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■ ABOUT THE SAN FRANCISCO ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership was established by the State of California and the US EPA to better protect and restore the San Francisco Bay Delta Estuary. The Partnership created and oversees implementation of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan, completed in 1993, that describes over 200 actions aimed at improving the Estuary's chemical, physical, and biological health.

The project area for the Partnership includes San Francisco Bay, the tributary watersheds of the Bay from the Golden Gate up to the Delta, and the Delta (see Map 1, page xiv).

The focus of *The State of the Bay 2011* Report is on the lower portion of the Partnership's project area—the Suisun, San Pablo, Central, and

South Bay regions. The Partnership would like to produce future reports that include the full project area; however, several factors made this infeasible for the current report. The Delta region is the intense focus of several major evaluation and management efforts that are not yet completed. In addition, the *2008 State of the Bay–Delta Science* report (CALFED Science Program) and the *2010 Pulse of the Delta* report (San Francisco Estuary Institute), already provide very recent information on many aspects of Delta health.

The Estuary Partnership is a program of the Association of Bay Area Governments. More information about the Estuary Partnership, our staff, partners, programs, and projects can be found at www.sfestuary.org. The [Technical Appendix](#) to this report can also be viewed there.

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