

October 26, 2009

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Steering Committee

From: Rachel Allen  
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**Re: Summary of Annual Meeting Survey Results**

**A. Summary statistics for meeting:**

2009

Registered participants:	195
Registered – no show:	39
Walk-ins:	20
<b>Total attendees:</b>	<b>176</b>

For comparison, 2008, 2007 and 2006 numbers:

2008

Registered participants:	222
Registered – no show:	28
Walk-ins:	10
<b>Total attendees:</b>	<b>204</b>

2007

Registered participants:	207
Registered – no show:	22
Walk-ins:	34
<b>Total attendees:</b>	<b>219</b>

2006

Registered participants:	205
Registered – no show:	28
Walk-ins:	14
<b>Total attendees:</b>	<b>191</b>

## **B. Meeting Survey**

In 2009, 59 people filled out the online survey (Surveygizmo), a 34 percent return rate. For comparison, in 2008 we received a 23 percent return rate, the first time we used the electronic survey service, versus 16 percent and 14 percent from 2007 and 2006.

Regarding general satisfaction, 58 percent of survey responders rated the meeting as excellent, and 37 percent rated it as very good.

With regard to new pilot and special studies, the following recommendations were made:

- Freshwater: sources and loading of sediment and contaminants, effects
- Sediment: erodability, implications of erosion, implications of dredging, fine scale modeling
- Effects of removal of street sweeping requirement
- Pharmaceuticals/ Emerging contaminants/ trash
- Flame retardant pathways from mattress to fish tissue
- Effects thresholds for emerging contaminants, eg. PBDEs
- Nutrient studies
- Climate change
- Copper sediment toxicity and effects on salmonids
- Effects of ammonia in the water stream
- Methyl mercury and pyrethroids
- Evaluation of reactive Hg levels in the bay
- Follow up studies on projects required by TMDLs
- Atmospheric deposition
- Eelgrass distribution and long term changes
- Ecology and food web of the bay

Topics for next year's Pulse:

- Freshwater loading/ Urban runoff
- Emerging contaminants
- Invasive species
- Nutrients
- Trash
- Historic mines
- Wetland restoration
- Salt ponds
- Climate change
- Innovations in monitoring techniques
- Changing ecosystem of the bay

Future Meetings:

- Climate Change

- Biology
- Mercury reduction projects
- Emerging Contaminants
- Invasive Species
- Application of science to policy and clean-ups
- Biogeochemistry
- Metals
- Differences in bay regions
- Stormwater projects

### C. Lunchtime Referendum results

Meeting attendees voted on the way they would allocate money amongst RMP items

#### General Items (2 votes/ person)

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|------------------------------------|----|
| • Stakeholder Involvement          | 14 |
| • Communication                    | 30 |
| • Coordination with Other Programs | 67 |
| • Status and Trends Monitoring     | 65 |

#### Focused Topics (3 votes/ person)

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|-----------------------------|----|
| • Mercury                   | 8  |
| • Small Tributary Loads     | 43 |
| • Modeling (forecasting)    | 18 |
| • Emerging Contaminants     | 48 |
| • Dioxins                   | 1  |
| • PCBs                      | 2  |
| • Effects                   | 26 |
| • Atmospheric Deposition    | 24 |
| • Nutrients                 | 37 |
| • Climate Change Adaptation | 24 |
| • Pathogens                 | 14 |
| • Invasive Species          | 23 |