

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

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT: Christina Toms
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ITEM: 6

Wetland Regional Monitoring Program (WRMP) – Presentation on the Status of the WRMP by Heidi Nutters, Steering Committee Chair, and Christina Toms, Technical Advisory Committee Chair – Information Item

DISCUSSION:

This item will provide an update on the development of the Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program for San Francisco Bay (WRMP). The WRMP is being developed through a collaborative process led by the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) with funding from the US EPA's Wetland Program Development Grant program. The goal of the WRMP is to improve wetland restoration project success through regional-scale monitoring to increase the impact, utility and application of permit-driven monitoring to inform science-based decision-making.

The WRMP Plan was released in April 2020 and is available on a web site maintained by SFEP (<https://www.sfestuary.org/wrmp/>). The Plan lays the foundation for the development of the WRMP, and Water Board staff helped draft significant portions of it. The Plan lays out the guiding and management questions and a comprehensive science framework that includes initial priority actions, such as development of a base map and monitoring site network. In addition, the Plan calls for development of a governance structure, funding model, and open data sharing platform. Water Board staff continue to help complete the development of the WRMP by chairing the Technical Advisory Committee, and participating on the Steering Committee and funding workgroup.