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## The Bay-Delta Environmental Report Card



**H**ow is the Bay-Delta doing? Is the Bay healthy? What progress has occurred in conservation and resource management? These questions reflect some of the priority issues and concerns that are being addressed in the Bay-Delta Environmental Report Card 2001-2003, which will be unveiled during the Sixth Biennial State of the Estuary Conference in October.

The first draft of the Bay-Delta Environmental Report Card was reviewed during a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) workshop held



August 1 in Oakland. More than 50 attendees, including representatives of the San Francisco Estuary Project, Board of Directors, Public Advisory and Technical Advisory Committees, and community stakeholders, convened to review the progress in implementing the CCMP between September 2001 and June 2003 and to refine and revise implementation priorities.

The 2003 Environmental Report Card describes and updates eight priorities and more than forty related actions that were first selected at a similar workshop in 1999. These eight priorities include the need to expand, restore and protect Bay and Delta Wetlands, which means protecting and restoring watersheds throughout the estuary and minimizing or eliminating all sources of estuary pollution. Reducing the impact of invasive species on the estuary is another stated priority, as well as the goal of expanding the regional monitoring program to address all key CCMP issues like pollution, dredging, land use and flows, to name a few. This also reflects the need to integrate the results of scientific monitoring into management and regulatory actions. Other priorities evaluated and reaffirmed include creating incentives that encourage governments, landowners, and communities to protect and restore the estuary, and raising public

awareness of the importance of estuary natural resources and the impacts of human activity. A final priority reviewed by those assembled addressed the promulgation of baseline inflow standards for San Francisco, San Pablo, and Suisun Bays as necessary for protecting and restoring

the Estuary ecosystem.

### State of the Estuary Conference

The Sixth Biennial State of the Estuary Conference will be an opportunity to receive the final Bay Delta report

card and learn about the current state of the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary—its waters, wetlands, biological resources, and watersheds. Marking the tenth anniversary of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP), the conference will focus on the dramatic changes to the Bay-Delta Estuary and the rapidly changing state of scientific knowledge. Sponsored by the ABAG-administered San Francisco Estuary Project, the conference will be held at the Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center, 10 Tenth Street, Oakland, October 21-23, 2003. This well-respected conference boasts more than 30 other government agencies and organizations as co-hosts. Leon Panetta, Chairman of the Pew Oceans Commission, will be the keynote speaker.

For more information and registration, check the Web site [http://www.abag.ca.gov/events/estuary\\_state](http://www.abag.ca.gov/events/estuary_state) or call the San Francisco Estuary Project at (510) 622-2465.

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## Bay Area Awarded \$2 Million for Pesticides and Water Quality

**B**ay Area scientists and regional planners will receive nearly \$2 million to address pesticides in water as a result of the voter-approved initiative Proposition 13 (Costa-Machado Water Act of 2000). The State Water Resources Control Board awarded grants to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), San Francisco Estuary Project (SFEP), and the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI) for five projects to benefit Bay Area water quality.

The ABAG and SFEP teams won three grants, receiving \$785,000 to develop market-based incentives that encourage pest control companies to adopt less toxic pest control practices and \$572,000 to foster effective outreach and education throughout the Bay Area. SFEP, which is administered by ABAG, will also receive \$190,002 to improve analytical and toxicological test procedures for pesticides in water, focusing on the pesticides most likely

to replace diazinon and chlorpyrifos, which are being phased out of the urban marketplace. SFEI won two grants, receiving \$188,445 to investigate the toxic effects of pyrethroid pesticides in sediment. SFEI will also receive \$189,911 to develop new procedures to detect certain pesticides at lower concentrations than is currently possible.

“These funds will be used to integrate the latest science and pesticide use information into mitigation activities and to encourage better coordination among pesticide and water quality regulatory programs,” says ABAG Executive Director Eugene Leong. He adds that “SFEP is recognized as one of California’s leading organizations for effective implementation of water quality improvement programs and will bring outstanding expertise to implementing these projects.”

## Attend Community Meetings for Developing Clean Air Strategies

**I**nterested individuals and organizations are invited to attend a meeting in their area to learn more about the 2004 Ozone Attainment Strategy and the 2003 Clean Air Plan. Participant input will help develop strategies to reduce ozone air pollution in the Bay Area. The 2004 Ozone Attainment Strategy and the 2003 Clean Air Plan are being prepared by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), in cooperation with the Association of Bay Area Governments, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. The 2004

Ozone Attainment Strategy and the 2003 Clean Plan are the region’s strategies for attaining the national and California health-based one-hour ozone standards. Community meetings and participation of local government, agencies, business, and community members are an important part of the strategic process. Community meetings are scheduled in **September** at 6:30 p.m. in **East Palo Alto (9/10), Richmond (9/11), Oakland (9/16), San Jose (9/24), and San Francisco (9/30)**. For more information and specific locations, visit the website at [www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov), or contact Henry Hilken, BAAQMD, at (415) 749-4642.

## Bicycle Access to Golden Gate Bridge Improved

**B**icycle commuting just became easier for the thousands of cyclists who travel in or out of Marin

County across the Golden Gate Bridge. New bicycle lanes have been installed on Bridgeway Avenue in downtown Sausalito.

Since Bridgeway corridor is the only way to access the Golden Gate Bridge from Marin and is used by an estimated 5,000 cyclists per weekday, these new bicycle lanes improve the corridor, which is known to have the highest rate of

auto/bike accidents in Marin County. To celebrate the installation, the **City of Sausalito** will hold a festive ribbon-cutting ceremony that includes a North-South Bikeway Tour on **Sunday, September 21**, at 10:00 a.m. in Sausalito’s Dunphy Park. The planning, design, and funding to install the bicycle lanes took over five years and \$1.3 million. The City of Sausalito funded them through several grants and funds from the Association of Bay Area Governments’ Bay Trail, Metropolitan Transportation Commission Congestion Management, and federal and state programs. The Marin County Bicycle Coalition also worked closely with the city to advocate and plan for the bicycle lanes. Bridgeway marks the beginning of the North-South Greenway, a bicycle/ pedestrian route that is planned to run parallel to Highway 101 from Sausalito through Novato.

For more information, visit the website [www.marinbike.org](http://www.marinbike.org).



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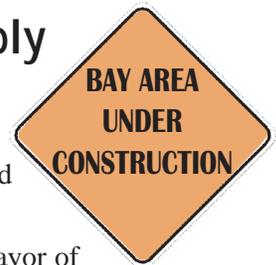
## “Under Construction: Building a New Model of Comprehensive Regional Planning and Governance” Fall General Assembly

“Under Construction: Building a New Model of Comprehensive Regional Planning and Governance,” is the theme of ABAG’s Fall General Assembly, scheduled for **Friday, October 24, 2003**, at the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero in San Francisco. This important forum will bring together elected and appointed officials and staff from throughout the region to explore regional planning and governance models nationally and statewide and to examine their effectiveness and applicability to the Bay Area.

Assembly Member Pat Wiggins and Christopher Gates, President of the National Civic League, will be featured speakers. Panelists representing other regions and councils of governments have also been invited to participate. Tal

Finney, Interim Director of the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research, will be one of the featured program participants.

ABAG President Gwen Regalia, Mayor of Walnut Creek, has issued a personal invitation to city and county elected officials to attend the Fall General Assembly, asking every city and county to be part of this critical discussion. All ABAG members are encouraged to join the regional construction team and help build a new model of comprehensive regional planning and governance. *For more information and to register, visit [www.abag.ca.gov/events](http://www.abag.ca.gov/events) or contact ABAG at 510/464-7900 or 510/464-7922.*



## Hear Parris Glendening Speak about Sprawl and Land Use

How can elected officials provide solutions to the problems of sprawl and promote smart growth for the region? Find out by joining the Greenbelt Alliance, the Association of Bay Area Governments, and the East Bay Community Foundation for a special presentation by former Maryland Governor Parris Glendening at the San Francisco Commonwealth Club on **September 30, 2003, at 6:00 p.m.** A reception at 5:15 p.m. precedes the presentation.

This is a rare opportunity to hear Governor Glendening, President of the Smart Growth Leadership Institute and a renowned national advocate for sound land use policies in the United States. Local elected officials from the Bay

Area’s nine counties and 101 cities, as well as interested business and civic leaders, are invited to attend. The cost is \$9 for members of the sponsoring organizations and \$15 for others, depending on availability. Reservations are required to receive the \$9 discount rate and can be made at [rsvp@greenbelt.org](mailto:rsvp@greenbelt.org).



Governor  
Parris Glendening

ABAG’s support for this event is made possible through a generous gift from the Evelyn & Walter Haas, Jr. Fund. The East Bay Community Foundation, Alameda County Waste Management Authority, and Lockheed Martin Corporation round out valued sponsor support.

## Public Hearing on Improving Comprehensive Regional Planning

An important Public Hearing on improving the regional effectiveness of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and comprehensive regional planning in the region will be held on Wednesday, **September 17, 2003**. Sponsored by the ABAG-MTC Task Force, the Public Hearing will begin at 7 p.m. in the Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter Auditorium in Oakland. The public hearing is part of a series of meetings being conducted by a panel of elected officials representing ABAG and MTC who have been charged by their respective governing boards with identifying ways to improve comprehensive regional planning, including possible organizational and structural changes to ABAG and MTC. Helping to provide leadership to the task force

are Gwen Regalia, Mayor of Walnut Creek and President of ABAG, and Steve Kinsey, Marin County Supervisor and chair of MTC. Other ABAG representatives include: Councilmembers Jane Brunner, **Oakland**, Dave Cortese, **San Jose**, and Steve Rabinowitsh, **Santa Rosa**; Mayor Mark Green, **Union City**; and Supervisors Rose Jacobs Gibson, **San Mateo County**, and Pete McHugh, **Santa Clara County**. MTC representatives are Mayors Jim Spering, **Suisun City**, and Shelia Young, **San Leandro**; Councilmembers Sue Lempert, **San Mateo**, and John McLemore, **Santa Clara**; Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier, **Contra Costa County**; and Jon Rubin, the **San Francisco** mayor’s appointee to MTC. *For information on the ABAG-MTC Task Force, visit [www.abag.ca.gov/taskforce/](http://www.abag.ca.gov/taskforce/).*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### September 2003

- 15 11:30 a.m.  
ABAG-CALFED Task Force  
Water Management  
Subcommittee  
MetroCenter, ABAG Room 106B
- 17 7:00 p.m.  
ABAG-MTC Task Force Public  
Hearing  
MetroCenter, Auditorium
- 18 3:30 p.m.  
Legislation & Governmental  
Organization Committee  
Meeting  
MetroCenter, ABAG Room 106B
- 5:00 p.m.  
Finance and Personnel  
Committee Meeting  
MetroCenter, ABAG Room 106B
- 7:30 p.m.  
Executive Board Meeting  
MetroCenter, Auditorium

- 26 8:30 a.m.  
Smart Growth in the San  
Francisco Bay Area: Effective  
Local Approaches  
Financing and Planning  
Strategies Workshop  
MetroCenter, Auditorium

### October 2003

- 21-23 8:30 a.m.  
6th Biennial State of the  
Estuary Conference 2003  
Henry J. Kaiser  
Convention Center  
10 Tenth Street, Oakland
- 24 8:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.  
Fall General Assembly:  
"Under Construction:  
Building a New Model of  
Comprehensive Regional  
Planning and Governance"  
Hyatt Regency at  
Embarcadero, San Francisco

## Notable Numbers

**10,000**

computers and televisions become obsolete in California every day.

**75%**

of old electronics are in storage, in part because of uncertainty regarding how to manage the materials.

**20%**

of computers and televisions are currently recovered for recycling.

**7**

pounds of lead are contained in each computer and their improper disposal could contaminate water supplies.

*Source: California Integrated Waste Management Board and Department of Toxic Substances Control.*

### Smart Growth in the San Francisco Bay Area: Effective Local Approaches

#### Financing and Planning Strategies Workshop

For city and county planning and economic development staff  
Explore successful methods for funding infrastructure needed to support smart growth plans and projects.

**September 26, 2003**

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter  
Auditorium, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland

No registration fee, but pre-registration is requested • Register online at <http://www.abag.ca.gov>

For more information, call ABAG at (510) 464-7900

## UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

### Building a New Model of Comprehensive Regional Planning and Governance

Friday  
October 24,  
2003

\*Register online and receive a \$10 discount on conference registration  
[www.abag.ca.gov/abag/events/ga](http://www.abag.ca.gov/abag/events/ga)

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