



## RMP Steering Committee Meeting

April 17th, 2006

San Francisco Estuary Institute  
Second Floor Conference Room  
7770 Pardee Lane, Oakland, CA  
12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

### DRAFT AGENDA

1.	<b>Approval of Agenda and Minutes</b> (Attachment)	12:30 Chair
2.	<b>Information: Committee Member Updates</b>	12:35 Group
3.	<b>Information: Technical Review Committee Meeting Summary</b> (Attachment) The TRC met on March 29 <sup>th</sup> to discuss prioritization of Status and Trends and Pilot and Special Studies. Interesting presentations were given on the changes in phytoplankton blooms in the last ten years, water flow at Mallard Island during the January 2006 floods, and a review of cormorant egg data.	12:40 Meg Sedlak
4.	<b>Action: Budget Status</b> (Attachment/Handouts) The 2005 budget came in under budget. Approximately \$200,000 from 2005 will be carried over to complete unfinished 2005 labor tasks and to conduct unanticipated new 2006 tasks. <b>Desired outcome: Approval of revised 2006 budget</b>	12:50 Meg Sedlak/Jay Davis
5.	<b>Action: Discussion of Short term Investment of RMP fees</b> (Attachment) Because of Steering Committee decisions to freeze RMP rate increases at 2% or less, the capacity of RMP resources is shrinking in real dollars. SFEI is considering pursuing cost efficiencies to allow RMP to continue at the same programmatic level with reduced resources. One possible option is the transfer of RMP funds from Local Agency Investment Funds (LAIF) to CDs. <b>Desired Outcome: Approval of transferring RMP funds from LAIF to CDs.</b>	1:25 Mike Connor

6.	<b>Information: Update on Pulse Outline (Attachment)</b> Authors for the 2006 Pulse have been lined up and a revised outline has been prepared.	1:40 Jay Davis
7.	<b>Discussion: Agenda for Annual Meeting (Handout)</b> The Oakland Museum has been booked for the Annual Meeting on September 12th. A preliminary agenda has been prepared. Input from the Committee is needed	1:55 Jay Davis
8.	<b>Information: Discussion of Projected Future Loss of Dredging Fees (Handout)</b> As dredging in the Bay is reduced, the revenue for the RMP will be decreased. <b>Desired Outcome:</b> Outline potential options for reducing this revenue gap.	2:15 Beth Christian/ Dyan Whyte
9.	<b>Action: Maintenance of a Reserve for the RMP (Attachment)</b> Given the variation in dredger's fees, the difficulty obtaining fees (Cal Trans and others), and the potential for changes in the program, SFEI staff is recommending that the RMP retain approximately \$200,000 in reserve for unanticipated shortfalls. <b>Desired Outcome: Approval of a reserve fund of \$200,000</b>	2:35 Meg Sedlak
10.	<b>Information: Program Update (Handout)</b> An update on deliverables will be presented.	2:45 Meg Sedlak
12.	<b>Adjourn</b>	3:00