

Item 8 Attachment 1

October 16, 2007

MEMORANDUM

To: Steering Committee
From: Meg Sedlak
Re: **Summary of Annual Meeting Survey Results**

A. Summary statistics for meeting:

2007

Registered participants:	207
Registered – no show:	22
Walk-ins:	34
Total attendees:	219

For comparison, 2006 and 2005 numbers:

2006

Registered participants:	205
Registered – no show:	28
Walk-ins:	14
Total attendees:	191

2005

Registered participants:	222
Registered – no show:	44
Walk-ins:	13
Total attendees:	191

B. Meeting Survey

In 2007, 16 percent returned surveys (36 surveys). For comparison, in 2006, 14 percent returned surveys (26 surveys) and in 2005, 25 percent returned surveys (42 surveys). See attached tabulation of the 2007 survey.

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Particular research concerns/Additional topics for future meetings:

- Evaluate selenium and mercury interaction on the health effects to humans and wildlife
- Continued monitoring of organic/metals
- Focus on endocrine disrupters, and nanoparticles (several surveys made this comment)
- Effects of PBDEs on human health and wildlife (several surveys made this comment)
- Pollution prevention and source control (several surveys)
- What are the most problematic PAHs in terms of impacts to fish, birds and mammals?
- Trends in silver concentrations
- TMDL implementation – how does this affect RMP activities?
- Climate change and the RMP (several surveys)
- Dioxin and PBDE loads in the Bay
- Exotic species (several surveys)
- Like to see a better balance between watershed and Bay monitoring
- Have a speaker summarize SWAMP watershed monitoring
- Small scale identification of methyl mercury hot spots
- Port challenges and the mothballed fleet

Topics for next year's Pulse

- Sediment core results and management implications (several surveys)
- Great to see updates from year to year
- Discussion of case studies where mitigation has helped and where the RMP was involved as part of the effort
- Pyrethroids
- Water infrastructure – how are we doing?

General comments:

- More time for questions and answers (several surveys)
- Online web query tool is great. The RMP is a wonderful program (several surveys)
- Best panel meeting yet (many surveys)
- Too much self-congratulation. General panel of honchos didn't work
- Great to get bigger picture of the Bay as a whole
- Crowd getting to big for the auditorium
- Great location – easy BART access – not so good for parking (several surveys)
- Good food/liked buffet (many surveys)
- It is unfortunate that caffeinated beverages are not allowed in the auditorium