

# South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project

## Initial Options for Restoration Workshop Presentation



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### Meeting Objectives

1. Explore range of preliminary restoration options for each pond complex and build common understanding of what may be physically desirable/achievable.
2. Identify what features and general considerations would be common to all pond complexes and which features would vary.
3. Develop shared understanding of what a restoration option does and does not include and what level of detail is appropriate at this time in the overall restoration planning process.



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### Meeting Schedule and Locations

#### Eden Landing Ponds

Wednesday, September 29, 2004 (1:30PM to 4:30PM)  
Marina Community Center, San Leandro

#### Alviso/Ravenswood Ponds

Thursday, September 30, 2004 (1:30PM to 4:30PM)  
San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant, San Jose

#### Entire Project Area

Wednesday, October 27, 2004 (7:00PM to 10:00PM)  
Coyote Point Museum, San Mateo



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Time	Presenter	Discussion Topic
1:30 – 1:35	Steve Ritchie/ Mary Selkirk	Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review and Workshop Objectives
1:35 – 1:45	Steve Ritchie	Overview of Current Status of Salt Pond Restoration Planning Effort – Where are we in the process and what is next?
1:45 - 2:30	PWA Team/ Michelle Orr	Overview of Options Description of Design Considerations Detailed description of each of four options
2:30 – 3:15	PWA Team Member/ PM Team Member/ CCP	In-Depth Review and discussion of Options at Stations  Option 0 – No action (ISP) Option 1 – Tidal Emphasis Option 2 – Mix of Tidal and Managed Ponds Option 3 – Managed Pond Emphasis
3:15 – 3:30		Break
3:30 – 4:20	Steve Ritchie/ Mary Selkirk	Group Re-convenes on Plenary Comments/Questions/Discussion of Each Option
4:20 – 4:30	Steve Ritchie	Next Steps and Future Meeting Dates

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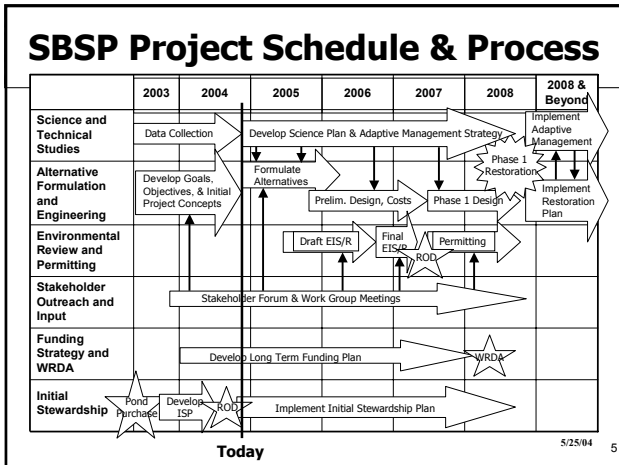
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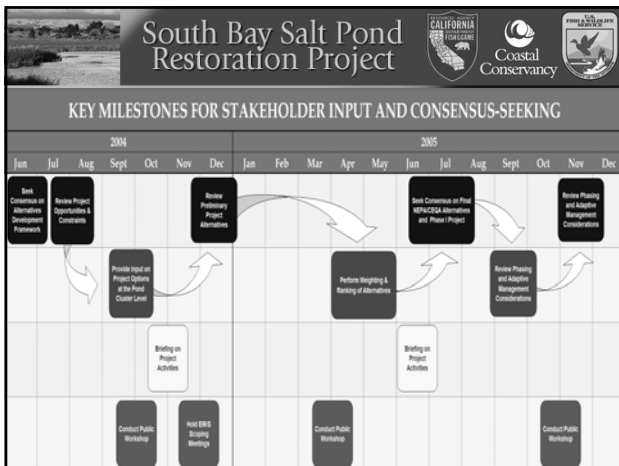
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## Restoration Planning Mission

*To prepare a scientifically sound and publicly supported restoration and public access plan that can begin to be implemented within five years.*

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## Long-Term Restoration Goals

Provide:

- A mix of habitats 
- Flood management 
- Wildlife-oriented recreation 

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## Project Mission & Overarching Goal

- **Mission:** To prepare a scientifically sound and publicly supported restoration and public access plan that can begin to be implemented within five years.
- The **overarching goal** of the Long-Term Restoration Plan is the restoration and enhancement of wetlands in the South San Francisco Bay while providing for flood management and wildlife-oriented public access and recreation.

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### Revised Guiding Principles

- Long-Term Restoration Plan is based on the best available science, and independent scientific review is an integral part of its development and implementation.
- The Long-Term Restoration Plan is developed through an inclusive and open process that engages all stakeholders and interest groups and promotes partnerships and alliances across all interests.
- Numerous federal, state and local agencies are partners in the Long-Term Restoration Plan and their views are considered fully.

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### Revised Guiding Principles – cont.

- The Long-Term Restoration Plan is a flexible plan that is based on the concept of adaptive management - recognizing that information gathering is part of implementation and that modifications will be made in the future based on that information.
- The Long-Term Restoration Plan is implemented in phases, including achieving early, visible successes.
- The Long-Term Restoration Plan emphasizes naturally sustaining systems while acknowledging that management will be required to provide a mix of habitats.

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### Revised Guiding Principles – cont.

- The Long-Term Restoration Plan integrates habitat restoration actions at a regional landscape scale to provide ecosystem-level benefits.
- Development of the Long-Term Restoration Plan will consider costs of implementation, management, and monitoring so that planned activities can be effectively executed with available funding. Partnerships and alliances will be formed to develop and institute a long-term viable funding strategy.

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### Adopted Project Objectives

1. Create or enhance habitats of sufficient size function and appropriate structure to:
  - Promote restoration of native special status species (change to plants and animals) that depend on South San Francisco Bay habitat for all or part of their life cycles.
  - Maintain current migratory bird species that utilize existing salt ponds and associated structures such as levees.
  - Support increased abundance and diversity of native species in various South San Francisco Bay aquatic and terrestrial ecosystem components, including plants, invertebrates, fish, mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians.

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### Adopted Project Objectives – cont.

2. Maintain or improve existing levels of flood protection in the South Bay area.
3. Provide public access and recreational opportunities compatible with wildlife and habitat goals.
4. Maintain or improve existing levels of water quality in the South Bay.

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### Adopted Project Objectives – cont.

5. Implement design and management measures to maintain or improve current levels of vector management, control predation on special status species, and manage the spread of non-native invasive species.
6. Protect the services provided by existing infrastructure (e.g., power lines, railroads).

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## Michelle Orr Presentation

- Overview of Options
- Description of Design Considerations
- Detailed Description of Each of Four Options  
(separate presentation and handout)

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## Next Steps and Future Meetings Dates

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San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant, San Jose
- **Entire Project Area – Options Workshop**  
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Coyote Pointe Museum, San Mateo 
- **Stakeholder Forum: December 15 (1:00 – 4:00 pm)**  
Location, TBD and announced via e-mail

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