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REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT: Thomas Mumley
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ITEM: 6

Estuary Blueprint - the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for the San Francisco Estuary – Presentation on the 2022 Estuary Blueprint Update by Caitlin Sweeney, Director of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership

DISCUSSION:

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership is updating the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for the San Francisco Estuary (CCMP), now commonly called the Estuary Blueprint. Caitlin Sweeney will provide an overview of the Estuary Blueprint and the update process, including opportunity for stakeholder participation.

The Estuary Blueprint is a collaborative agreement that provides a road map for protecting and restoring the Estuary's chemical, physical, and biological health. The original CCMP, developed in 1993, 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 Estuary Blueprint takes a systems approach to protecting habitats and living resources, building resiliency, improving water quality and quantity, and championing the Estuary and provides a "next step" for many significant regional planning efforts. The Estuary Blueprint addresses 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 current Estuary Blueprint is located at www.sfestuary.org/ccmp, and information on the update is available at www.sfestuary.org/estuary-blueprint-update/.

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership is one of 28 National Estuary Programs. It is managed and housed at the Association of Bay Area Governments / Metropolitan Transportation Commission. The Partnership 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. Assistance Executive Officer, Thomas Mumley, is Chair of the Partnership's Implementation Committee and participates along with Assistant Executive Officer, Lisa Horowitz-McCann on the Blueprint Update Steering Committee.