

## Results of Survey for Feedback on Estuary Program FY2020 Workplan

We solicited input from our committees, board, and project partners to guide us in developing the FY2020 Workplan.

The first portion of the survey asked what they saw as the top two priority tasks within each program area.

Top Priorities for Habitat Protection and Restoration:

- Eelgrass Restoration (30%)
- CCER (25%)

Top Priorities for Monitoring & Research:

- Project Effectiveness Monitoring (22.5%)
- Eelgrass Monitoring and Research (25%)

Top Priorities for Education & Outreach:

- Education (22.5%)
- Community Projects (30%)

Top Priorities for Program Management:

- Management Committees (30%)
- Grants & Contracts (32.5%)

The second portion of the survey asked more open ended questions.

Tasks that respondents thought should not be included in the Workplan:

- Land conservation is already covered by Land Conservancy of SLO County (LCSLO)
- Eelgrass monitoring is critical but restoration doesn't seem cost effective

Tasks that respondents thoughts should be added to the Workplan:

- Increase visibility in events that aren't ours (Bird Fest, SLOBG, etc.)
- Invasive species management
- Grant development
- Freshwater habitat restoration
- Working more closely with oyster farmers
- Camp SLO (CSLO) Stormwater Management
- San Luisito Creek at Adobe Road barrier removal
- San Bernardo Creek restoration and barrier removal
- Land acquisition on Los Osos Creek
- S. Bay Bridge Replacement

Projects of other organization that will address issues in the watershed:

- Eelgrass work
- S. Bay Blvd Bridge

- LCSLO conservation projects
- Chorro Creek invasives removal
- Derelict boat removal and pollution management
- CSLO steelhead management
- Dune restoration at Montana de Oro and Sandspit, invasive plant ID and control, fuel management
- State Park Marina parking lot project, California State Parks wildfire plan
- Rancho El Chorro Outdoor School bioswales and boardwalk

Ideas to promote State of the Bay Report and events:

- Proclamation at the Board of Supervisors meeting recognizing efforts of Estuary Program and volunteers
- Family-friendly events (i.e., touch tanks)
- Presentations at various venues in watershed and beyond, including presentations by partners
- Events that get people out (paddling, hiking in watershed, etc.)
- Open House
- Libraries, Pacific Wildlife Care, partner organizations, announcements at partner meetings
- EcoAtlas
- Events with high “walk-up” visibility
- Publicize events through schools, city council, chamber of commerce, PSA, local radio, local news, social media

Planned work of which we might not be aware:

- Small Wilderness Area Preservation (SWAP) biological assessment of the Elfin Forest
- Oyster farm monitoring
- USGS Sediment Elevation Table monitoring, Cal Poly geohydrological data collection, ecology of parasitic flatworms in horn snails, Cal Poly study on comparative analysis of mussels and barnacles