

**SAN PABLO BAY WATERSHED
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS**

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The San Pablo Bay Watershed Project addresses near, mid, and long-term restoration and flood protection in the San Pablo Bay Watershed. The non-Federal sponsor for the project is the State Coastal Conservancy. The San Pablo Bay Watershed is in the northern reach of the San Francisco Estuary, an area whose population is projected to increase by two million people during the next three decades. Innovative planning and construction approaches can minimize the environmental impacts caused by this growth and corresponding changes in land uses, including directing population and land use changes away from critical resources such as wetland and riparian habitats. The San Pablo Bay Watershed Restoration Program (Program) provides technical, planning, and design assistance for restoration and flood protection in order to clarify restoration parameters, goals, and objectives, and to identify and prioritize future restoration opportunities. The technical, planning, and design assistance provided to the Program supports resources protection for the construction of replacement wetlands, protection from additional pollution, and creation of habitats to increase the biodiversity and habitat values in the watershed.

TOTAL FUNDING:

TOTAL COST:	\$ 5,498,000
FEDERAL COST:	\$ 2,798,000
NON-FEDERAL COST:	\$ 2,700,000
TOTAL FEDERAL COST THROUGH FY 2007:	\$ 2,023,000
FY 2008 BUDGET:	\$ 0
COST TO COMPLETE:	\$ 775,000

FY07 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Complete the on-going tasks with the assistance and coordination of our Program partners to support the development of restoration and flood protection projects. FY07 funding was not received, so activities are limited to completing contracted tasks.

FY08 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: With additional funding, continue to provide technical, planning and design assistance for San Pablo Bay Watershed Restoration Program partners and compile the benefits achieved and future opportunities in the San Pablo Bay Watershed Restoration Program Strategy Report.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: The diversity in the San Pablo Bay watershed has national significant and is unique. Wetland restoration in San Pablo Bay Watershed could increase the wetland area in California by as much as 5%. With additional funding, the technical, planning and design assistance provided will improve habitat and flood protection in the watershed. By working with local entities, long-term resources protection will be increased.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: 1st District, Rep. Mike Thompson; 6th District, Rep. Lynn Woolsey; 7th District, Rep. George Miller; 8th District, Rep. Nancy Pelosi

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