

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Bruce Wolfe)
MEETING DATE: February 8, 2017

ITEM: 7

SUBJECT: **Estuary Blueprint – The 2016 Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan –**
Presentation on the 2016 CCMP Update by Caitlin Sweeney, Director of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership

DISCUSSION: The San Francisco Estuary Partnership’s Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for the San Francisco Estuary (CCMP) is a collaborative agreement about what should be done to protect and restore the Estuary - a road map for restoring the Estuary’s chemical, physical, and biological processes to health. The first CCMP was developed in 1993 after several years of status assessments and policy discussions in which over 100 different stakeholder groups took part. It was the first plan to recognize that the Bay and the Delta should be managed as one Estuary, and remains the only plan of such scope to date.

The 2016 CCMP, also referred to as the Estuary Blueprint, updates the 1993 CCMP and its 2007 update. The 2016 CCMP is a collaborative vision for the Estuary and a “next step” for many significant regional planning documents. The CCMP’s goals take a systems approach to protecting habitats and living resources, building resiliency, improving water quality and quantity, and championing the Estuary. Through its goals, the CCMP will further Estuary protection and restoration using watershed approaches to address our most pressing estuarine health issues, embracing and reducing hurdles to innovations in climate resilience planning, and bridging the upper and lower Estuary (the Bay and the Delta) in order to support key natural processes. Detailed information on the plan is located at <http://www.sfestuary.org/ccmp/>

Caitlin Sweeney is Director of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, one of 28 National Estuary Programs around the country. The Partnership, currently housed at the Water Board, is a collaboration of federal, State, and local agencies and non-profits working to protect and restore water quality and the natural resources of the Estuary. It directly manages dozens of important projects, including efforts to plan regional green infrastructure and to reduce impacts from aquatic invasive species, urban pesticides, mercury pollution, and direct sewage discharges by recreational boaters.

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DATION:** This is an information item and no action is necessary.