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DATE: March 9, 2022

TO: Implementation Committee

FROM: Estuary Partnership Staff

RE: Agenda Item 4 – 2022 Estuary Blueprint

At the special Implementation Committee meeting convened in January, staff provided the Draft Actions for the 2022-2027 Estuary Blueprint along with a detailed presentation on the update process to date. This memo provides a summary of the update process since the January meeting, a description of the current Final Draft 2022 Estuary Blueprint included in your meeting packet, and the staff recommendation for Implementation Committee approval of the Final Draft 2022 Estuary Blueprint.

Update Process January-March. The following provides a summary of activities since the January 25 Implementation Committee meeting:

- **Public Input.** The public input period for the 2022 Estuary Blueprint ran from December 8, 2021 to January 21, 2022. All written public comments and staff responses are available on the Estuary Blueprint website: <https://www.sfestuary.org/estuary-blueprint-2022-update/>. No other edits in response to public input were made to the Blueprint since the edits approved at the January 25 Implementation Committee meeting.
- **Revisions and Updates to the Complete Document.** The elements of the 2016 Estuary Blueprint, including the Introduction, Findings, Implementation, Tracking Progress, and Next Steps chapters, as well as the Spotlights on key themes, have been updated and revised for 2022. A new Spotlight on Equity has been added, as well as a Land Acknowledgement and Racial Equity Statement at the front of the document. The entire document has undergone professional editing.
- **Graphic Design.** The document has been redesigned to align visually with the State of the Estuary Report and other Estuary Partnership documents.

2022 Final Draft Blueprint. The 2022 Final Draft Blueprint included in your meeting packet includes final draft content for the complete document

including the Actions. Following Implementation Committee approval of the Final Draft Blueprint, minor changes are expected as part of the approval process with the Executive Council and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The following additional refinements are expected:

- **Funding Analysis/Cost Estimate.** This element of the Blueprint is a requirement of the U.S. EPA. For the 2016 Estuary Blueprint, the Funding Analysis was completed after Implementation Committee approval as part of the EPA approval process and resulted in a separate document. On this update, the funding analysis will be incorporated into the final document as a cost estimate range (\$-\$\$\$\$) listed under each Task.
- **Climate Vulnerability Assessment.** The U.S. EPA requires a climate vulnerability assessment of the final Blueprint, which will be completed and submitted as part of the packet for U.S. EPA approval of the Estuary Blueprint Update. The vulnerability assessment will be available on the Estuary Blueprint website.
- **Minor Formatting Changes.** Photo placement, Spotlight placement, minor copy edits, some minor revisions to Task Leads and Collaborating Partners.

Staff Recommendation. Estuary Partnership staff recommends the Implementation Committee approve the Final Draft 2022 Estuary Blueprint allowing for minor additional refinements as described above.

** Please note: the Final Draft 2022 Estuary Blueprint is best viewed on a screen in two-page view display in order to simultaneously view both pages of each Action.*