



2022 San Francisco Estuary Blueprint Implementation Committee Meeting March 15, 2023



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Agenda



- Progress Tracking and Reporting
- Implementation: Blueprint Steering Committee meeting highlights
- Schedule



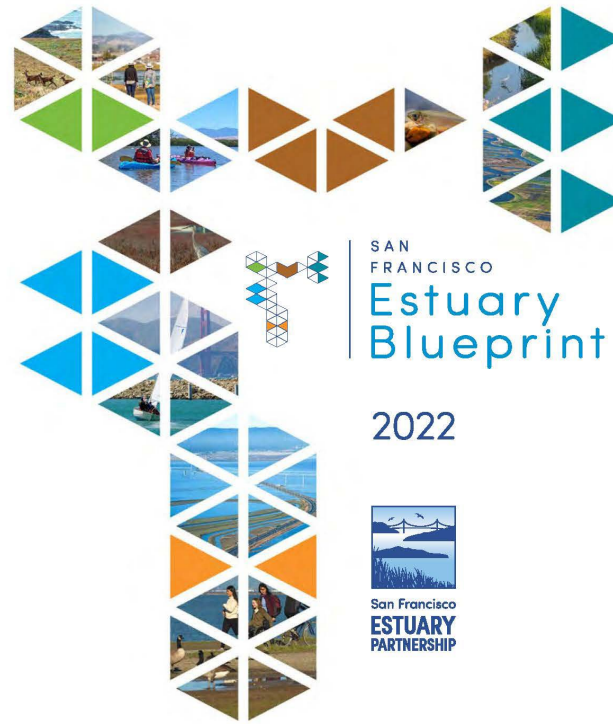


Progress Tracking and Reporting



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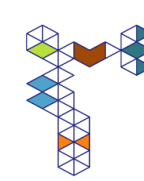
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PROGRESS REPORT 2 3/15/2023

Welcome to the March 2023 progress report of the 2022 Estuary Blueprint.

This report shares progress toward completion of the 25 Blueprint actions and tracking status for the 126 Blueprint tasks, and highlights successes and significant progress made in implementing the Blueprint, including the completion of three tasks.



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Action 2: Equity

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Elevate frontline and Indigenous communities in planning for and benefiting from a healthy, resilient Estuary.

Support the role that Indigenous and frontline communities play in promoting Estuary health and resilience by advancing equity through regional strategies, including growing capacity for government agencies and for organizations with deep roots in frontline and underserved communities.

Overview

The people who live throughout the Estuary are a part of its history and future; they have an impact on it as much as this ecosystem has an impact on them. Without meaningful efforts to increase equity in our work, our mission to protect, restore, and enhance the Estuary can result in disproportionate impacts to frontline communities, Black people, Tribes and Indigenous people, and people of color. This Action commits the actors in the region to listen, support, and work collaboratively with these underserved populations for the purpose of creating a healthier Estuary for all.





Task 2-1



Task 2-2



Task 2-3



Task 2-4

Task Description

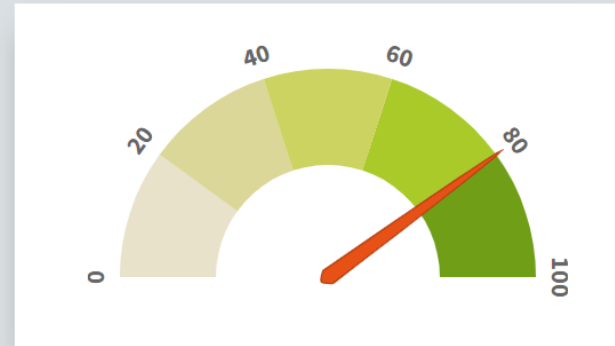
Develop a living network of Bay Area community-based organizations to foster collaboration and increase equity in planning and permitting decisions.

Task Lead(s)

San Francisco Bay Conservation & Development Commission in coordination with Bay Area-based organizations, San Francisco Bay Conservation & Development Commission’s Environmental Justice (EJ) Advisors, and regional partners

Task Collaborating Partner(s)

Bay Area Climate Adaptation Network, community-based organizations, interested Bay Area counties, Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative, Delta Stewardship Council, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board



Completion Level: 80%

Cost Estimate

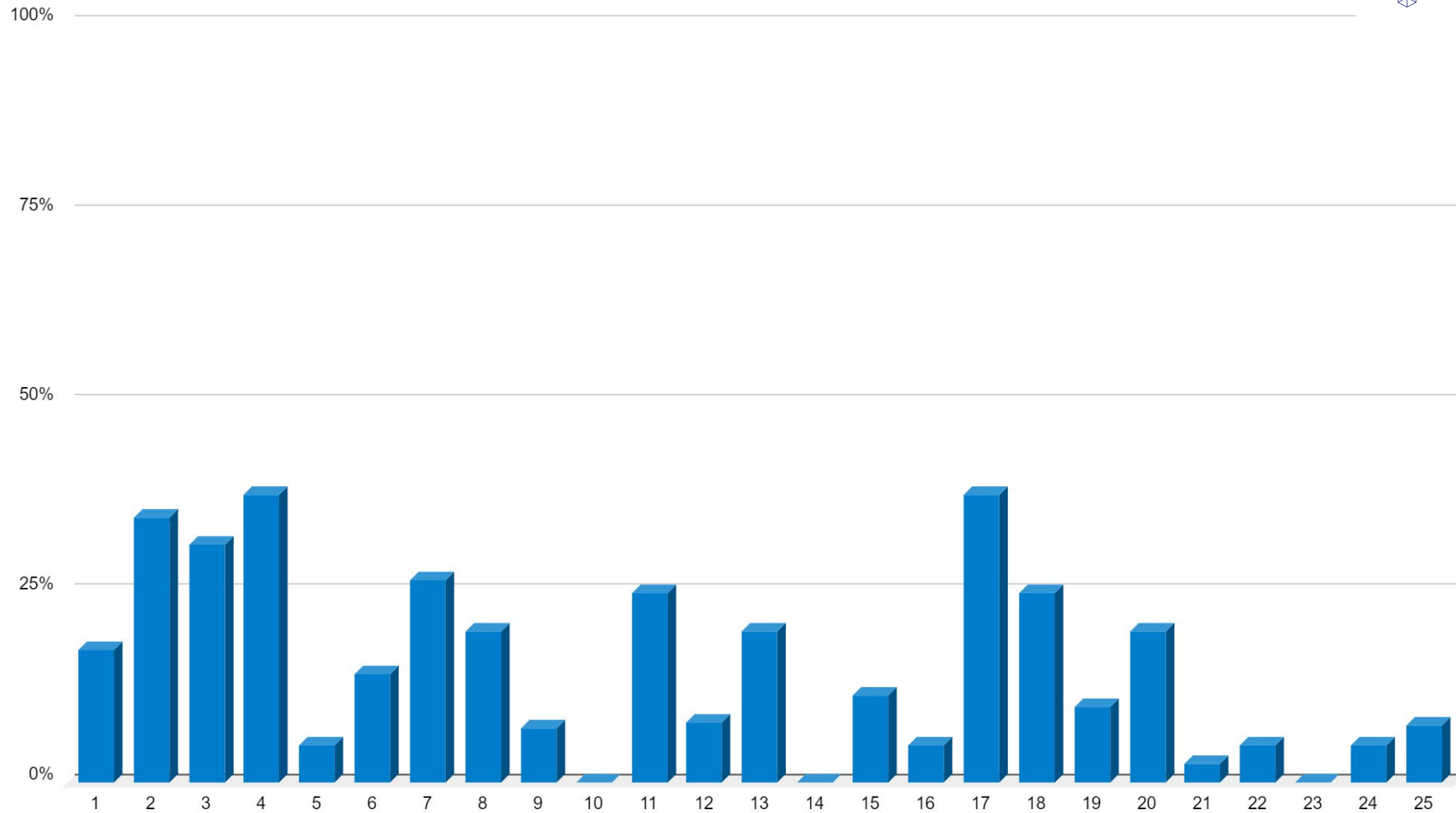
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Milestone(s)

A pilot Community-Based Organization Directory Map launched with a requisite training module.

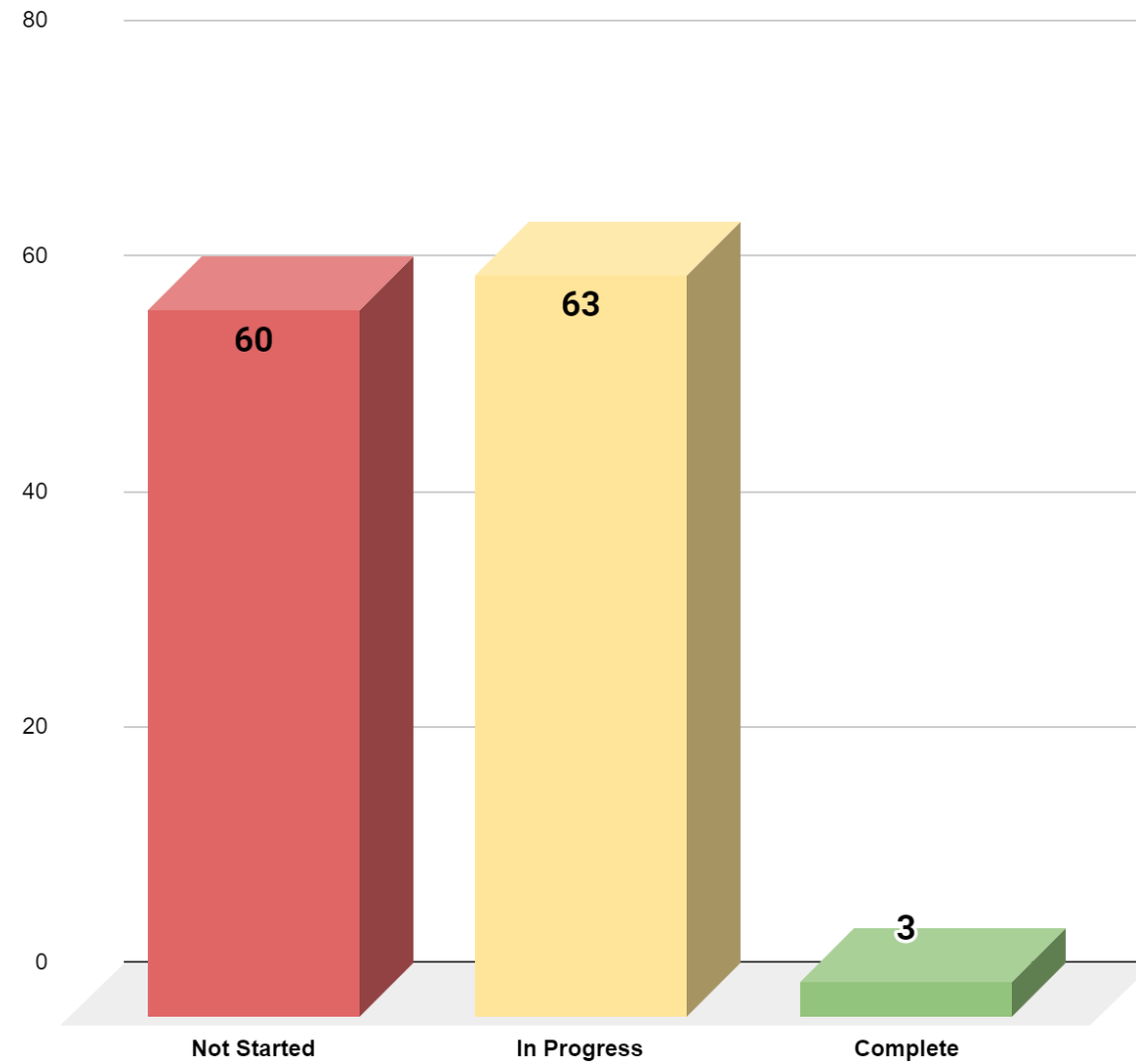


Percent Complete by Action



Tasks by Status

Indicates task status across all actions



ACTION 7: Carbon Management

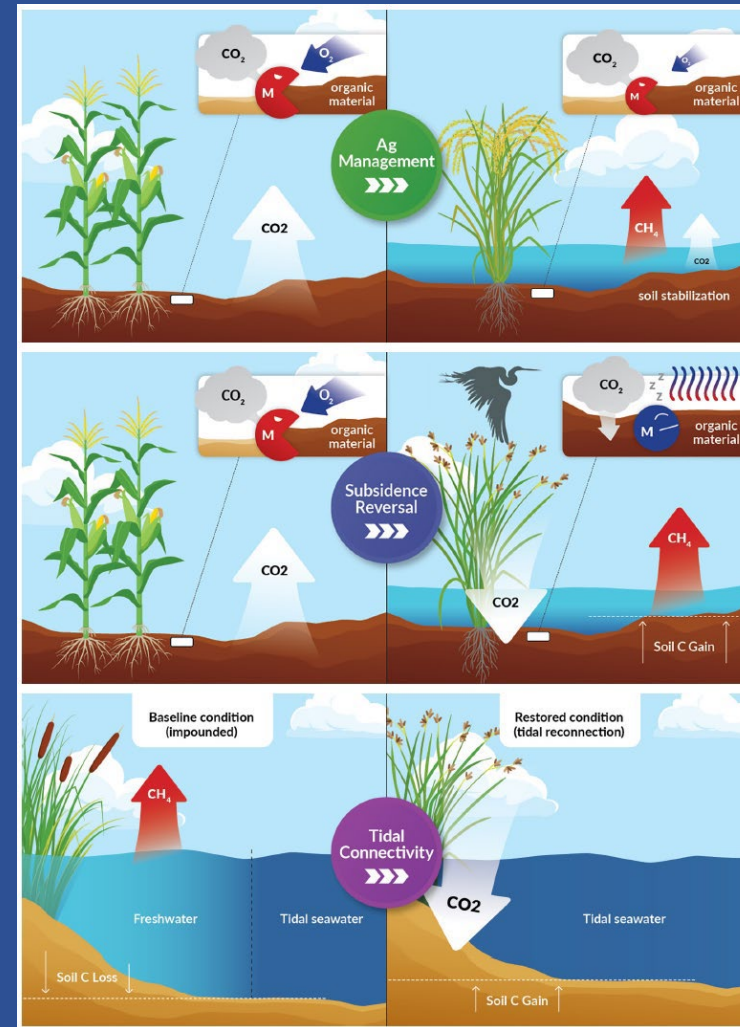
TASK 7-2: 100% COMPLETE!

MILESTONE

One to three technical reports on the carbon implications of land management and wetland restoration activities in the Delta and/or Bay.

UPDATE

2023 paper titled "Carbon Sequestration and Subsidence Reversal in the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Bay: Management Opportunities for Climate Mitigation and Adaptation" meets the intent of this milestone. Milestone complete, although tracking will continue to ensure subsequent papers are captured for this task.



ACTION 11: Transition Zones

TASK 11-3: 100% COMPLETE!

MILESTONE

Standard Operating Procedures for completing periodic mapping of Bay transition zones.

UPDATE

The SOP for transition zone mapping has been posted on the WRMP website and this milestone is complete.



ACTION 17: Water Conservation

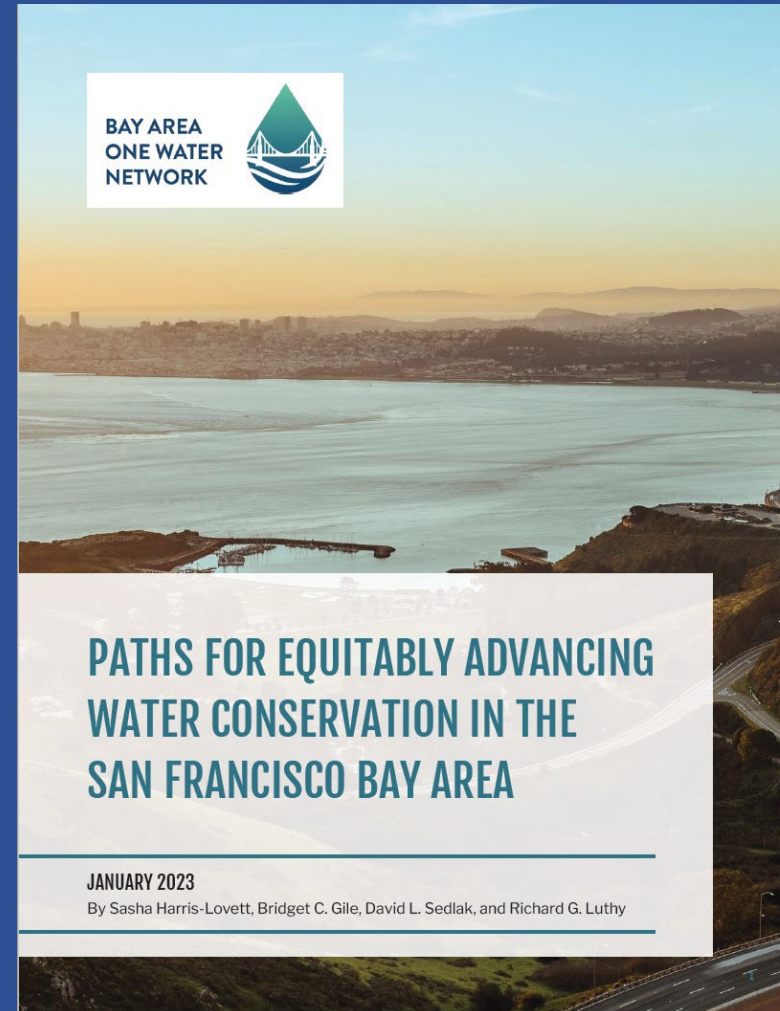
TASK 17-5: 100% COMPLETE!

MILESTONE

One workshop held with Estuary stakeholders, resulting in a synthesis report.

UPDATE

The workshop was held by Bay Area One Water Network (BAOWN) with Bay Area water agencies June 28-29, 2022. A draft version of the report was sent out to workshop participants in October 2022; the final report was released in January 2023 and is posted on the Bay Area One Water Network website.



Water Conservation Report Key Findings

CHALLENGE



Affordability



Equitable Landscape Transformation



Motivation






Compatibility with Existing Water Infrastructure

- Ensure water affordability for lowest income households (e.g., tiered water rates, rate-paying assistance)
- Water-efficient upgrades without up-front cost burden on households (vouchers instead of rebates)
- Prioritize water use for public green space
- Develop a regional vision for “saved” water (e.g., in-stream flows, urban development)
- Right-size infrastructure with conservation in mind



Task Progress: Significant Updates

ACTION	Task Number	Milestone	Percent Complete
CLIMATE RESILIENCE	Task 1-2	Delta Adapts Adaptation Strategy.	 50%
	Task 1-8	Groundwater data model for nine counties.	 40%
ADAPTATION PLANNING	Task 3-3	Three new or revised policies, guidelines, or regulations to facilitate natural or nature-based adaptation projects.	 50%





Implementation



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Blueprint Task Leads and IC Membership Alignment



- What is an optimal size for an effective IC?
- How should gaps between current IC membership and Blueprint Task Leads be addressed?
- Are any essential entities missing from the IC?
- Suggestions:
 - Ask IC members who are Task Leads to report on advancement or progress of their Tasks at IC meetings.
 - CBOs/Tribes: Directed staff to work with staff from other agencies to develop a set of recommendations for discussion at a future meeting.

SFEP “Coordinator” Tasks



Types of SFEP “Coordinator” Tasks:

- Task is a dispersed effort by numerous partners, none of whom are taking the sole lead on coordinating the effort;
 - Task Lead was identified during Blueprint update but was unable to commit due to limited resources or capacity;
 - Task is a priority but has no identified resources or clear path to implementation
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- Suggestions:
 - 1) Take the Coordinator tasks back to the IC or the Working Groups to see if an entity might step forward now to be a Task Lead
 - 2) Look at these tasks through the lens of IC membership and ask where the whole body of the IC could be most useful

2023 Schedule



May 17 IC Meeting:

- Blueprint agenda items informed by Steering Committee

August 16 IC Meeting:

- Blueprint Progress Report

November 14 IC Meeting

- Blueprint agenda items informed by Steering Committee



Thank You!



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