

# 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.

Kick-Off	Project Partners Input and Plan Development	Plan Adoption
October 2016	October 2016 – April 2017	May 2017
<p>Desired Outcomes:</p> <p><b>Project Partners</b> Understanding of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project timeline</li> <li>• Roles and responsibilities</li> <li>• Plan development process</li> <li>• Agency time commitments</li> </ul> <p><b>Public Meeting</b> Understanding of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for Plan</li> <li>• Plan development process</li> <li>• Plan content and timeline</li> </ul>	<p>Desired Outcomes:</p> <p><b>Project Partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand Plan components and have opportunities to provide input at key times. Contribute to Plan development.</li> <li>• Participate in five project partner meetings</li> </ul> <p><b>Plan Development</b> The Plan will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify conformance needs relative to CEMP or CMP</li> <li>• Identify Plan focus areas and high priority projects</li> <li>• Provide criteria for when a project may impact eelgrass and what to do about it</li> <li>• Include eelgrass restoration and protection goals</li> <li>• Include avoidance, minimization and mitigation strategies and considerations</li> <li>• Evaluate spatial and temporal mitigation and conservation factors</li> <li>• Discuss project tracking and mitigation credit/capture</li> </ul>	<p>Desired Outcomes:</p> <p><b>Public Meeting</b> Understanding of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan content and applications</li> </ul> <p><b>HBHRCD Commission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HBHRCD adopt and implement Plan</li> <li>• Evaluate and update as projects are completed</li> </ul> <p><b>Project Partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permitting in accordance with the Plan</li> <li>• Agreement on mitigation and monitoring standards</li> </ul>