



Approval and Concurrence

- March 18, 2022: IC approval
- May 9, 2022: Executive Council approval
- June 30, 2022: EPA concurrence
 - Comments: Smooth submittal process; thorough documentation
 - Compliments: Close collaboration between Region 9 and Headquarters



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OFFICE OF WATER

June 30, 2022

Sona Chilingaryan, Acting Assistant Director Tribal and State Assistance Branch, Water Division U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

Dear Sona,

I am writing to inform you that Headquarters concurs with Region 9's certification that the San Francisco Estuary Partnership's (SFEP) updated Estuary Blueprint (CCMP) has fulfilled all EPA requirements in the CCMP update content checklist, incorporated all relevant comments, and has been approved by the SFEP Implementation Committee and the Executive Council. This updated CCMP is now the official final version.

The thoroughness of the submission documentation greatly simplified the review process. We appreciate SFEP's receptiveness and responsiveness to take comments into consideration and respond to our input. Their cooperation greatly helped the process.

I want to recognize the leadership shown by Luisa Valiela, Region 9 SFEP Coordinator, in her close collaboration with our HQ Coordinator for SFEP, Vince Bacalan. Their effective working relationship ensured an excellent final outcome and enabled us to avoid any concerns late in the process.

With this concurrence, the 2022 Estuary Blueprint with its associated content checklist and the Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment are officially considered final for the record. They will be placed in our files along with the certification document you provided.

When you notify the SFEP Director, Caitlin Sweeney, that EPA HQ signs off on their updated Estuary Blueprint along with the Vulnerability Assessment and considers them to be final, please extend the HQ team's appreciation and congratulations on a job well done.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Jeff Lerner, Chief Partnership Programs Branch Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds

ce: Brian Frazer Luisa Valiela Vince Bacalan







2022 San Francisco Estuary Blueprint: Public Assets

- New online look
- ADA-accessible online PDF
- Print-formatted PDF
- Hard copies (limited):
 - Request: darcie.luce@sfestuary.org
- Translated excerpts (Chinese, Spanish)
- Briefing sheet
- Video
- Storymap







San Francisco Estuary Blueprint

San Francisco Estuary Partnership



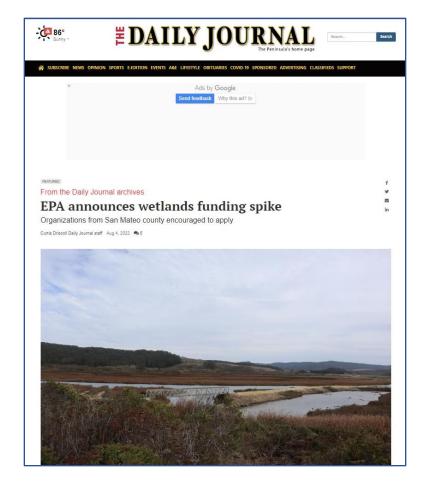
2022 San Francisco Estuary Blueprint: IC Materials

- Slide deck template
- Social media toolkit





Media Coverage





EAST BAY TIMES

Environment | San Francisco Bay restoration plan updated amid.

NEWS > ENVIRONMENT - News

San Francisco Bay restoration plan updated amid funding surge

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A bird on the shore of Tiscomia Marsh in San Rafael on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021. The San Francisco Bay estuary covers some 80,000 square miles. (Sl

By WILL HOUSTON | whouston@marinij.com | Marin Independent Journ PUBLISHED: August 8, 2022 at 4:45 a.m. | UPDATED: August 8, 2022 at 4:46 a.m.

Proponents of a new plan to rehabilitate San Francisco Bay say they hope to make significant gains in the coming years because of millions of dollars in new federal funds.

The estuary, the largest on the west coast of North America, covers 60,000 square miller from the foot of the Sierra Newsda to the Golden Gate, including the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Deba. The estuary and the surrounding mountains, within those about half of California's water supply, are home to highly diverse ecosystems, including 100 endangered and threatened species, and support a multi-billion deliar economies.

As part of a decades-old effort to address environmental damage and habitat loss caused by development in the past two centuries, the San Francisco Estuary Partnership — a federal-state agency created in 1988 — released an updated blueprint on Tuesday to guide restoration projects for the next five years. The blueprint, last updated in 2016, now includes a greater focus on









July 29 Celebration

Toasting the 2022 Blueprint!











Action 1: Climate Resilience

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Plan for increased climate resiliency that incorporates natural resource protection.

Facilitate regional planning efforts to understand and address climate change impacts and advance climate adaptation that emphasizes the protection of natural resources.

Overview

The Estuary needs robust climate resilience planning to guide major collaborative action in the decades to come. This Action responds to the climate crisis and accelerates regional climate adaptation by setting regional objectives and guidelines, supporting critical climate change science, and advancing adaptation planning at the local level. Natural resources protection and restoration are key components of a regional response to climate change.

















Task 1-1

Task 1-2

Task 1-3

Task 1-4

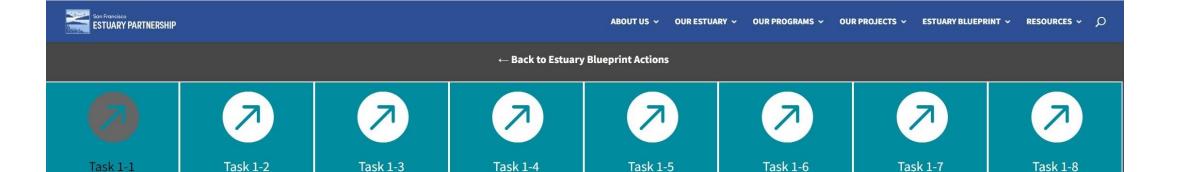
Task 1-5

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Task Description

Implement the Bay Adapt Joint Platform to advance climate adaptation in the lower Estuary that supports protection of the Estuary's resources and its communities.

Task Lead(s)

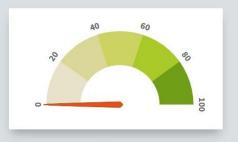
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

Task Collaborating Partner(s)

Local jurisdictions, community-based organizations, environmental organizations, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, Metropolitan Transportation Commission/Association of Bay Area Governments, San Francisco Estuary Partnership, California State Coastal Conservancy, Bay Area Regional Collaborative, California Department of Transportation, Bay Area Climate Adaptation Network, San Francisco Estuary Institute, San Francisco Bay Regional Coastal Hazards Adaptation Resiliency Group (CHARG), Delta Stewardship Council, Delta Conservancy, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Cost Estimate Key

\$ – Up to \$100,000	\$\$ - Up to \$1 million	\$\$\$ – Up to \$10 million
\$\$\$\$ - Up to \$100	\$\$\$\$ - Over \$100	
million	million	



Completion Level: 0%

Cost Estimate

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Milestone(s)

Delta Adapts Adaptation Strategy.



Reporting: New Look to Come!











Partnership in Action

- Steering Committee
 - Representative of Estuary Partnership range of partners
 - Meet once or twice a year to steer Blueprint progress and implementation





Partnership in Action

- Current Steering Committee representatives:
 - 2 from conservation organizations (Bay)
 - 1 from local/regional government (Bay)
 - 1 from regional conservation agency (Bay)
 - 2 from regulatory agencies (Bay)
 - 2 from state agencies (Bay and Delta)





Partnership in Action

- Ad hoc Blueprint-IC Alignment Sub-committee
 - Assess alignment of Blueprint Task Leads and IC membership
 - Identify gaps and strategies for filling



