

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA
WETLANDS RESTORATION PROGRAM
(WRP) BULLETIN – APRIL/MAY 2004**

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The **Coordinating Committee** met on April 8 and May 4 and both meetings were focused on development of the June 9 Executive Council meeting agenda and the WRP's first Annual Report. For additional details, please see www.sfwetlands.ca.gov/meetings.html.

The **Executive Council meeting** has been set for Wednesday, June 9, at 10 AM, and it will be held at the California Resources Agency offices at 1416 Ninth Street in Sacramento. The meeting will feature a review of the last Executive Council meeting's decisions, an overview of the Annual Report and a dialogue with Executive Council members on potential opportunities for WRP involvement in the coming year. The Council will also be asked to provide their thoughts on long-term funding for the WRP. These discussions will be followed by "heads up" presentations on coordination of the Invasive Spartina Project, implications of West Nile Virus in California, and progress on the South Bay Salt Ponds project. Materials have been sent out via email to everyone on the WRP mailing list and via hard copy to Executive Council members and their alternates. If you would like any additional information on the Council meeting, please contact me.

The creation of the WRP's first **Annual Report** has dominated the months of April and May. The report summarizes all activities of the WRP's working groups, public outreach, relationships with other local organizations, and calls out specific and general objectives to be achieved in the coming year. In addition, the Annual Report identifies potential opportunities where the WRP could become involved, such as large projects and military base closures coming on-line in the future. Finally, the report addresses the WRP's long-term funding and notes the issue will need to be discussed at the Executive Council level if the Coordinating Committee is unable to locate sufficient

operational funds. Hard copies of the WRP Annual Report will be available at the June 9 Executive Council meeting; or, please call (510) 622-5048 if you would like to receive a copy.

I have been assisting with coordination of the **Regulatory and Trustee Agency Working Group** of the South Bay Salt Pond project; this group met on April 12 and May 18 to consider document review schedules and agency staffs' roles in document review. Further, the Salt Pond project's management sought agency members' input on the project's objectives and alternatives development framework.

The **Monitoring Group** met May 11 and the group continued preparation for the premiere monitoring plan review team evaluation of the Sonoma Baylands Monitoring Plan, which should get started in June. Group members also provided project updates on various wetlands assessment methods, compensatory mitigation review teams, the Wetland Tracker, and the North Bay and South Bay salt pond projects. Additional meeting details can be found at www.sfwetlands.ca.gov/051104.pdf.

The WRP continues to seek the next project for the **Design Review Group** to review. I am currently working with Point Reyes National Seashore staff on scheduling a project review, but the DRG is continually looking for projects. If you're interested in coming to the DRG or know someone who is, please contact me.

The WRP presently faces uncertainty in its long-term funding situation. Given current funds, the WRP is able to operate through September 2004. The Coordinating Committee and I have spent a great deal of time these past two months researching potential funding sources, yet have been unsuccessful in identifying new operational funds. The Executive Council will be asked to consider this at its June 9 meeting.

If you would like additional information on any issue, please contact me [by email](mailto:john.brosnan@sfwetlands.ca.gov) or at 510-622-5048.

Thank you, John Brosnan