

SOUTH BAY SALT PONDS RESTORATION PROJECT
RECREATION AND PUBLIC ACCESS
Work Plan Outline/Data Collection Summary
April 1, 2004

Task 1. Research and Data Collection – Recreation-related data will be collected under the following categories:

- **Agency/Group Policies (Management)** – reports and studies identifying recreation goals, plans and guidelines for the project area and vicinity.
- **Recreation Use (Social)** – research and reports on user demand and activities, existing interpretive and educational programs and policies.
- **Wildlife/Habitat Compatibility (Biological)** – research and studies within the region and nationwide related to visitor use and resource protection.
- **Cultural Resources** – data and information on cultural and environmental history of the project area will be collected and summarized and incorporated for use with recreation planning for educational and interpretive purposes.

(See attached summary of research and data collection)

Task 2. Identify and Map Recreation Features *(Physical and biological data collected for and by other Team members to be used in cooperation with this data)*

- **GIS Data/Mapping**
 - Regional parks and open space (protected lands)
 - Ownership and management boundaries
 - Existing and proposed trails and use (Bay trail and other trailheads connecting to project area)
 - Proposed trail links, connections and alignments
 - Visitor access facilities (parking areas, viewing points, fishing access/piers, interpretive facilities and signage)
 - Recreational features/cultural points of interest
 - Regional campgrounds
 - Motorized and non-motorized boat launch/access site
 - Transportation links

(See Draft Map of Existing Recreation and Public Access)

Task 3. Identify Public Access/Recreation Opportunities and Constraints and Recreation Demand- Based on the following categories:

- **Physical** – overview of physical factors/features (transportation, utility, structures, land use) that affect recreation and public access
- **Hydrological/Restoration** – an overview of how these factors will affect the ability to incorporate recreation and public access to the project area, based on work from other Team members
- **Biological** – overview of factors that affect biological-based opportunities and constraints.

- **Social/Educational** – overview of visitor demand and use information that will affect recreation and public access and interpretive themes and educational benefits.
- **Policy/Management** – overview of policies/regulations that affect management and implementation of recreation and public access.

(Admin Draft to PMT on June 1, 2004)

Task 4. Prepare Preliminary Recreation Concepts – Based on the initial restoration concepts, recreation and public access thematic schemes will be prepared including the following possible components:

- Possible trail alignments with criteria for use, size, type.
- Interpretive and educational themes and location opportunities
- Surface water use and access points
- Visitor access points and facilities
- Use limitations or restrictions based on known constraints from Task 3

(Draft concept plans will be presented to the PMT on September 14, 2004)

**Recreation and Public Access Data Collection
Summary Report
April 1, 2004**

Research and data collection will result in the Recreation and Public Access opportunities and constraints report which will include a bibliography of published and unpublished literature and data and a GIS map at the “project scale” illustrating existing recreation and public access features as well as a summary of opportunities and constraints.

The following table summarizes the type of data being collected, the source and the status of this effort to date.

Recreation and Public Access Research and Data Collection			
Category	Data Type	Source/Contact	Status
Management			
USFWS regulatory overview	Code/Policy summaries	USFWS staff Agency-wide search	Underway
DFG regulatory overview	Code/Policy summaries	DFG Staff Agency-wide search	Underway
BCDC regulatory overview	Plan/Policy overview	Agency Staff	Underway
Municipal requirements	Related policies or Guidelines	All associated/adjacent municipalities	Underway
Special Districts	Related policies or guidelines	District staff	Underway
Social			
User demand	Survey results	USFWS, BCDC, user groups	Underway (not much available to date)
Visitor data	Annual summaries	USFWS, BCDC, user groups	Underway (not much available to date)
Biological			
Species habitats in project area	GIS	PWA team, regulatory agencies	
Effects of recreation on similar species/habitats	Literature	Caitlin Sweeney (BCDC) and independent search	Underway
Cultural Resources			
General history	Literature	Various sources	Underway
Prehistoric/historic features/places	GIS (point, line)	SOHP database	Underway
Recreation Features Map			
Bay trail	GIS (line data)	Janet McBride	Complete
Regional trails	GIS (line data)	BAOSPC	Complete (needs to be edited)
Regional open space	GIS (parcel data)	Green Info Network	complete
Existing public access & features	GIS (point data)	USFWS brochures & municipalities/districts	Partially complete
EBRP District recreation	GIS (line, point data)	Terry Noonan	Underway

