

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

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Agenda Item 12.a.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject: Presentation on the 2022-2026 Update to the Estuary Blueprint or Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for the San Francisco Estuary

Background: The Estuary Blueprint, or Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP), identifies priority actions needed for a healthy, resilient San Francisco Estuary in 2050. This document is a required element of the National Estuary Program under the Clean Water Act. The San Francisco Estuary Partnership is currently updating the 2016 Estuary Blueprint for the 2022-2026 period.

Originally released in 1993, this planning document for the San Francisco Estuary—the San Francisco Bay and the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta—provides a roadmap to adapt to climate change and sea level rise, restore vital habitat and natural resources, reduce pollution and contaminants, and create an environment that is safe, healthy, accessible, and enjoyable for all Estuary residents and visitors. The plan was last significantly revised in 2016 when it was rebranded the Estuary Blueprint and will be revised or updated every five years.

The current update process focuses on reviewing the 2016 actions for relevance and urgency and examines emerging priorities with significant climate change implications for the health of the Estuary. Dozens of local, regional, state, and federal agencies and organizations are participating in the update, and an expanded public engagement effort is underway to engage new and underrepresented stakeholders. The updated Estuary Blueprint is planned for release in 2022.

Issues: None

Recommended Action: Information

Attachments: Presentation

Reviewed:


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