Permit Coordination Efforts
PROBLEM
• Multi-benefit wetland restoration projects face unnecessary, costly delays

NEW FACTORS
• Public Accountability: Measure AA approval with +70% support
• Sea Level Rise: Baylands Goals Report Update 2016:
  “Tidal marshes that are established by 2030 are more likely to flourish and provide ongoing
  benefits when the sea-level rise accelerates in the middle of this century. To achieve this
  goal, the planning, permitting, and construction of restoration projects on currently
  available lands must be accelerated.”

SOLUTION
• Reduce permitting time for multi-benefit restoration projects via coordinated
  permitting while ensuring compliance with all applicable laws.
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STRAWMAN PROPOSAL

• Five meetings since March 2017
• Create two joint interagency habitat restoration regulatory teams
  • Permitting
  • Policy
• Logistics provided by USACE
• Goal: More timely permitting of multi-benefit wetland restoration projects in SF Bay
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PROJECT ANALYSIS & PERMITTING
• Meet at USACE 2-3 days week
• Coordinated review of project information
• Pre-application meetings w/project sponsors
• Site visits as necessary
• Quarterly public meetings
• Identify and elevate difficult issues to Policy & Management Team

POLICY & MANAGEMENT TEAM
• Review permitting issues raised by Permitting Team that require policy shifts or upper management involvement.
• Resolve long-standing “sand in the gears” policy issues faced by regulator agencies.
• Manage and execute inter-agency agreements, and billing for Permitting Team staff.

RESOURCES
• $1.16m - $1.25m/year
• 1-1.5 FTEs @ $210k/yr x6 agencies: USACE, NOAA, US F&W, BCDC, CA F&W, RWQCB.
• Funding from SFBRA, others?