodology.	10	SCC	Caitlin Sweeney caitlin.sweeney@sfestuary.org

Increase the efficacy of terrestrial predator management	10.2b	Guide predator management on publicly-owned conservation lands that support threatened and endangered species by: 1) assessing the impacts of management strategies (including the direct removal of predators and landscape alterations to reduce predator access to sensitive habitats) on populations of listed threatened and endangered species; 2) developing data and protocols for predator management activities; 3) engaging managers of conservation lands in needs assessments.	Implement predator management recommendations at Don Edwards NWR	0	USFWS	Caitlin Sweeney caitlin.sweeney@sfestuary.org
Develop long-term drought plans	19.2	Working through the multi-agency Bay Area Regional Reliability (BARR) partnership, or through individual water agencies, refine or adaptively manage long-term water supply plans for 5-10 year drought.	Engage at least three water agencies in long-term drought planning.	90	SFEP	Darcie Luce darcie.luce@sfestuary.org
Develop long-term drought plans	19.3	Highlight the best of the region's efforts by compiling Best Management Practices for Bay Area and Delta agencies. Gather input from agencies throughout the Estuary region.	Compile and distribute BMPs.	80	SFEP	Darcie Luce darcie.luce@sfestuary.org
Increase regional agricultural water use efficiency	20.2	Facilitate a forum to explore the challenges and opportunities associated with the development of shall offstream storage and modification of small instream impoundments. Forum should include regulatory agencies, resource conservation districts, stakeholder groups, farmers, and other partners.	Complete three new or modified storage projects.	33	SFEP	Darcie Luce darcie.luce@sfestuary.org
Reduce water use for landscaping around the Estuary	21.4	Collaborate with municipalities, land use agencies, and others to create pilot programs that expand application of efficiency stands to all new and existing landscape projects.	Establish pilot programs in three municipalities.	10	SFEP	Darcie Luce darcie.luce@sfestuary.org
Address emerging contaminants	25.1	Review and update San Francisco Bay CECs management strategy, action plans, and monitoring strategy every two years.	Complete reviews and updates in 2016, 2018, and 2020	66	SFBRWQCB, SFEI	Darcie Luce darcie.luce@sfestuary.org
Address emerging contaminants	25.3	Support pharmaceutical CECs reduction efforts, like the Alameda County Safe Drug Disposal program and similar ordinances. Expand to other counties around the Bay and Delta. Work with counties to develop unified regional messaging to promote these ordinances.	Pass three additional ordinances in Bay and Delta counties.	100	BAPPG, CA Product Stewardship Council, SFEP	Darcie Luce darcie.luce@sfestuary.org

Implement Total Maximum Daily Load projects in the Estuary	27.3a	Address the Guadalupe River mercury TMDL by implementing RMP monitoring of mercury loads during flood conditions, and by undertaking remediation projects within the Almaden Quicksilver County Park.	Complete monitoring.	100	SFBRWQCB, SFEP	James Muller james.muller@sfestuary.org
Advance nutrient management in the Estuary	28.6	Support pharmaceutical CECs reduction efforts, like the Alameda County Safe Drug Disposal program and similar ordinances. Expand to other counties around the Bay and Delta. Work with counties to develop unified regional messaging to promote these ordinances.	Complete initial studies.	100	CVRWQCB, SFBRWQCB, SFEI	Heidi Nutters heidi.nutters@sfestuary.org
Engage the scientific community in efforts to improve baseline monitoring of ocean acidification and hypoxia effects	29.2	Address the Guadalupe River mercury TMDL by implementing RMP monitoring of mercury loads during flood conditions, and by undertaking remediation projects within the Almaden Quicksilver County Park.	Deploy and maintain monitoring equipment.	100	SFEP, SFSU	Heidi Nutters heidi.nutters@sfestuary.org
Reduce trash input into the Estuary	30.1	Undertake studies in the Estuary related to developing and evaluating alternatives for nutrient management actions, including initial considerations of costs and environmental effects.	Implement four new EPR ordinances or other strategies	25	SFEP	Darcie Luce darcie.luce@sfestuary.org
Champion and implement the CCMP	32.2c	Expand monitoring efforts by deploying equipment such as high precision ocean acidification sensors at the Romberg Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies at San Francisco State University as well as by adding complementary sensors across the Estuary.	Delta Science Conferences in 2016, 2018, and 2020	66	SFEP	Caitlin Sweeney caitlin.sweeney@sfestuary.org

2021 TASKS						
Action Name	Task #	Task Description	Milestone	% Complete	Owner	SFEP Contact
Develop and implement a comprehensive, watershed-scale approach to aquatic resource protection	1.3	Plan and initiate the pilot project with a steering committee of local, regional, and federal agencies involved in aquatic resources management in the selected watershed.	Complete Bay watershed pilot project.	0	SFEP, SFEI	Josh Bradt josh.bradt@sfestuary.org
Establish a regional wetland and stream monitoring program	2.5	Establish a network of streamflow gauges and fish population surveys within select tributary streams to assess aquatic habitat conditions for existing or potentially reintroduced steelhead and salmon	Establish the stream gauge network.	15	SFEP, SFEI	Heidi Nutters heidi.nutters@sfestuary.org

Protect, restore and enhance tidal marsh and tidal flat habitat	3.1a	Restore tidal habitat in the Estuary.	Restore 15,000 acres of tidal habitat in SF Bay.	12	SFBJV	Karen McDowell karen. mcdowell@sfestuary.org
Protect, restore and enhance tidal marsh and tidal flat habitat	3.1b	Restore tidal habitat in the Estuary.	Restore 8,000 acres of tidal habitat in the Delta.	40	SFBJV	Karen McDowell karen. mcdowell@sfestuary.org
Protect, restore and enhance tidal marsh and tidal flat habitat	3.2	Protect land to support preservation and enhancement of tidal habitats.	Acquire and protect 500 acres	5	SFBJV	Karen McDowell karen. mcdowell@sfestuary.org
Identify, protect, and create transition zones around the Estuary	4.3	Protect transition zones and land for migration space, based on identified needs and opportunities, through acquisition of fee title, partnerships to develop conservation easements, or other management agreements.	Protect, or plan to protect, 10 of the identified sites.	100	SFBJV, SFEP	Heidi Nutters heidi.nutters@sfestuary.org
Identify, protect, and create transition zones around the Estuary	4.4	Include enhancement, restoration, or creation of transition zones in tidal restoration projects and multi-benefit climate adaptation projects where feasible.	Include transition zones in five tidal restoration projects.	60	SFBJV, SFEP	Heidi Nutters heidi.nutters@sfestuary.org
Protect, restore, and enhance intertidal and subtidal habitats	5.1	Increase populations of native eelgrass (<i>Zostera marina</i>) by expanding the extent of existing beds or establishing new beds on the bay floor.	Increase eelgrass coverage in the Bay by 25 acres.	20	SCC, NOAA Fisheries	Karen McDowell karen. mcdowell@sfestuary.org
Protect, restore, and enhance intertidal and subtidal habitats	5.2	Increase populations of native oysters (<i>Ostrea lurida</i>) by expanding the extent of existing beds or establishing new beds on the bay floor.	Increase native oyster bed coverage in the Bay by 25 acres.	20	SCC	Karen McDowell karen.mcdowell@sfestuary.org
Protect, restore, and enhance intertidal and subtidal habitats	5.3	Restore intertidal and subtidal habitats other than eelgrass and oyster beds, such as rocky intertidal, sandy beach, and macroalgal beds. Identify appropriate and feasible sites, secure funds, and implement projects to create or improve these types of habitats as well as projects that integrate multiple habitats.	Implement five projects in the Bay	25	SCC	Karen McDowell karen.mcdowell@sfestuary.org
Maximize habitat benefits of managed wetlands and ponds	6.1	Analyze the response of birds to management of wetlands and ponds to provide increased nesting, foraging, roosting, and high tide refuge habitat. Investigate the effectiveness of specific habitat enhancement measures. Conduct monthly bird surveys in the Bay to assess species response to these measures.	Produce a yearly report on bird response to specific management measures	100	CDFW, USFWS, SCC	Caitlin Sweeney caitlin. sweeney@sfestuary.org

Conserve and enhance riparian and in-stream habitats throughout the Estuary's watersheds	7.2	Provide technical and policy guidance to the watershed restoration community and decision-makers. Guide the development of needed stream and watershed data sets, the use of appropriate assessment methodologies, and conservation policy.	Make new policy and technical guidance documents available	5	SFBJV	Josh Bradt josh.bradt@sfestuary.org
Conserve and enhance riparian and in-stream habitats throughout the Estuary's watersheds	7.3	Develop projects and programs to conserve and enhance regional priority stream habitats that support the life history requirements of salmonids and other native fish populations. Emphasize protecting and enhancing the sources of flow and structure elements that maintain dry season aquatic habitats, particularly coldwater refugia, and rehabilitating critical channel and riparian reaches.	Establish flow enhancement goals, riparian improvements, and channel rehabilitation projects.	5	SFBJV	Josh Bradt josh.bradt@sfestuary.org
Conserve and enhance riparian and in-stream habitats throughout the Estuary's watersheds	7.4	Implement riparian corridor and in-stream habitat restoration and conservation projects throughout the region (primarily informed by Tasks 7-1, 7-2, 7-3), including at least one pilot effort to protect and enhance the sources of flows that maintain aquatic habitats, particularly coldwater refugia and migratory habitat critical to salmonids.	Conserve 10,000 acres of riparian corridor and restore five miles of creek channel and in-stream habitat.	0	SFBJV	Josh Bradt josh.bradt@sfestuary.org
Protect, restore, and enhance seasonal wetlands	8.2	Through the Initiative, leverage funding and investments to protect targeted vernal pools.	Protect at least 300 acres of vernal pools in SF Bay region and 500 acres in Delta region.	50	SFBJV	Caitlin Sweeney caitlin.sweeney@sfestuary.org
Minimize the impact of invasive species	9.1	Expand and improve invasive species prevention programs. Actions may include developing new or expanding existing policies and programs, conducting outreach, and working with existing bodies to identify priority activities.	Develop new or expand existing policies and programs to prevent non-native species invasions.	80	SFEP	Karen McDowell karen.mcdowell@sfestuary.org
Minimize the impact of invasive species	9.2	Increase early detection, monitoring, and rapid response programs.	Identify 3-4 funding sources for early detection, monitoring, and rapid response	10	SFEP	Karen McDowell karen.mcdowell@sfestuary.org

Minimize the impact of invasive species	9.3	Implement eradication and control programs with priority given to species detected early, species that have a chance of being eradicated, and species that have extensive impacts on habitats important to the health of the estuarine ecosystem. Research and test pilot control measures for key invasive species.	Reduce acreage of key invasive species. Ongoing until 2021.	25	SFEP	Karen McDowell karen.mcdowell@sfestuary.org
Minimize the impact of invasive species	9.4	Provide adequate specificity in permit language requirements for restoration projects to include non-native plant monitoring requirements where appropriate; add language about non-native plant monitoring requirements were lacking.	Increase permits with improved invasive spartina requirements	10	SCC	Karen McDowell karen.mcdowell@sfestuary.org
Increase carbon sequestration through wetland restoration, creation, and management	11.1	Work with agencies and willing private landowners to identify appropriate sites and funding sources, and to plan and implement projects that create managed and tidal wetlands on former agricultural lands in the Suisun and Delta region.	Convert 3,000 acres to wetlands in the Suisun and Delta region.	76	CA Department of Water Resources, Delta Conservancy	James Muller james.muller@sfestuary.org
Increase carbon sequestration through wetland restoration, creation, and management	11.2	Continue to conduct applied research to better understand atmospheric carbon sequestration and storage fluxes in wetlands in the Bay and Delta. Work within reference systems and utilize scenario testing to inform management and restoration approaches. Quantify greenhouse gas emissions (CO ₂ , CH ₄ , NO _x) from different types of wetlands and different management regimes.	Complete and publish several (1-3) applied research studies on carbon sequestration	100	CA Department of Water Resources, SF Bay NERR	James Muller james.muller@sfestuary.org
Increase carbon sequestration through wetland restoration, creation, and management	11.3	Support the carbon market by completing relevant offset protocols for wetlands and by developing reference sites and standard carbon monitoring and accounting practices that reduce reporting costs for participants.	Completion of relevant offset protocols.	100	CA Department of Water Resources, Delta Conservancy, SF Bay NERR	James Muller james.muller@sfestuary.org
Restore watershed connections to the Estuary to improve habitat, flood protection and water quality	12.4	Secure funding in conjunction with partners to complete designs and construction documents. Obtain necessary permits and approvals for selected sites.	Initiate implementation phase of two projects.	100	SFEP	Heidi Nutters heidi.nutters@sfestuary.org

Manage sediment on a regional scale and advance beneficial reuse	13.4b	Advance understanding of how the creation of sandy beaches and their replenishment provides multiple benefits in terms of ecosystem health, shoreline erosion control, and sea level rise adaptation. Create (or enhance an existing) monitoring tool to identify potential sites for sandy beach creation or replenishment projects, choose pilot project sites, and track progress. Provide information about the benefits of sandy beaches to regulators and the restoration community.	Identify pilot project location, coarse grain sediment source(s), funds for implementation , and begin implementation	0	SFBJV	Adrien Baudrimont adrien.baudrimont@sfestuary.org
Demonstrate how natural habitats and nature-based shoreline infrastructure can provide increased resiliency to changes in the Estuary environment.	14.4a	Construct pilot projects to test and refine natural and nature-based approaches to resilience by applying the guidelines developed in Task 14-3. These pilot projects will build on design and adaptation steps established by projects such as the Oro Loma Horizontal Levee project, the San Rafael Oyster/Eelgrass Living Shoreline Project, and the Aramburu Island Beach Restoration Project.	Identify, design, permit, and implement three additional pilot projects in the Bay.	40	SFEP	Adrien Baudrimont adrien.baudrimont@sfestuary.org
Demonstrate how natural habitats and nature-based shoreline infrastructure can provide increased resiliency to changes in the Estuary environment.	14.4b	Construct pilot projects to test and refine natural and nature-based approaches to resilience by applying the guidelines developed in Task 14-3. These pilot projects will build on design and adaptation steps established by projects such as the Oro Loma Horizontal Levee project, the San Rafael Oyster/Eelgrass Living Shoreline Project, and the Aramburu Island Beach Restoration Project.	Update best practices guidelines.	5	SFEP	Adrien Baudrimont adrien.baudrimont@sfestuary.org
Advance natural resource protection while increasing resiliency of shoreline communities in the Bay Area	15.3	Support local government efforts to develop shoreline vulnerability assessments that include assessment of natural resources as an asset category.	Complete vulnerability assessments for all nine Bay Area counties.	100	BARC	Heidi Nutters heidi.nutters@sfestuary.org
Integrate natural resource protection into state and local government hazard mitigation, response, and recovery planning	16.2	Provide technical assistance to Bay Area cities and counties including guidance, case studies, and suggested approaches for integrating natural resource protection into hazard mitigation planning. Facilitate completion of hazard mitigation plans (emphasizing the co-benefits of integration with climate adaptation plans) that include specific actions to protect natural resources. Plans should take into account the contribution of natural resources to reduce hazard impacts and increased resiliency.	Complete 30 Bay Area city or county hazard mitigation plans that include natural resources as an asset category.	5	ABAG	Natasha Dunn natasha.dunn@sfestuary.org

Integrate natural resource protection into state and local government hazard mitigation, response, and recovery planning	16.3	Provide information and technical assistance to Bay Area cities and counties on how to include natural resource considerations in disaster recovery planning. Facilitate completion of Disaster Recovery Plans that include "Recovery Support Functions" (RSFs) for natural resources as described in the Federal Emergency Management Association's National Disaster Recovery Framework	Complete ten local Disaster Recovery Plans that include FEMA's NDRF RSFs for natural resources.	10	ABAG	Natasha Dunn natasha.dunn@sfestuary.org
Improve regulatory review, permitting, and monitoring processes for multi-benefit climate adaptation projects	17.2b	Analyze current San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) policies governing fill in the Bay in light of sea level rise and the need for adaptation strategies, and revise as necessary.	Revised BCDC policies.	100	BCDC	Natasha Dunn, natasha.dunn@sfestuary.org
Improve regulatory review, permitting, and monitoring processes for multi-benefit climate adaptation projects	17.3b	Analyze current San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board regulations and policies governing the permitting of multi-benefit projects designed to address sea level rise. Develop findings, alternatives, and recommendations to support the Board's evaluation of baylands climate adaptation projects.	Revised policies as necessary.	35	SFBRWQCB	Natasha Dunn, natasha.dunn@sfestuary.org
Decrease raw sewage discharges into the Estuary	26.4b	Develop a mobile app for boaters to report broken pumpouts, and for marinas to report pumpout use and operational status; pilot a mobile pumpout program for marinas and recreational boaters in the Oakland Estuary. Install 10 new dockside pumpout systems.	Install 10 new pumpouts.	50	SFEP	James Muller james.muller@sfestuary.org
Implement Total Maximum Daily Load projects in the Estuary	27.3b	Address the Guadalupe River mercury TMDL by implementing RMP monitoring of mercury loads during flood conditions, and by undertaking remediation projects within the Almaden Quicksilver County Park.	Complete remediation projects.	100	SFBRWQCB, SFEP	James Muller james.muller@sfestuary.org
Reduce trash input into the Estuary	30.2	Review trash reduction tracking metrics, currently being developed by the Bay Area stormwater permittees, for use in the next State of the Estuary Report.	Develop a metric for inclusion in the next report.	50	SFEP	Darcie Luce darcie.luce@sfestuary.org
Foster support for resource protection and restoration by providing Estuary-oriented public access and recreational opportunities compatible with wildlife	31.1	Develop and distribute educational materials and maps to boaters and various partners that identify areas where shorebirds, waterfowl, and harbor seals forage, rest, and roost; these materials will help eliminate or minimize intrusion.	Develop maps, signs, and other educational materials; identify mechanisms for distributing materials	100	CA State Parks' Division of Boating and Waterways, ABAG, SFEP	James Muller james.muller@sfestuary.org

Foster support for resource protection and restoration by providing Estuary-oriented public access and recreational opportunities compatible with wildlife	31.2	Add to the San Francisco Bay Trail, closing critical gaps in the main alignment (the “spine”) that links the shoreline of all nine Bay Area counties, while avoiding adverse effects on sensitive resources and wildlife	Add 40 miles of new trail segments to the Bay Trail spine.	28	ABAG	James Muller james.muller@sfestuary.org
Foster support for resource protection and restoration by providing Estuary-oriented public access and recreational opportunities compatible with wildlife	31.3	Add to the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, creating or enhancing high quality public water access every three miles, and paddle-in camping opportunities every eight miles. Access should be designed to avoid adverse impacts to sensitive resources and wildlife.	Complete six new or enhanced San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail sites	100	ABAG	James Muller james.muller@sfestuary.org
Champion and implement the CCMP	32.1	Educate and engage targeted audiences in Estuary protection and restoration. Expand communication avenues for the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, including social media presence. Provide educational materials to boaters and boating facilities. Leverage existing programs to support public outreach efforts on the CCMP.	Provide communication materials one to three times annually.	75	SFEP	Caitlin Sweeney caitlin.sweeney@sfestuary.org
Champion and implement the CCMP	32.2a	Educate the regional community by hosting the biennial State of the Estuary conference, supporting the biennial Bay-Delta Science Conference, and supporting ESTUARY NEWS magazine.	Estuary NEWS (ongoing to 2021)	75	SFEP	Caitlin Sweeney caitlin.sweeney@sfestuary.org
Champion and implement the CCMP	32.2b	Educate the regional community by hosting the biennial State of the Estuary conference, supporting the biennial Bay-Delta Science Conference, and supporting ESTUARY NEWS magazine.	State of the Estuary Conferences in 2017, 2019, and 2021	66	SFEP	Caitlin Sweeney caitlin.sweeney@sfestuary.org
Champion and implement the CCMP	32.3b	On a five-year cycle, provide current information about the health status of the Estuary through an updated State of the Estuary Report.	Update State of the Estuary Report.	100	SFEP	Caitlin Sweeney caitlin.sweeney@sfestuary.org
Champion and implement the CCMP	32.4a	Create and implement an online CCMP reporting process to track progress being made on each of the CCMP actions and provide compiled reporting information twice per year. Update the CCMP on a five-year cycle based on assessed progress and updated scientific information in the State of the Estuary Report, and in response to emerging issues.	Report on CCMP progress twice per year (ongoing from 2017-2021)	75	SFEP	Caitlin Sweeney caitlin.sweeney@sfestuary.org

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Champion and implement the CCMP	32.5	Engage local community organizations in implementing the CCMP. Share information with, and coordinate, professionals and community members working to protect local watersheds through the Bay Area Watershed Network (BAWN). Secure funds to promote community-based watershed stewardship efforts through a small grants program.	Maintain BAWN newsgroup, host a BAWN annual meeting. Design and implement a small grants program	75	SFEP	Caitlin Sweeney caitlin.sweeney@sfestuary.org
Champion and implement the CCMP	32.6	Identify and expand funds available to partners at all levels to implement the CCMP. This includes tracking, commenting, and sharing information on existing and emerging grant programs, legislation, and other funding mechanisms.	Maintain and distribute matrix of available funding programs.	75	SFEP, SFBJV	Caitlin Sweeney caitlin.sweeney@sfestuary.org

All Actions – Average % Complete

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