

South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project
National Science Panel Meeting
November 7 and 8, 2005
Draft Agenda

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

Monday, November 7

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

8:15 – 8:30 Project Status (Steve Ritchie)

- Summary of Project progress including the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Study and integrating science into Project planning.

8:30-9:45 Science Presentation: Legacy contaminants, the Regional Monitoring Program and the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project—Jay Davis, San Francisco Estuary Institute

- Brief description
- Outcome: Comments from the NSP on the contaminants issue and approaches to coordination among large-scale projects
- Read-Ahead: 2005 Pulse of the Estuary (available at <http://www.sfei.org/rmp/pulse/2005/index.html>); Pollutants Science Synthesis Issue 7 (available at <http://www.southbayrestoration.org/Science.html>)

9:45-10:00 *Break*

10:00-12:00 ISP Update (Mendel Stewart and Carl Wilcox)

- Summary of 2004-2005 ISP actions, pond operation and monitoring.
- Results of 2004-05 monitoring (including physical changes, habitat change and species responses) and agency responses to compliance problems.
- Actions to integrate more science into current ISP management, monitoring and response.
- Outcome: Comments from the NSP on the efficacy of current monitoring and discussion of what should be happening to understand and manage ponds under the ISP.
- Read-Ahead: South Bay Salt Ponds Restoration Project, Short-term Data Needs, 2003-2005 Draft Final Report, U.S. Geological Survey, Western Ecological Research Center

12:00-1:00 *Lunch*

- 1:00 – 3:00 Response to National Science Panel Recommendations (Steve Ritchie and Lynne Trulio)
- Presentation of response to prior recommendations of the National Science Panel (Island Ponds adaptive management, Model development, Social scientist recruitment, Conflict of Interest statement, Science Team modelers' comments)
 - Outcome: Other suggestions from NSP on addressing their recommendations
 - Read-Ahead Items: Summary of Responses to NSP Recommendations; Proposal for Island Pond Adaptive Management Studies; Conflict of Interest Statement
- 3:00-3:15 *Break*
- 3:15-4:30 Alternatives Development Process and How Science Team Recommendations Have Been Incorporated (Steve Ritchie, Lynne Trulio and Michelle Orr)
- Presentation
 - Outcome: Comments from the NSP on the development of the EIS/EIR Alternatives
 - Read-Ahead Items: SBSP Preferred Alternative Approach; Consultant Team responses to Science Team comments on modeling
- 4:30-4:50 Hurricane Katrina – Effects On the Marshes (Denise Reed)
- 4:50-4:55 Public Comment
- 4:55-5:00 Wrap Up of Day 1 (Denise Reed)

Tuesday, November 8

- 8:00-8:15 Review Day 1 and Agenda for Day 2 (Denise Reed)
- 8:15-9:30 Summary of the Draft Adaptive Management Plan (Lynne Trulio)
- Overview of the science directing the AMP and the institutional arrangements to carry out adaptive management in the long-term.
 - Outcome: NSP provides constructive criticism of the scientific and institutional approach described in the AMP.
 - Read-Ahead: *South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project: Revised Draft Adaptive Management Plan*, October 2005 (Draft AMP October 27, 2005)
- 9:30-10:15 Continued role of the NSP
- NSP discussion of its continuing role in the Project.
- 10:15-10:30 *Break*

- 10:30-12:00 Further discussion of items from Day 1 and issues of NSP interest
- NSP will review issues from earlier in the meeting and bring up other discussion items related to assisting the PMT in decision-making and moving science forward in the Project.
- 12:00-12:15 Public Comment
- 12:15-1:00 *Lunch*
- 1:00-3:30 National Science Panel Work Session (closed session)
- 3:30-4:00 National Science Panel Report Out (Denise Reed)