

# **San Francisco Bay Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting**

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# Meeting Goals

- Update on Nutrient Management Strategy governance
- Overview of Nutrient Watershed NPDES Permit
- SFEI Science Update
- Assessment Framework Update



# Recap of June Meeting

- Briefings on Conceptual Model and Loading Study
- Provide Input to White Paper – Nutrient Assessment Framework Approaches
- Bay Nutrient Strategy governance discussion



# Today's Agenda

- NMS and Governance
- Nutrient Watershed Permit
- Status of Reports
- Science Plan Development
- Assessment Framework Update
- Lower South Bay studies



# NMS Governance Assessment by Center for Collaborative Policy

- ✓ US EPA
- ✓ USGS
- ✓ Central Valley RWQCB
- ✓ BASMAA
- ✓ Delta Science Program
- ✓ State Water Contractors
- ✓ SFEI
- ✓ Sacramento Regional County Sanitation Dist.
- ✓ BayKeeper

# Findings Summary

- Very high support for NMS process
- Very little awareness of the NMS document
- Inclusion is preferred over speed
- Strong belief that NMS can and should be different and provide a better model





# Findings Summary

- Geographic distinctions between Delta and Bay are arbitrary
- Strong support for Delta and Bay representatives on the SC
- High support for general proposed structure
- Strong support for a solid decision-making process on technical issues
- Strong concern about “who does the work”



# Governance Recommendations

- Finalize initial SC list
- Invitations to join SC
- Membership in SC
- Prepare a draft Charter document -  
decision-making protocols,  
proposed membership, etc.



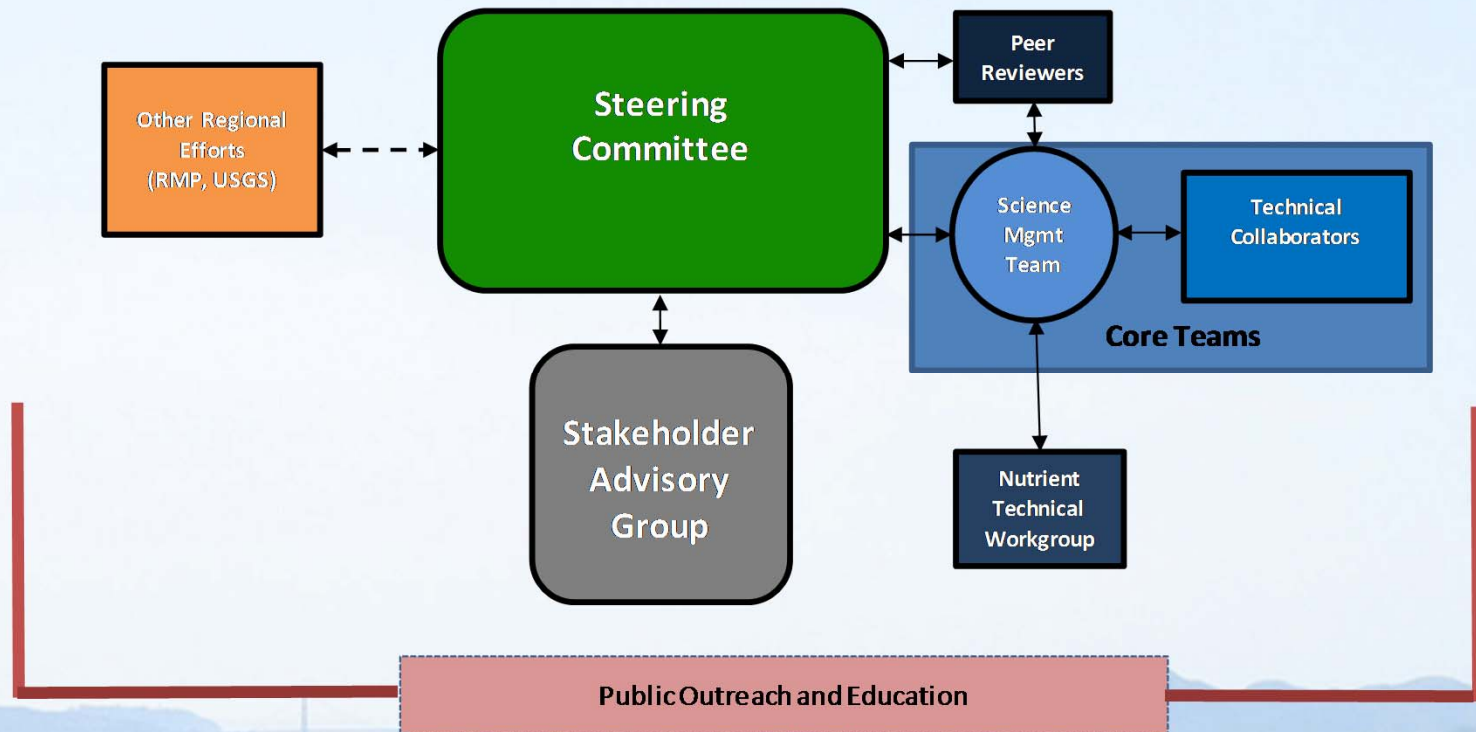


# Technical Recommendations

- Clarify roles responsibilities, assignments
- Refine specific roles of Technical Team, Technical Stakeholders, and Peer Reviewers (include in Charter)
- Need to do a better job explaining the NMS technical approach
- Clarify SC interaction with Technical Team
- Clarify options for Peer Review structure and compensation



# NMS Draft Organizational Structure



# Role of the SAG

- Document review
- Provide input to the SC
- Information exchange
- Meeting frequency

Your Perspective



# High Priorities for Water Board in 2014

- Complete Governance Charter
- Organize SC
- Adopt Nutrient Watershed Permit
- Make Progress on Model Development
- Complete Draft Assessment Framework

# High Priorities for Water Board in 2014

- Science Plan – develop cost estimates
- Monitoring Program Development
- Develop integrated schedule - post
- Complete current Suisun Studies
- Update NMS



# High Priorities for Water Board in 2014

- Suisun Marsh TMDL
  - Develop DO targets – SSOs
  - Assess nutrient impairment
- Lower South Bay
  - Improve understanding of DO
- Suisun Bay – HABs
- Ocean – nutrient impacts



# Assessment Framework Development Schedule

- Scoping White Paper April 2013
- Analysis of Existing Data October 2013
- Framework Workshop February 2014
- Second Workshop April 2014
- Draft Framework June 2014
- Final Framework November 2014