



# South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project

*Restoring the Wild Heart of the South Bay*

South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project  
Selected Monitoring and Applied Studies

Selected Proposals from the October 2008 Request for Proposals (RFP)

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In response to the RFP released in October 2008, the SBSP Restoration Project received 23 proposals in nine areas of research. Proposals went through a lengthy review process and the Project Management Team made initial funding decisions in March 2009. Because of the number of high quality proposals reviewed, funding decisions have not been easy to make. We have identified below proposals that we intend to fund. We will be contacting these proponents to identify any changes that need to be made as we proceed to develop funding agreements. In addition, some proposals are still under consideration for funding, others are proposals that we cannot fund but for which we would like to work with the proponents to seek independent funding, and some proposals we are no longer considering for funding.

Of those proposals we intend to fund, some will be funded beginning this year. Other proposals are proposed to be funded beginning in 2010 or 2011, based on the current Project schedule for implementation of Phase 1 Actions. The proposed first year of funding is noted in parentheses. While some funding that the Project Management Team anticipates using to fund selected proposals is currently frozen State bond funding, it is anticipated that those funds will be available when the funding is required.

All proposals accepted for funding will be available on the SBSP website, and all proponents will be provided copies of the reviews and comments on their proposals.

**The initial proposals that we anticipate funding are listed below by RFP Topic:**

Topic 1: Measuring Habitat Evolution Utilizing Satellite Imagery

B. Fulfrost, DCE (2009)

Topic 2: Assessment of Mercury Bioavailability Utilizing Sentinel Species

C. Eagles-Smith, USGS (2010 or 2011)

Topic 3: Waterbird Nesting and Foraging in Managed Ponds

J. Ackerman, USGS (2010 or 2011)

Topic 4: Waterbird Response to Trail Use

L. Trulio, SJSU (2010 or 2011)

Topic 5: Pond, Slough, and Bay Water Quality Interactions

J. Thompson, USGS (2009)

Topic 6: Baseline Bird Data and Data Needs Assessment

M. Herzog, PRBO (2009)

Topic 8: California Gull Displacement Study

J. Ackerman, USGS (2010)

Topic 9: Open Call for Graduate Fellows

N. Athearn, UCD/USGS (2009)

C. Overton, UCD/USGS (2009)

A. Rowan, SFSU (2009)

Outside of Topic Areas as a Directed Study

J. Callaway, USF (2010)

**Proposals that we are still considering for funding are:**

Topic 5: Pond, Slough, and Bay Water Quality Interactions

G. Shellenbarger, USGS

Topic 7: Effects of Restoration on Fish Assemblages

J. Hobbs, UCD

M. Saiki, USGS

Topic 9: Open Call for Graduate Fellows

G. Archbald, SFSU (2009)

**Proposals that we cannot fund at this time but are interested in working with proponents to obtain funding from other sources:**

Topic 4: Waterbird Response to Trail Use

P. Zollner, Purdue (model development only)

Topic 5: Pond, Slough, and Bay Water Quality Interactions

R. Kudela, UCSC

Topic 6: Baseline Bird Data and Data Needs Assessment

R. Duke, HT Harvey

**Proposals that we are no longer considering for funding are:**

Topic 1: Measuring Habitat Evolution Utilizing Satellite Imagery

J. Collins, SFEI

R. Mancinelli, SETI

Topic 5: Pond, Slough, and Bay Water Quality Interactions

C. Shennan, UCSC

Topic 7: Effects of Restoration on Fish Assemblages

C. Kitting, CSUEB