**Humboldt Bay Eelgrass Management Plan**

**Objectives**

Develop a multi-agency management plan with consistent goals and strategies for restoration/conservation of eelgrass habitat.

Improve efficiency of regulatory process for dredging, infrastructure, sediment, and habitat management projects in Humboldt Bay.

Establish long-term conservation strategy that allows for SLR adaptation, infrastructure management, and economic development in Humboldt Bay.

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**Desired Outcomes:**

**Project Partners**

- Understanding of
  - Project timeline
  - Roles and responsibilities
  - Plan development process
  - Agency time commitments

**Public Meeting**

- Understanding of
  - Need for Plan
  - Plan development process
  - Plan content and timeline

**Project Partners**

- Understand Plan components and have opportunities to provide input at key times. Contribute to Plan development.
- Participate in five project partner meetings

**Plan Development**

The Plan will:

- Identify conformance needs relative to CEMP or CMP
- Identify Plan focus areas and high priority projects
- Provide criteria for when a project may impact eelgrass and what to do about it
- Include eelgrass restoration and protection goals
- Include avoidance, minimization and mitigation strategies and considerations
- Evaluate spatial and temporal mitigation and conservation factors
- Discuss project tracking and mitigation credit/capture

**Public Meeting**

- Understanding of
  - Plan content and applications

**HBHRCD Commission**

- HBHRCD adopt and implement Plan
- Evaluate and update as projects are completed

**Project Partners**

- Permitting in accordance with the Plan
- Agreement on mitigation and monitoring standards