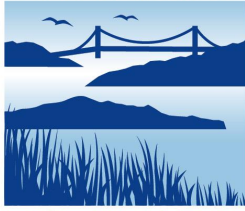


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RE: Comments on Draft Plan Bay Area 2040

To Whom it May Concern,

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership (Partnership) was established in 1988 as part of the National Estuary Program under the Clean Water Act as a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency program to restore the water quality and ecological integrity of the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary. The Partnership is guided by a 40-member Implementation Committee, comprised of representatives from local, state, and federal agencies; business and industry; and environmental organizations.

On behalf of the the Implementation Committee, we appreciates the opportunity to submit the following comments on the Draft Plan Bay Area 2040 for consideration.

The Partnership recently collaborated with more than 70 partners throughout the region to develop long-term goals and a 5-year action plan to increase the health of the Estuary and the surrounding communities. The resulting Estuary Blueprint is a comprehensive, collective vision for the region's future. The Estuary Blueprint was approved by the Implementation Committee and the Partnership's Executive Council comprised of: the Regional Administrator, US EPA Region 9; the Regional Director, US Fish and Wildlife Service Pacific Southwest Office; the Secretaries of California EPA and the Resources Agency; and the Executive Director of the Association of Bay Area Governments.

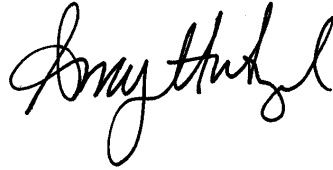
The Estuary Blueprint's 32 "Actions" advance long-term goals for habitats and living resources, resilience to climate change, water quality and quantity, and stewardship. The Actions intersect with the Plan Bay Area in several areas including resiliency. We support the Resilience Actions identified in the Plan Bay Area 2040 Action Plan and gratefully acknowledge the inclusion of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership in the action "Expand the region's network of natural infrastructure." This action is also an identified priority in the Partnership's Estuary Blueprint.

However, the Draft Plan Bay Area 2040 document does not explicitly address the serious role of water quality and supply and the health of San Francisco Bay as a major priority for Bay Area communities. The recent drought has demonstrated the importance of considering both drinking water supply reliability and Bay water quality in future planning scenarios. Housing, job growth, and transportation are inextricably linked to and influenced by management of our natural resources. The approved 2016 Estuary Blueprint provides a comprehensive set of goals and actions that addresses these issues. The Plan Bay Area 2040 document would be greatly improved by recognizing

the Estuary Blueprint as a guiding document for water-related resiliency activities.

Note: the document is online (www.sfestuary.org/ccmp) and can be added to the links on the Resources tabs on the Plan Bay Area 2020 homepage.

Sincerely,

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Amy Hutzel, Chair

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Thomas Mumley, Vice Chair

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