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**DATE:** September 15, 2014  
**TO:** RMP Steering Committee  
**FROM:** Philip Trowbridge and Jay Davis  
**RE:** **Request for RMP Unencumbered Funds**

### REQUESTED ACTIONS

1. Allocate \$8,000 from Unencumbered Funds to update the draft report on bioaccumulation in bird eggs with data from 2012.

### FISCAL SITUATION

Unencumbered Funds Balance: \$519,053 (as of 7/31/14)

### EXPLANATION

#### Updating the Bird Egg Bioaccumulation Report with 2012 Data

The RMP S&T Program measures contaminants in bird eggs every three years as an indicator of bioaccumulation. The last three rounds of bird egg monitoring were in 2006, 2009, and 2012. In October 2013, SFEI drafted a report on the 2006 and 2009 bird egg data. Finalizing the report was delayed due to competing priorities. However, during the delay, the 2012 bird egg data became available. Adding the 2012 data to the report would provide better trend information about bioaccumulation in the estuary biota. However, the budget for this project has all been spent since the project was originally conceived as a summary of two monitoring years. Therefore, SFEI is requesting \$8,000 of additional funds to complete data management tasks, update the tables and graphs of the report with the 2012 data, and update trend analyses.

The schedule and deliverables for the additional funds are:

1. Finalize the 2012 dataset and upload to centralized database;
2. Update the tables, graphs, descriptive statistics, and associated text in the report;
3. Re-run trend statistics for parameters with at least 3 years of data;
4. Update interpretations of status and trends in the final report.

The deadline for the final report is December 31, 2014.

Without additional funding, SFEI will finalize the draft report that contains the 2006 and 2009 bird egg data.