

San Francisco Estuary Project

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Fast Facts

Roughly 1,600 square miles, draining about 40% of California's landscape.

Provides drinking water to 20 million Californians and irrigates 4.5 million acres of farmland.

Nearly 8 million people live in the 12 county region.

Water projects, the largest in the world, divert water for agricultural, municipal, and industrial uses.

Commercial fisheries valued at \$20 million annually.

130 fish species and 380 wildlife species.



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Status Update & Next Steps

Five priority management issues are being addressed: decline of biological resources, pollutants, impacts from freshwater diversions and altered flow regime, intensified land use, and increased dredging and waterway modification.

Ten priorities are currently being pursued, to focus limited dollars and energy on activities considered most important for the Estuary's health:

- Expand, restore, and protect Bay-Delta wetlands;
- Integrate and improve regulatory, planning, management, and scientific monitoring programs;
- Create economic incentives that encourage local government to take protection and enhancement actions to protect and enhance the Estuary;
- Improve the management and control of urban runoff;
- Prepare and implement watershed management plans throughout the Estuary;
- Reduce and control exotic species introductions and spread via ship ballast and other means;

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San Francisco Bay watershed. Courtesy of USEPA.

- Increase public awareness about the Estuary's natural resources and the need to protect them;
- Implement the Regional Monitoring Program and integrate the results of scientific monitoring into management and regulatory decisions;
- Work with federal and state agencies to include CCMP recommendations in other planning and restoration efforts and funding decisions.

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Association of National Estuary Programs

The Association of National Estuary Program (ANEP) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting responsible stewardship and a common vision for the preservation of our nation's bays and estuaries.

ANEP's Mission

Bring consistency to estuarine data collection and management, and turn data into useful information that is consolidated into meaningful status and trends at the national scale. Ensure that data are reliable, objective, and goal-directed. Achieve recognition of the critical roles for continued monitoring and assessment.

Educate the public on the meaning and practical application of "responsible stewardship." Ensure that the public understands the long-term nature of solutions to the environmental problems now facing bays and estuaries.

Achieve mutual support and coordination among all coastal programs. Enhance communication among NEPs and between NEPs and other coastal programs. Report both successes and failures to Congress and the American public, while understanding that through 'adaptive management' we can achieve effective management of our nation's bays and estuaries.

Seek explicit congressional support and commitment to implement Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans (CCMPs). Capitalize on the hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours invested thus far, nationwide, and recognize the important role that Management Conferences play as a continuing forum for all stakeholders.

Achieve sufficient federal funding to strengthen the federal/state/local and public/private partnerships that have been fledged across the nation. Achieve stable funding for core program operations, project implementation, and local government pass-through dollars as incentive for regional, multi-jurisdictional cooperation.

