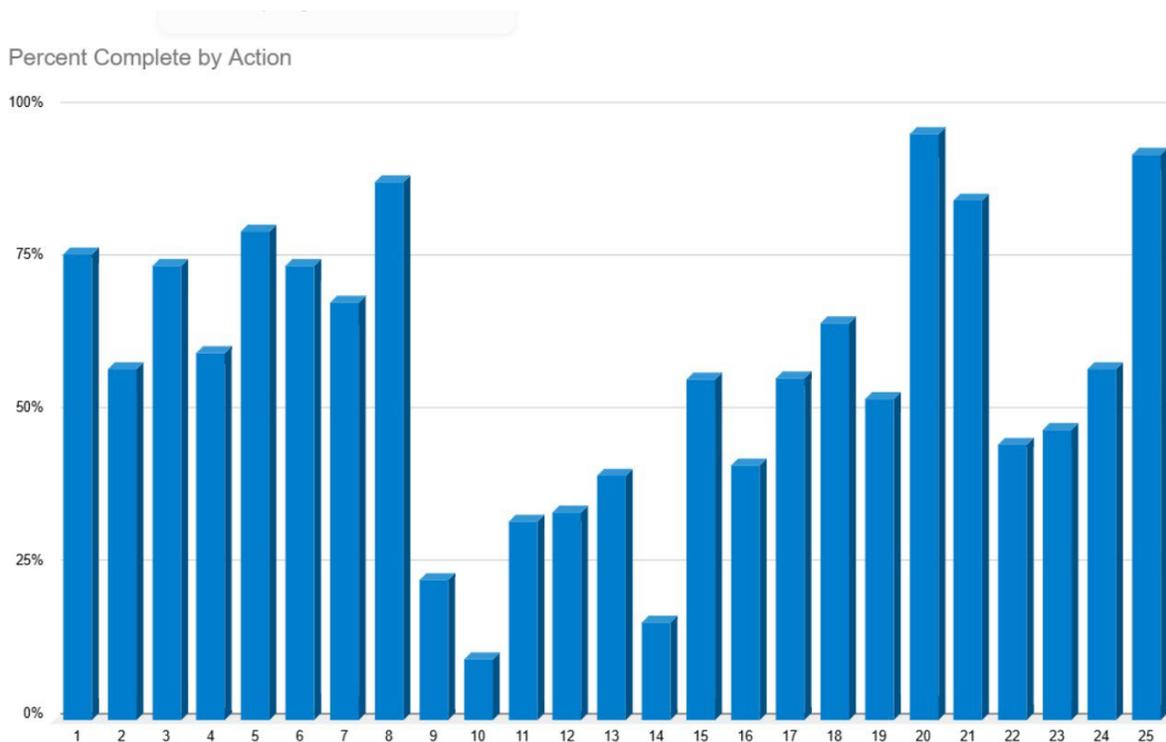


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ACTION PROGRESS



More than 3 years after the Blueprint's release, this progress reports shows that progress is occurring across all 25 Actions. During this tracking period, we saw 79 of the 126 tasks reach or exceed 50% completion, including 35 completed tasks.

As a reminder, this graph is most helpful for showing which Actions are making substantial progress, since Actions do not have a uniform number of Tasks.

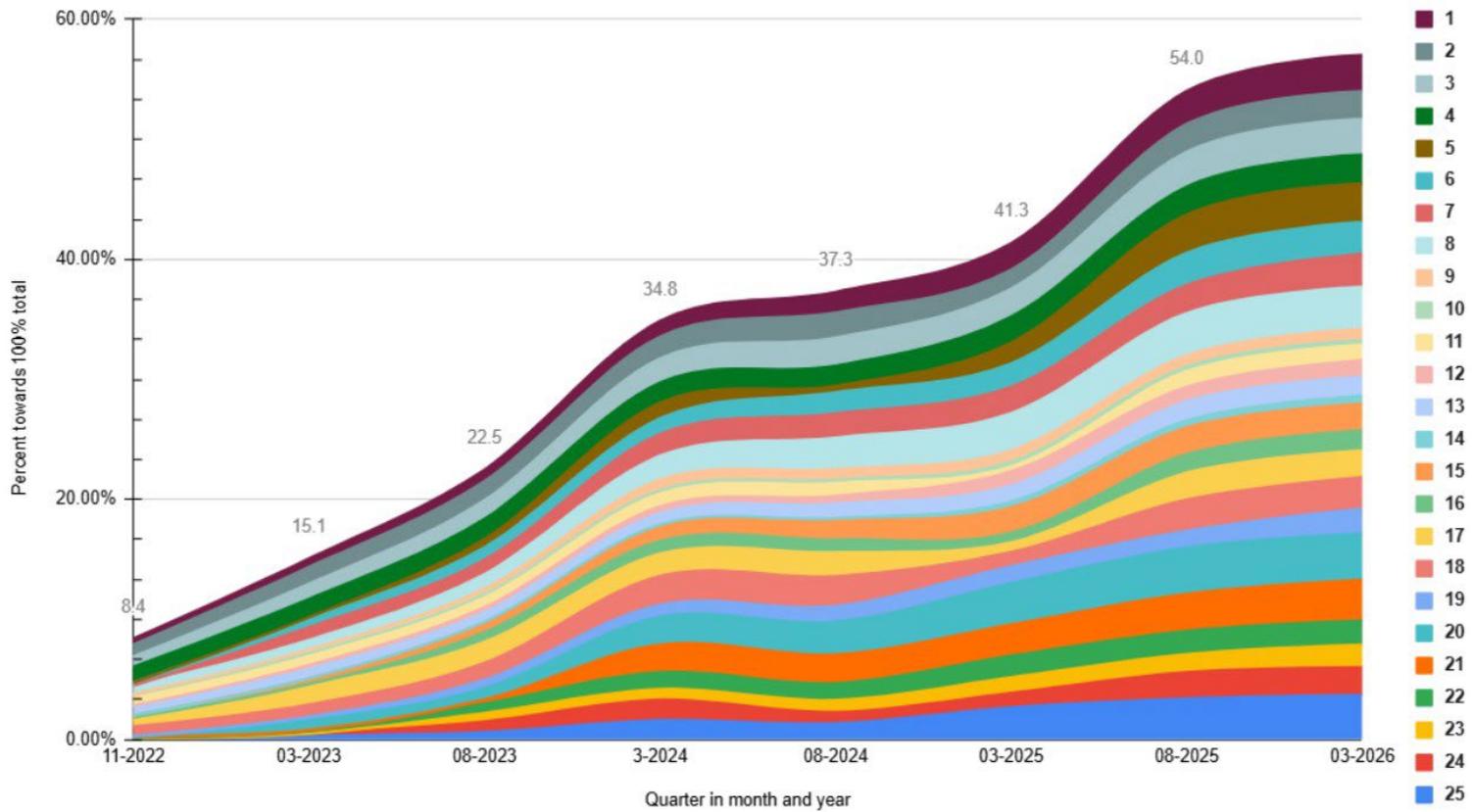
For example, Action 13 (Seasonal Wetlands) has three tasks, with no completed tasks, one task that has not begun, and two remaining tasks showing varying levels of progress. This initiative has the same level of movement as Action 16 (Freshwater Flows), which has six tasks, including one completed task, one task that has yet to begin, and four tasks showing varying levels of progress.

A supplemental graph below shows the relative progress of each Action and progress toward the overall goal of 100% completion of all tasks. The graph provides a snapshot of the variation among the Actions and the cumulative progress of all Actions toward a 100% implemented Blueprint. In this quarter, the cumulative progress reached 54%.

PROGRESS TOWARD 100% COMPLETION OF ALL TASKS

Progress Towards Goals

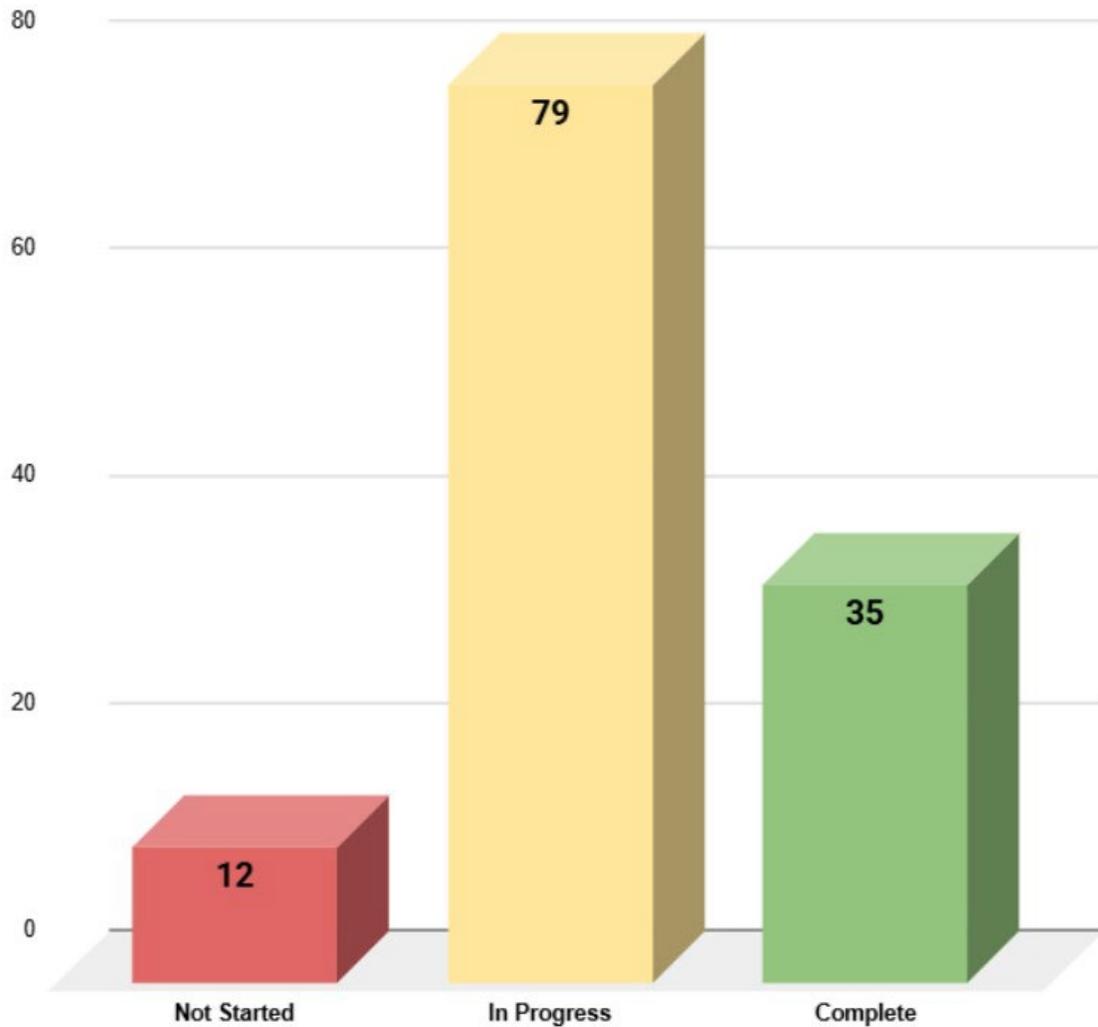
Shows the progress towards 100% achievement for past quarters



TASK PROGRESS

Tasks by Status

Indicates task status across all actions



With one additional task newly initiated and five tasks completed this quarter, this tracking period saw a newly calculated total of 35 completed tasks and 75 in-progress tasks.

Twelve tasks remain inactive. Staff continue to make efforts to identify and resolve barriers to implementation, which can include funding gaps or the absence of key partners or leaders to launch an initiative.

The following section will highlight completed Tasks.

Action 6

Manage sediment and soil on a regional scale and advance beneficial use.

TASK 6-1

Update contaminant screening criteria and risk assessment methodology for dredged sediment and upland soils.

MILESTONE

Report documenting net impacts/benefits of beneficially reusing sediment from hydraulic dredging and, if deemed appropriate under the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis, incorporating beneficial reuse of hydraulically dredged material into the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers multi-year permit.

UPDATE

On December 10, 2025, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Maintenance Dredging Program in the San Francisco Bay for dredging years 2025 through 2034 and issued a permit for the first five years of the program. The EIR concluded that the impacts of increasing hydraulic dredging would be less than significant with standard practices to avoid and minimize fish entrainment impacts and incorporation of beneficial reuse of sediment into the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Maintenance Dredging Program.



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PERCENT COMPLETED – 100%

Action 7

Decrease carbon emissions and subsidence in the Delta and increase carbon sequestration on natural and agricultural lands.

TASK 7-4

Advance research on submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) and its potential for carbon management in the Estuary, and develop recommendations on how to better protect, plan for, and manage existing SAV habitats and restoration efforts to maximize the potential of native SAV to provide sustained carbon storage.

MILESTONE

Reported results and initial recommendations from at least one project gathering site-based carbon sediment core data in or adjacent to eelgrass habitat.

UPDATE

Tessa Filipczyk and Kathy Boyer of San Francisco State submitted a report for Ocean Protection Council (OPC) that included blue carbon measurements.

The completed blue carbon analysis (also included in the OPC report) can be found on the CalState Scholarworks website: <https://scholarworks.calstate.edu/downloads/3b591k55t>.



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PERCENT COMPLETED – 100%

Action 21

Address emerging contaminants in the Estuary's waters.

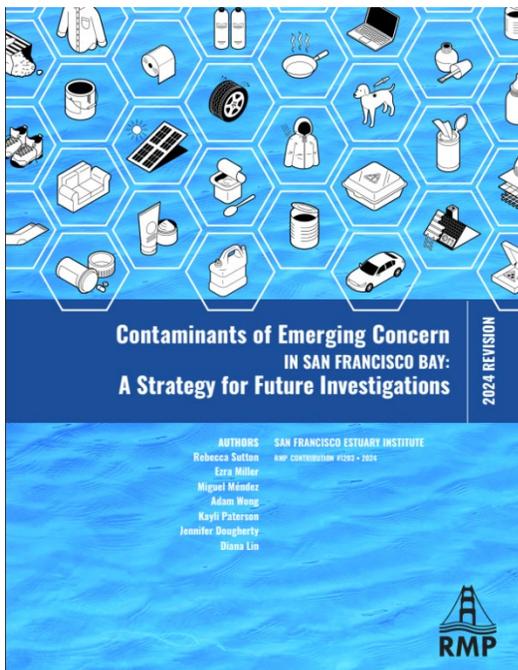
TASK 21-1

Review and update the San Francisco Bay Regional Monitoring Program contaminants of emerging concern (CEC) and microplastics monitoring strategies every two years. Develop management-relevant information to support selection and implementation of management measures addressing CECs and microplastics by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board.

MILESTONE

Updated Regional Monitoring Program (RMP) monitoring strategies every two years with distribution of associated management-relevant information.

UPDATE



The San Francisco Estuary Institute released a report for the Regional Monitoring Program on Contaminants of Emerging Concern.

The report documents a major revision to the RMP CEC strategy which was last revised in 2017.

PERCENT COMPLETED – 100%

Action 25: Champion the Estuary

Champion the Estuary.

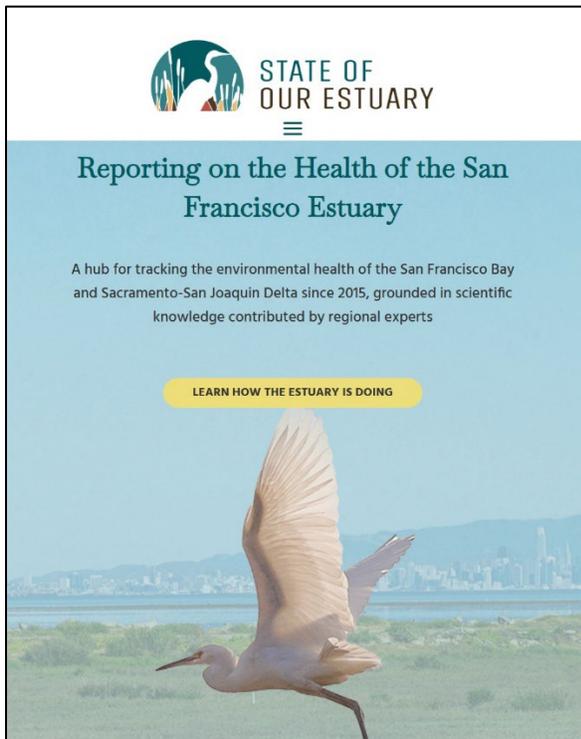
TASK 25-3

Provide current information on the health of the Estuary and results of management approaches by periodically updating the State of the Estuary Report.

MILESTONE

Update the State of the Estuary Report.

UPDATE



The State of Our Estuary website (ourestuary.org) was released in October 2025 at the State of the Estuary Conference.

The State of Our Estuary website transitions tracking and reporting on the health of the Estuary from a static report to a dynamic online platform.

PERCENT COMPLETED – 100%

PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS: SIGNIFICANT UPDATES

Task Number	Task Description	Milestone	Update	Percent Complete
Task 1-6	Expand the use of the Adaptation Atlas to support analysis and selection of adaptation strategies within Operational Landscape Units (OLUs) to support natural resource protection and advancement of nature-based strategies.	Adaptation strategies for one to two OLUs per year through a collaborative process.	Adaptation strategies for many of the OLUs in the region have been identified and are underway through collaborative processes.	 <p>A semi-circular gauge chart with a scale from 0 to 100. The scale is marked at 0, 20, 40, 60, 80, and 100. The gauge is divided into five segments: 0-20 (lightest green), 20-40 (light green), 40-60 (medium green), 60-80 (darker green), and 80-100 (darkest green). An orange needle points to the 90% mark.</p> <p>90%</p>
Task 1-8	Determine potential influence of rising sea level on groundwater elevations within counties using an interpolated groundwater model.	Groundwater data model for nine counties.	Data for Santa Clara County is complete; data for Solano County is about 60% complete. Public agencies such as BCDC have also begun using NOAA-furnished groundwater rise projections.	 <p>A semi-circular gauge chart with a scale from 0 to 100. The scale is marked at 0, 20, 40, 60, 80, and 100. The gauge is divided into five segments: 0-20 (lightest green), 20-40 (light green), 40-60 (medium green), 60-80 (darker green), and 80-100 (darkest green). An orange needle points to the 80% mark.</p> <p>80%</p>

Task 3-1	Implement community-based climate adaptation solutions by supporting communities and community-based organizations as full partners and leaders in adaptation planning and implementation.	Community-based organizations and communities are funded to lead or participate in at least one to two adaptation planning or implementation projects per year.	Community-based organizations and communities are currently funded to lead or participate in adaptation planning and implementation projects in multiple locations; projects added this period include Hayward (First Mile, Hayward NBS, HASPA Implementation Plan) and North Richmond (Living Levee Phase 2).	 <p>60%</p>
Task 4-5	Share best practices, data, information, and lessons learned to advance implementation of nature-based infrastructure by expanding collaborative models.	One to two collaborative meetings per year to address barriers to implementation for individual nature-based adaptation projects.	SFEP hosted three Transforming Shorelines Collaborative meetings (#7-9) during this time period including: Operations and Maintenance of Horizontal Levees: Lessons from the Oro Loma Pilot Project – July 23, 2025; Community Engagement for Nature Based Solutions – October 1, 2025; and a Tour of Palo Alto Horizontal Levee – November 5, 2025. Several more are planned for the coming months.	 <p>70%</p>

<p>Task 7-6</p>	<p>Promote use of carbon credit funding for wetland restoration in the Estuary.</p>	<p>Pilot tidal wetland restoration projects in ecosystems that have not yet applied the American Carbon Registry Standards to qualify for the voluntary carbon market, such as tidal wetlands.</p>	<p>Several tidal wetland restoration projects have been identified that highlight the carbon sequestration potential of Dutch Slough. However, the team has not yet pursued ACR projects for Dutch Slough and other DWR Tidal restoration projects because it is still unclear if: (1) sellable carbon credits can be generated from these projects and; (2) what the value of those credits might be. Further research and discussions are in the works.</p>	 <p>70%</p>
<p>Task 12-2</p>	<p>Investigate the effectiveness of specific habitat enhancement measures to provide increased successful bird nesting, foraging, roosting, and high tide refugia.</p>	<p>Five reports summarizing the results of habitat enhancement measures.</p>	<p>New reports released on bird monitoring and management implications: 2025 Snowy Plover and Least Tern Monitoring Annual Report, Phalarope Migration Surveys June - September 2024, and South Bay Salt Pond Waterbird Surveys September 2024 – May 2025.</p>	 <p>80%</p>

<p>Task 16-1</p>	<p>Update and implement the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan with timely and scientifically sound information and keep the public and non-governmental organizations, Tribes, and local, state, and federal officials informed.</p>	<p>Completed update and implementation of the Bay-Delta WQCP.</p>	<p>Re-revised draft Bay-Delta Plan and portions of the draft staff report for the Sacramento/Delta updates to the Bay-Delta Plan and background information released on Dec 12, 2025. https://waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/docs/2026/jan/notice-revdrftbdp.pdf.</p>	 <p>90%</p>
<p>Task 19-4</p>	<p>Develop a module within the StreetSaver Program to help jurisdictions improve inventory, inspection, and maintenance of storm drain and green infrastructure assets along streets.</p>	<p>Revised StreetSaver Program that includes a stormwater asset management module consistent with requirements in stormwater permits.</p>	<p>MTC is beginning to develop a business case for developing storm drain and street-related water resource assets. In addition, the Water Board’s Municipal Regional Municipal Stormwater NPDES Permit includes a provision which requires MRP permittees to submit asset management plans by September 30, 2025. That, combined with the green infrastructure and trash control operation and maintenance requirements in the MRP, should meet the intent of the task, even if StreetSaver is not revised.</p>	 <p>80%</p>

<p>Task 21-2</p>	<p>Reduce pesticides coming into the Estuary, particularly from pet flea and tick control products by supporting and working with the Department of Pesticide Regulation and veterinarians.</p>	<p>At least one pesticide-reduction management measure is implemented.</p>	<p>In addition to the outreach and advocacy that BACWA does in coordination with DPR, DPR has also issued a memo - the Draft Aquatic Risk Memorandum - for public comment on pet flea-treatment products containing fipronil.</p>	 <p>70%</p>
<p>Task 22-1</p>	<p>Collaborate with Tribes and subsistence fishing communities to acknowledge the importance of Tribal cultural and traditional uses of water as well as subsistence fishing.</p>	<p>San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's Basin Plan amended to designate additional Beneficial uses.</p>	<p>The Water Board is considering a Basin Plan Amendment to add the Tribal Beneficial Use definitions to the Basin Plan in April 2026. In addition, Water Board staff have reinitiated discussions with tribes to designate Tribal Culture Beneficial Use in the Basin Plan.</p>	 <p>50%</p>

<p>Task 23-1</p>	<p>Continue partnerships to research and implement effective extended producer responsibility strategies or bans for items such as plastic products, microplastics, and tobacco products.</p>	<p>New bans or extended producer responsibility (EPR) strategies such as reduction ordinances based on recommendations (i.e., source control).</p>	<p>Major milestones that occurred this period include the passing of the Local Vape and NOX bans, a proposal for a statewide single-use vape ban, and the implementation of a statewide plastic bag ban. The statewide textile EPR program’s regulatory process began on Jan 1, 2026, while the statewide packaging EPR program is delayed.</p>	 <p>70%</p>
<p>Task 24-2</p>	<p>Add to the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, creating or enhancing high quality public water access and paddle-in camping opportunities.</p>	<p>Six (with two specifically in the Suisun Marsh area) new or enhanced San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail sites, including two new or enhanced kayak-in campgrounds.</p>	<p>A new site was designated at Pacheco Marsh at the Water Trail's October meeting. It is anticipated that an additional site will be designated at an upcoming meeting.</p>	 <p>60%</p>

<p>Task 25-2</p>	<p>Provide the latest information on the science and management of the Estuary and advance integrated conferences that span the Estuary.</p>	<p>Annual conferences that focus on the San Francisco Estuary.</p>	<p>Planning is underway for the Bay-Delta Science Conference 2026 (Sep/Oct 2026).</p>	 <p>70%</p>
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