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AGENDA

1.	<p>Introductions and Review Agenda</p>	<p>10:00 Tom Mumley</p>
2.	<p>Decision: Approve Meeting Summary from January 29, 2015 Steering Committee Meeting</p> <p>Desired outcome: Approval of meeting summary *Note: The Action Item regarding the Set-Aside Funds for a Program Review will be addressed at the October SC meeting.</p>	<p>10:05 Tom Mumley</p>
3.	<p>Information: TRC Meeting Summary</p> <p>Topics discussed at the December TRC meeting included: the 2015-2016 Bay Margins Sediment Study, the State of the Estuaries Report and Conference, the workplan for unused stormwater monitoring funds, and the RMP Charter.</p> <p>Desired Outcome: Informed committee</p>	<p>10:10 Phil Trowbridge</p>
4.	<p>Information: RMP Financial Update for 2015 Quarter 1</p> <p>The RMP Financial Update report summarizes the balance of budgeted and reserved RMP funds as well as its cash position.</p> <p>Desired outcome: Informed committee</p>	<p>10:20 Lawrence Leung Phil Trowbridge</p>
5.	<p>Decision: Approve Consent Calendar Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Request to establish a Monitoring Contingency Set-Aside Fund ● Request to merge various Set-Aside Funds ● Process for requesting Undesignated Funds <p>Items on the Consent Calendar are routine topics that need approval from the Steering Committee but are not expected to need discussion. Each item is clearly described in a position paper. At the beginning of the agenda item, the Chair will ask if any Steering Committee Representatives want to discuss any of the items. If no one requests a discussion, all of the items will be voted on with one motion. Items requiring discussion will be pulled out, discussed, and voted on separately.</p> <p>Desired outcome: To approve the items on the Consent Calendar</p>	<p>10:35 Phil Trowbridge</p>

6.	<p>Decision: Approve Fee Schedule for Cooling Water Participants for 2016-2018 At the 1/29/15 Steering Committee meeting, it was decided that the 2015 fees for Cooling Water participants should not be refunded but that a fee reduction should be considered for 2016 and 2017. A subcommittee was formed to develop a proposal to be considered by the SC at the next meeting. This ad hoc subcommittee met twice and reached consensus on a proposal to reduce the Cooling Water participant fees from 4% of the RMP budget in 2015 to 2% in 2016, 1.5% in 2017, and 0.5% in 2018. The RMP will have to adjust to a revenue shortfall of \$292,000 over three years but it will be phased in gradually. As agreed at the January SC meeting, the fees for other RMP participants will not be affected.</p> <p>Desired outcome: To approve the fee schedule for Cooling Water participants as recommended by the ad hoc subcommittee</p>	10:45 Thomas Mumley
7.	<p>Decision: Approve Proposal for 2015-2016 Bay Margins Sediment Study and Request for \$86,370 of Undesignated Funds Bay margins (i.e., mud flats and adjacent shallow areas of the Bay) are more productive and highly utilized by biota of interest (humans or wildlife) than the open Bay areas. This study will provide a spatially distributed unbiased characterization of surface sediment contamination and ancillary characteristics within shallow Central Bay margin areas. The data will be used to investigate spatial distributions of pollutants, watershed influences, and regional trends. This study will complement targeted studies to link watersheds, known contaminated margins, and the open Bay, much of which will be focused in Central Bay.</p> <p>The study will be completed over two years. In 2015, all of sediment samples will be collected in order to lower field costs and to reduce temporal variability. In 2016, the data analysis and reporting will be completed. The annual costs for 2015 and 2016 will be \$226,370 and \$31,100, respectively. The total cost for the two-year program will be \$257,470.</p> <p>The approved 2015 RMP budget contains \$140,000 for this effort. Another \$120,000 for the margins study is expected to be in the 2016 RMP budget. Therefore, between the 2015 and 2016 funds, there will be sufficient funds for the study. However, because most of the expenses will be in 2015, the Steering Committee will need to authorize adding \$86,370 of Undesignated Funds to the 2015 budget. This amount will be returned to Undesignated Funds from the 2016 budget.</p> <p>On 3/11/15, the TRC recommended that the SC approve this study.</p> <p>Desired outcome: Approval of the 2015-2016 Bay Margins Sediment Study and request for \$86,370 in Undesignated Funds</p>	11:15 Don Yee Phil Trowbridge
8.	<p>Decision: Approve Workplan for Carryover Funds from the 2014 Stormwater Monitoring Budget Due to the drought, less storm sampling has been completed in the last three years than planned. The result is that a total of \$133,000 of funds budgeted for stormwater sampling were not spent in 2014. The Small Tributary Loading Strategy Team requests that the \$133,000 of carryover funds be retained for answering stormwater management questions through a combination of five project tasks that link to key management questions. Progress and outcomes from the mix of projects completed will be reported back to the TRC and the SC during regular quarterly updates. Any funds not fully expended by December 31st 2015 would then be rolled back into RMP Undesignated Funds. On 3/11/15, the TRC reviewed the list of proposed activities for the funding and reached consensus that all five were worthwhile.</p> <p>Desired outcome: Approval of workplan for \$133,000 of carryover stormwater monitoring funds.</p>	11:50 Lester McKee

	Lunch Break	12:00
9.	<p>Information: Update on the RMP Contaminants of Emerging Concern (CEC) Program</p> <p>For the past decade the RMP has been making a concerted effort to identify problem CECs. Bay water quality managers and RMP scientists have developed a tiered scheme for prioritizing CECs that is used to guide decisions on monitoring and management. Early identification of these problem CECs and quick action to nip them in the bud is an optimal and cost-effective strategy for protecting water quality. This is especially true in an ecosystem like the Bay, which is a long-term sink for persistent contaminants, with recovery taking decades or centuries when the contamination is extensive. This update will provide an overview of the RMP's emerging contaminants strategy and tiered risk framework, an update on current projects, and a sneak peak at proposed studies for 2016.</p> <p>Desired outcome: Informed committee</p>	12:30 Rebecca Sutton
10.	<p>Decision: Approve the RMP Charter</p> <p>The draft RMP Charter was presented to the Steering Committee on 1/29/15. The draft Charter was widely distributed for review during the month of February. Comments were minimal except for a few comments regarding designated seats for representatives from a non-governmental organization on the SC and TRC. Most commenters were in favor of a NGO representative on the TRC, but not the SC. The Charter has been revised to reflect this position and the other comments received.</p> <p>Desired outcome: Approval of RMP Charter</p>	1:15 Rich Wilson
11.	<p>Decision: Speakers and Topics for the RMP Annual Meeting portion of the State of the Estuary Conference</p> <p>The 2015 RMP Annual Meeting will be held on the second day of the 2015 State of the Estuary Conference (9/18/15). The RMP is able to plan one hour of plenary speakers and back-to-back concurrent sessions in the afternoon for RMP-related topics. An ad hoc subcommittee of RMP representatives serve on the Steering Committee for the State of the Estuary Conference. This ad hoc group has met three times to develop a proposed list of RMP plenary speakers and concurrent session topics.</p> <p>Desired outcome: Approval in concept of the proposed RMP plenary speakers and the concurrent session topics with authorization to an ad hoc subcommittee to work out remaining details.</p>	2:15 Phil Trowbridge
12.	<p>Discussion: Status of Deliverables, Action Items, Communications Calendar, and Upcoming Meetings</p> <p>Desired outcome: To inform the committee about RMP deliverables (especially the Pulse), upcoming communications products, and upcoming meetings and the new website to share updates and scheduled meetings</p>	2:45 Phil Trowbridge Jay Davis
13.	<p>Discussion: Planning Alternative Dates and Agenda Topics for the July and October Steering Committee meetings</p> <p>The next two SC meetings are scheduled for 7/21/15 and 10/20/15. Some people have conflicts with these dates. Please check your schedule and be prepared to discuss your availability for alternative dates for these meetings. In addition, please think of scientific topics that you would like to be on the agenda for future meetings.</p> <p>Desired outcome: To set the dates for the July and October Steering Committee meetings and to identify program updates and topics that the Committee would like on the agenda for future meetings.</p>	3:00 Jay Davis

14.	Discussion: Plus/Delta	3:10 Thomas Mumley
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