

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

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT
MEETING DATE: March 13, 2019

ITEM 7

SUBJECT: **San Francisco Estuary Institute 2019-24 Strategic Plan** – Overview by Warner Chabot, Executive Director of the Institute

DISCUSSION: The San Francisco Estuary Institute has produced a new five-year, 2019-24 Strategic Plan to shift the Institute’s work from short-term planning and specific projects toward more ambitious, solution-based knowledge for long-term, regional decision making, especially around climate adaptation. Warner Chabot, Executive Director of the Institute, will provide an overview of the Strategic Plan with emphasis on actions of interest and benefit to the Board.

The Estuary Institute was established in 1993 to provide public resource and management agencies and policy makers at all levels of government with sound, objective scientific knowledge for decision-making and communications around water quality and San Francisco Estuary management. The Estuary Institute has three primary program areas: Clean Water, which includes the San Francisco Bay Regional Monitoring Program; Resilient Landscapes, which supports ecological resilience and habitat restoration projects and strategies spanning urban, agricultural, and wildland landscapes; and Environmental Informatics, which uses state of the art technology and design concepts to provide user-friendly and accessible scientific data management and mapping tools that translate complex environmental data into dynamic visual presentations to support resource management planning and implementation by policy leaders, agencies, and stakeholders.

The Estuary Institute also administers the Aquatic Science Center, a joint powers authority between the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies and the State Water Board. Both State and Regional Water Board senior management serve on the Institute’s board of directors, which recently approved the Strategic Plan.

More information on the Estuary Institute is available at: <https://www.sfei.org/>.

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DATION: No action needed – information item.