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Bay Model Visitor Center Master Plan

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers San Francisco District is developing a Master Plan for the Bay Model Visitor Center in Sausalito, California. With input from the public, Master Plans help guide the management and use of natural, cultural, historical and recreational resources.

Roughly the size of two football fields and holding 180,000 gallons of water, the Bay Model was built in 1957 to study the tidal currents of the San Francisco Bay Delta. Every 15 minutes, the model simulates a 24 hour cycle of tides in the Bay. In 2000, engineers stopped using the model as a decision-making tool, but the facility remained open to the public as an educational facility. In 2012, USACE renovated the model, and installed modern infrastructure to provide the facility with sustainable solar power.

The Master Plan being developed will be a vision document for the facility's future development and management. An environmental assessment will accompany the plan, to articulate potential impacts of any recommendations.

Following February's public meetings, a preliminary report will be developed by summer of 2019, with an expected completion of a draft Master Plan later in the year. A final Master Plan will be reviewed and approved by the District Commander.

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