

## Sources Pathways and Loadings Workgroup Activities (2005)

1. There will be two SPLWG meeting this year (May and October)
2. 1<sup>st</sup> WG meeting was held at SFEI on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Meeting minutes have been prepared and are available on our web site. Major agenda items included:

- a) Discussion and development of the SPL 5-year work plan

The discussion and written review comments received after the meeting have been incorporated to substantially improve the document. The work plan is now available for TRC review and approval.

- b) Discussion on criterion for picking another small tributaries loadings study site

The RMP funded review and reconnaissance field project (\$7.5k) will be completed in 2005 to help make decisions on where to sample next. The workgroup discussed a number of potential criterion. The Workgroup endorsed the product of the small project that would be a matrix of 6-12 potential locations for study – the matrix would be compiled in relation to potential criterion discussed – it would be then up to the WG to make final decisions and recommendations to the TRC.

- c) Discussion and ranking of special and pilots studies proposals

Lester solicited special and pilot proposal ideas for SPL consideration. The members then ranked them through an email process after the meeting. The proposals have been modified per written and verbal comments and will be further discussed along side any addition proposals that come in before the next WG meeting (scheduled in October).

- d) Update on Mallard Island and Guadalupe field studies

- e) Presentation by Neil Ganju on a sediment budget for Suisun Bay

- f) Presentation by Kit Conaway on Hg in Bay Area gasoline and Deisaline

- g) Presentation by Aaron Slowey on methylation in wetland areas of Alamitos creek

3. In summary, the products expected from SPLWG efforts this year include:

- a) SPLWG 5-year work plan approved by TRC and published on our web

- b) Guadalupe Year 1 Hg section published in Journal of the Total Environment (providing they accept the changes I am making based on their review)

- c) Guadalupe Year 2 final report published on our web after reviewer comments have been addressed

- d) Guadalupe Year 3 report (due to USACE September 30<sup>th</sup>) reviewed and published on our web

- e) Mallard Island interim report published on our web

- f) Mallard Is “final report” summarizing 4 years of data submitted to SPL for review

- g) A decision on where to start another small tributaries loading study
- h) A united decision from the WG on which special and pilot studies proposals to endorse for TRC consideration
- i) Secured funding and initiation of year 4 of the field work for Guadalupe study