



# Welcome to Social Science Dimensions Workshop

South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project
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# Invited Experts

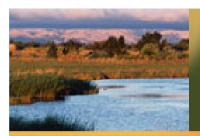
- Randall Crane, UCLA, Department of Urban Planning
- James Fiedler, Chief Operations Officer, Watershed, Santa Clara Valley Water District
- Ellen Johnck, Bay Planning Coalition, Sonoma State graduate student and Laura Watt, EDAW
- Lois Takahashi, UCLA, Department of Urban Planning













# Also Attending:

- Science Team members
- Consultant Team members
- Project Management Team members
- Stakeholder Forum members





# Desired Outcomes:

- Develop consensus on the most important political, economic, and social obstacles and opportunities
- Consider ways to deal with the unknowns related to the obstacles and opportunities, especially how to involve the general public and stakeholders
- Consider the planning, implementation and long-term phases of the project





# Some Uses for Today's Information:

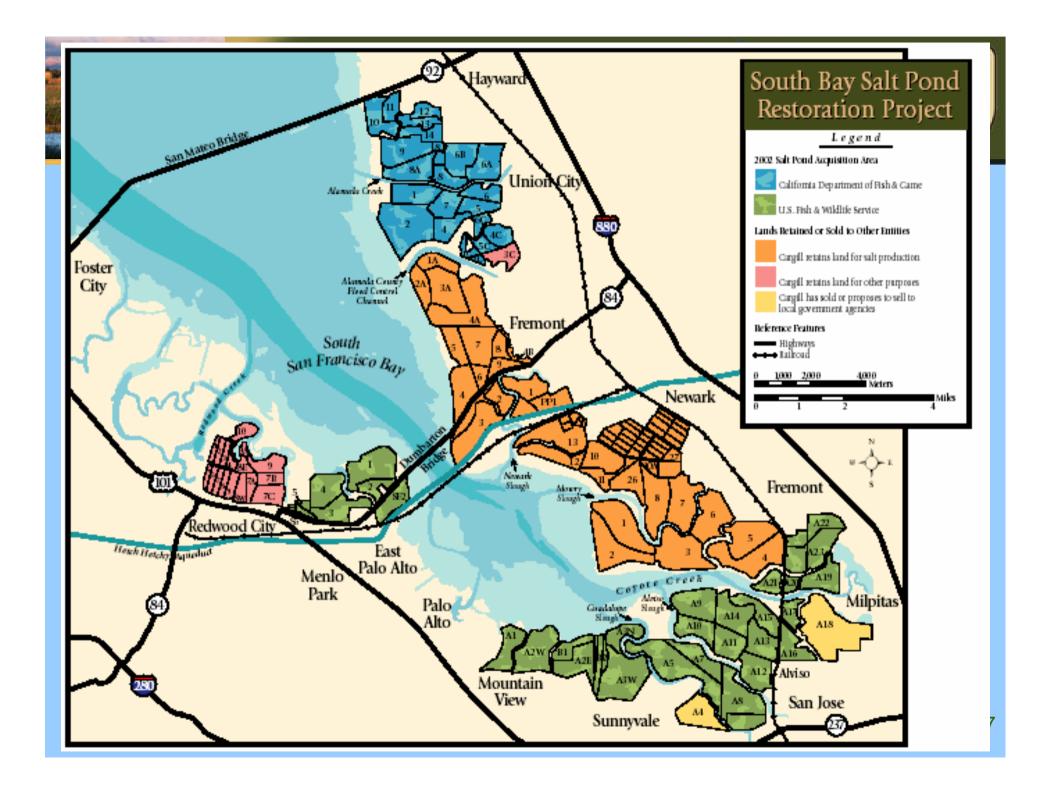
- Develop a Social Science Issues Science Synthesis
- Identify important monitoring needs
- Identify key uncertainties and important applied studies





## South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project

- Approximately 15,100 acres of ponds
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Game
- Project Goal: "restoration and enhancement of wetlands in the South San Francisco Bay while providing for flood management and wildlife-oriented public access and recreation"







# Project Objectives

- 1. Create, restore and enhance habitats to:
  - Assist in recovery of special-status species
  - Maintain current migratory bird species
  - Support increases in native species abundance/diversity
- 2. Maintain or increase flood protection
- 3. Provide for wildlife-compatible public access
- 4. Maintain or improve water and sediment quality
- 5. Maintain or improve invasive or nuisance species management
- 6. Protect services from existing infrastructure





# Tidal Marsh Restoration







# Pond Management



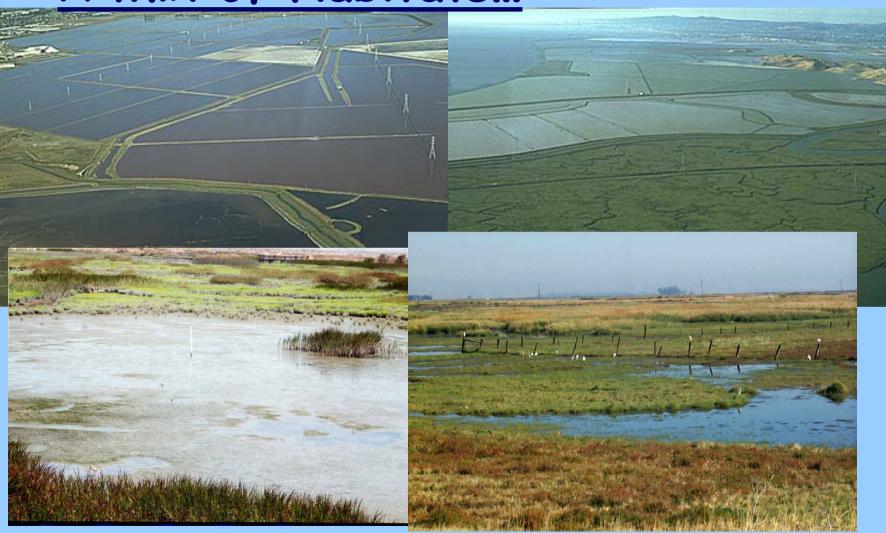


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# A Mix of Habitats...







# Social Dimensions affect our ability to achieve the Project Objectives

- Relationship of communities underrepresented in the Project right now
- Cultural and historical preservation and interpretation
- Ensuring support for short- and long-term project funding
- Effects of demographic changes on the Project





# Meeting Agenda...

- Morning: Presentations
- Afternoon: Discussion
  - Break-out groups
  - Report out from the groups
  - Next steps