

MEMORANDUM

April 23, 2007

To: RMP Steering Committee

From: Meg Sedlak, Mike Connor and Jay Davis

Re: RMP Policy on Accepting Funding and Tasks from non-RMP participants

The RMP has been approached by the Copper Development Association (CDA) to analyze the 2006 CEP/RMP sediment cores for an additional parameter, copper. CDA will pay for the copper analyses and for SFEI staff time to manage this additional task. The TRC has reviewed this request and finds that it has substantial technical merit for the coring study.

As noted in the March 27, 2007 TRC minutes, the TRC expressed some concerns about this request (e.g., the potential for the results to derail the existing agreements within the Copper Brake Pad initiative). The TRC has requested that the SC evaluate this project in light of this concern. In addition, the TRC has requested that the SC provide some criteria for accepting funding from outside organizations to conduct research.

In general, the RMP encourages the use of matching funds to leverage the limited RMP funds (e.g., the loading studies that are funded by the RMP, Santa Clara Valley Water District, and the US Army Corps). SFEI staff recommends that outside data requests be encouraged to improve the coordination of RMP data collection with other programs and to improve the overall efficiency of data collection in the Bay.