

**South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project
National Science Panel Meeting
October 12 and 13, 2004
Draft Agenda**

San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
50 California Street, Suite 2600 San Francisco, CA 94111
McAteer-Petris Conference Room

Tuesday, October 12

8:00 – 8:15 **Introductions and Review Agenda** (Denise Reed)

8:15 – 8:45 **Project Status** (including the relationship of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project and the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Study) (Steve Ritchie)
SPECIFIC READ AHEAD: South Bay Salt Pond Project Status Report
DESIRED OUTCOME: Panel comment on status report regarding anticipated Record of Decision (ROD), Initial Stewardship Plan implementation, South SF Bay Shoreline Study, and other studies

8:45 – 10:15 **Role of Science** in getting to the ROD and beyond, including roles and responsibilities of Lead Scientist, Science Team, Consultant Team, and Executive Project Manager in working toward the Record of Decision. Also explicitly how the Consultant and Science Team products feed each other in relation to the Project timeline. (Lynne Trulio, Steve Ritchie, and Philip Williams and Associates)
SPECIFIC READ AHEAD: Page 34 and Table 6, Coordination between Consultant and Science Teams (pp. 37-38), in Science Plan
DESIRED OUTCOME: Panel comment on the interface between the Science Team and the Consultant Team, e.g., balance of independent review versus collaborative efforts, timeline for delivery of science products.

10:15 – 10:30 **Break**

10:30 – 12:00 **Invited Speaker:** Bruce Jaffe, USGS
Sediments in the South Bay
Others available for follow-up discussion include Mark Stacey (UCB),
Dave Schoellhamer (USGS), and Don Danmeier (PWA)
SPECIFIC READ AHEAD: None.
DESIRED OUTCOME: Panel discussion of what are reasonable expectations for the assessment of sediment dynamics in development of the plan and implementation.

12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch**
DESIRED OUTCOME: Satisfied Panel members

1:00 – 2:15 **Draft Science Plan**, presentation and discussion, including summary of key science issues and synthesis reports (Lynne Trulio)

SPECIFIC READ AHEAD: Draft Science Plan (pp. 1-41)

DESIRED OUTCOME:

- 1) Panel feedback on the key issues, including depth of analysis, priorities among issues, and focus areas within issues, and
- 2) Discussion with Lead Scientist on overall direction with respect to providing the best science to achieve the Project Objectives.

2:15 – 2:30 **Break**

2:30 – 3:45 **Focused Science Plan Issues Discussion** in a round table format (Lynne Trulio, National Science Panel, other individuals from the Project Management Team, Consultant and/or Science Team; Steve Ritchie will facilitate discussion)

Topic 1. What does it mean to have science-based Project Objectives?

DESIRED OUTCOMES: National Science Panel provides ideas from their experience on grounding Project Objectives in science.

Topic 2. Developing ecological metrics and performance standards.

DESIRED OUTCOME: Collect ideas on the purpose of metrics, their desired attributes, and the process of developing performance standards and measures for ecosystem restoration.

3:45 – 4:00 **Public Comment**

4:00 – 4:30 **First Day Wrap-up** (Denise Reed)

4:30 – 6:00 **Reception** for participants together with the authors and editors of the just-released Bay Nature magazine insert on the South Bay Salt Ponds

Wednesday, October 13

8:00 – 8:30 **Introductions and Review Agenda** (Denise Reed)

8:30 – 10:00 **Adaptive Management Plan**, overview (Lynne Trulio and Don Danmeier/Ron Duke) followed by Round Table Discussion.

SPECIFIC READ AHEAD: Adaptive Management Plan Outline and Process Diagram

DESIRED OUTCOME: Panel's observations from their experience on successful (or unsuccessful) adaptive management plan approaches and key elements and mechanisms for successful Adaptive Management.

10:00 – 10:15 **Break**

10:15 – 11:45 **Round Table Discussion** on Conceptual Models in an Adaptive Management Context (Lynne Trulio, National Science Panel, Ron Duke, Project Management Team members)

SPECIFIC READ AHEAD: Conceptual Model for the Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse (text and diagram)

DESIRED OUTCOME: Panel's views on the Conceptual Model approach (format, level of detail, etc.) as a prototype for other models for the Project

11:45 – 12:00 **Public Comment**

12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch**

1:00 – 3:30 National Science Panel **Work Session** (*closed session*)

3:30 – 4:30 National Science Panel **Report Out** (Denise Reed)