

South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project
Social Science Dimensions Workshop:
Identifying Political, Economic, and Social Obstacles and Opportunities

Purpose:

To identify the most important political, economic, and social obstacles and opportunities in planning, implementing, and sustaining/maintaining salt pond restoration in the South Bay.

Through this Workshop we will:

- *define* these obstacles and opportunities, and
- determine ways to *reduce the unknown qualities* related to these obstacles and opportunities.

Date: April 18 from 10:00am to 4:00pm

Location: Mountain View Community Center, 201 Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View
(see map and directions)

Desired Outcomes of the Workshop:

- Discuss and develop consensus on the most important political, economic, and social obstacles and opportunities related to the planning, implementing, and sustaining/maintaining the salt pond restoration project – figure out what we know, and what we don't know.
- Consider possible ways to deal with the unknowns related to these obstacles and opportunities in terms of their impacts on the project objectives, especially how to involve the general public and stakeholders over the long-term to ensure Project support.

Agenda

10:00-10:15 Welcome and Overview of Workshop Purpose -- Lynne Trulio, Lead Scientist, SBSP Restoration Project

10:15 – 12:15 Presentations on the Issues (20 minute presentation, 10 minutes for questions)

10:15 – 10:45 Overview from the Project Management Team on challenges and their solutions during the planning process—Steve Ritchie, Executive Project Manager, SBSP Restoration Project

10:45 –11:00 Overview on community involvement and opposition: Focus on immigrant and underrepresented communities--Lois M. Takahashi, UCLA professor, Department of Urban Planning

11:00 - 11:15 Historical and cultural resources--Ellen Johnck, Bay Planning Coalition and Sonoma State graduate student, and Laura Watt, EDAW

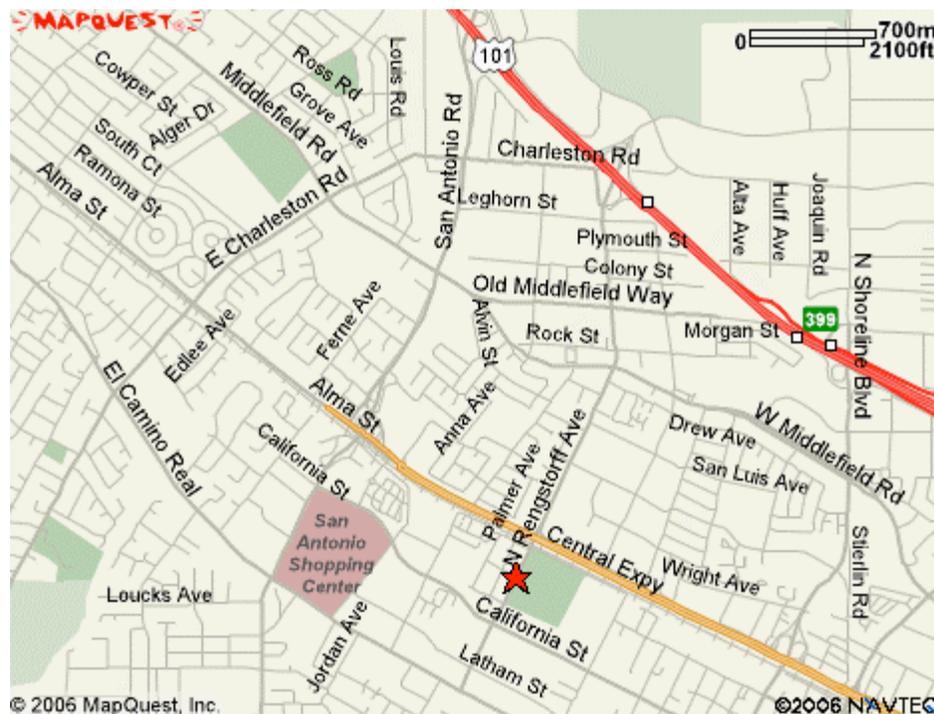
11:15 – 11:45 Reaching the voters on funding—Jim Fiedler, Chief Operation Officer, Watersheds, Santa Clara Valley Water District

11:45 – 12:15 Overview on urban/economic growth and impacts on the environment—Randall Crane, UCLA professor, Department of Urban Planning

12:15 – 1:15 Lunch Break

- 1:15 – 2:45 *Group Discussion/Break-out Groups:* From your perspective, what are the most important political, economic or social obstacles and opportunities?
- What have been the most important obstacles and opportunities in the planning process?
 - What are the most important obstacles and opportunities for early implementation of the plan?
 - What are the long-term challenges and opportunities for achieving the Project Objectives?
- 2:45 – 3:00 Break
- 3:00 – 3:45 *Group Discussion:* Report-out from Break-out Groups
- What themes and unique ideas came out of the Break-out Groups?
 - What are the unknowns about the key social issues?
- 3:45 – 4:00 Summary of today’s workshop and next steps

Mapped Location of the Mountain View Community Center at 201 S. Rengstorff Ave.



Directions: From 101 either North or Southbound, take the Rengstorff Avenue exit and go south toward the Santa Cruz Mountains (away from the Bay). Go about a mile or so and cross the railroad tracks at Central Expressway. Turn left into Rengstorff Park. The Community Center is located at the south end of the park.