



April 2008



September 2009



May 2010



October 2010

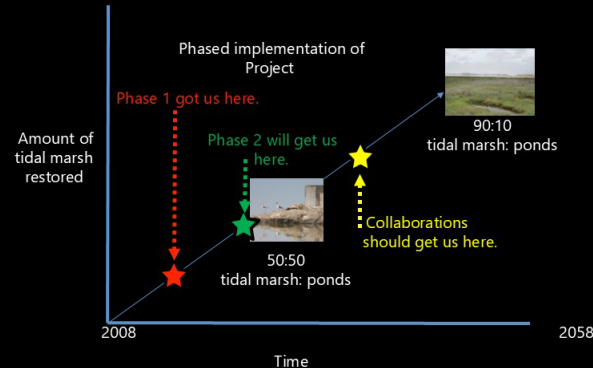
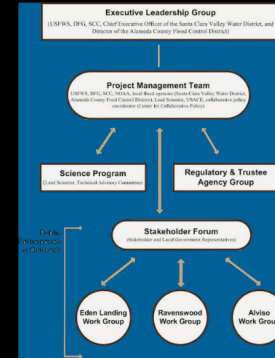
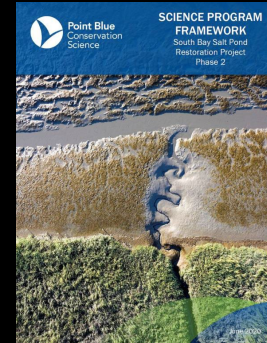
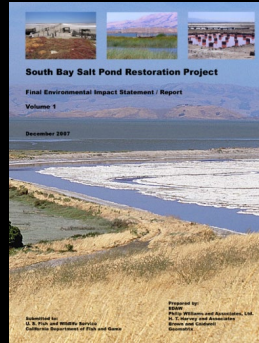
SALT POND A21 SOUTH BAY SALT POND RESTORATION PROJECT

Kite aerial photographs of a small channel in the northeast corner following the 2006 breach to tidal flow. Field of view is ~ 120 feet. . C. Benton

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Was A One-of-One

- Size and scope
- Multi-objective
- Multi-phase
- Restoration Plan
- Adaptive Management
- Science Program
- Collaboration agreements
- Funded staff



Multiple Objectives



Judy Irving, Pelican Media

**Habitat
Restoration**

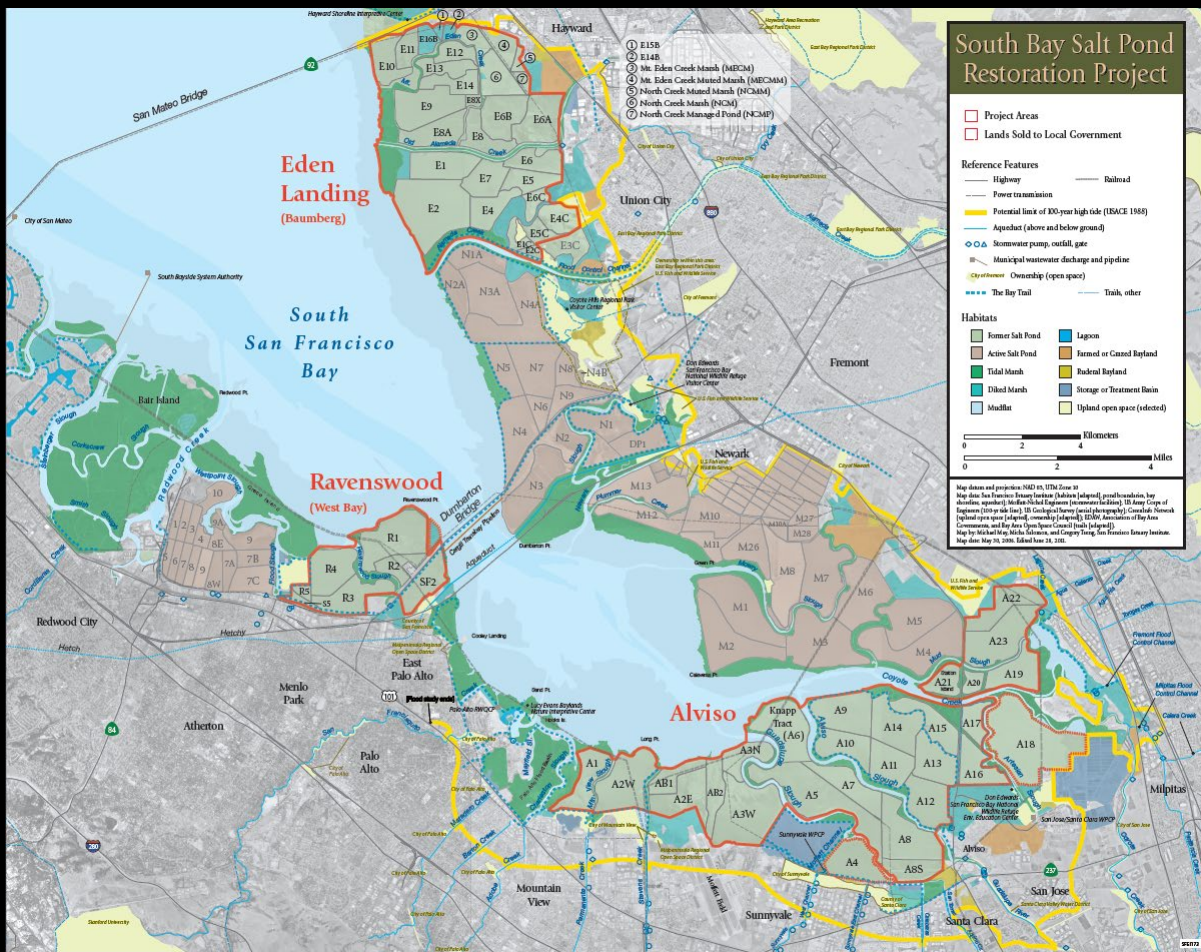


Flood Risk Management



**Public
Access &
Recreation**

Project Locations



Successes in Phase 1



3,000 acres of tidal restoration; 700 acres enhanced ponds; 7 miles of new trail, viewing platforms, kayak launch

Aerial photos by Cris Benton;
Kayak photo by Judy Irving -
Pelican Media; Spartina photo
by Jen McBroom; Harvest
mouse photo by Katie Smith

Phase 2 Successes

- **Completed:**
 - Island Ponds
 - Ravenswood
- **In Progress:**
 - MV Pond A1
 - MV Pond A2W
- **Collaborative projects**
 - Shoreline Projects
 - Creeks-Marsh Connection
 - SAFER Bay





Photo by Charles Anderson, Epicycle Media

Bay Margin Looks Different



Photo by Cris Benton

Successful Outcomes

- **Rapid marsh establishment**
- **SMHM and CRR moving in quickly**
- **Increasing plover numbers**
- **Partnerships w/ non-profits**
- **City of MV projects**
- **Bayfront Canal & Atherton Channel Project**



Photo by Ivan Parr



Process-Based Successes

- **Implemented the AMP; updating now**
- **Added science collaborations**
- **Opened up the “Free Dirt Market”**
- **Got better at easements & access agreements**



Applicable Insights

Start early:

- Property & infrastructure surveys
- Easements and access agreements

Plan for (& fund):

- O&M activities
- Attorneys
- Community relations
- Staff & partner turnover

Be flexible & fast

“Perfect is good. Done is better.”

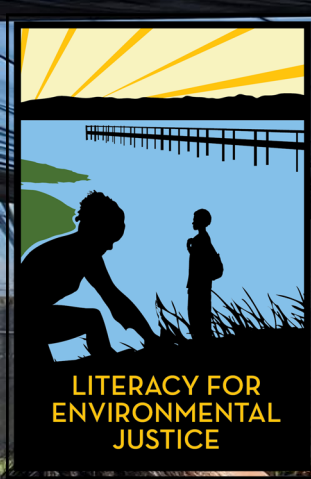


Thank You!



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