



EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

East Bay Watershed Master Plan Update

Public Meeting

August 20, 2015

EBMUD's Mission Statement



“To manage the natural resources with which the District is entrusted; to provide reliable, high quality water and wastewater services at fair and reasonable rates for the people of the East Bay; and to preserve and protect the environment for future generations.”

Background



- Adopted in 1995, minor revisions in 1998
- Purpose: Manage lands and reservoirs to protect water quality and biodiversity
- Tiered plans address grazing, fuel/fire management, forestry, habitat conservation



Summary of Contents



- Description of watershed resources
- Management direction for natural resources, community use, and assets
- Reservoir-specific direction (San Pablo, USL, etc.)
- Interjurisdictional coordination

EBWMP Natural Resource Management Programs



- Water Quality
- Biodiversity
- Forestry
- Livestock Grazing
- Fire and Fuels



Why update the Master Plan?



- It's 20 years old
- Numerous developments include climate change, quagga mussels, HCP, and the need for adaptive management
- Significant progress on many fronts, prescribed actions accomplished
- Information on land use, management practices, and species needs updating



Sensitive species

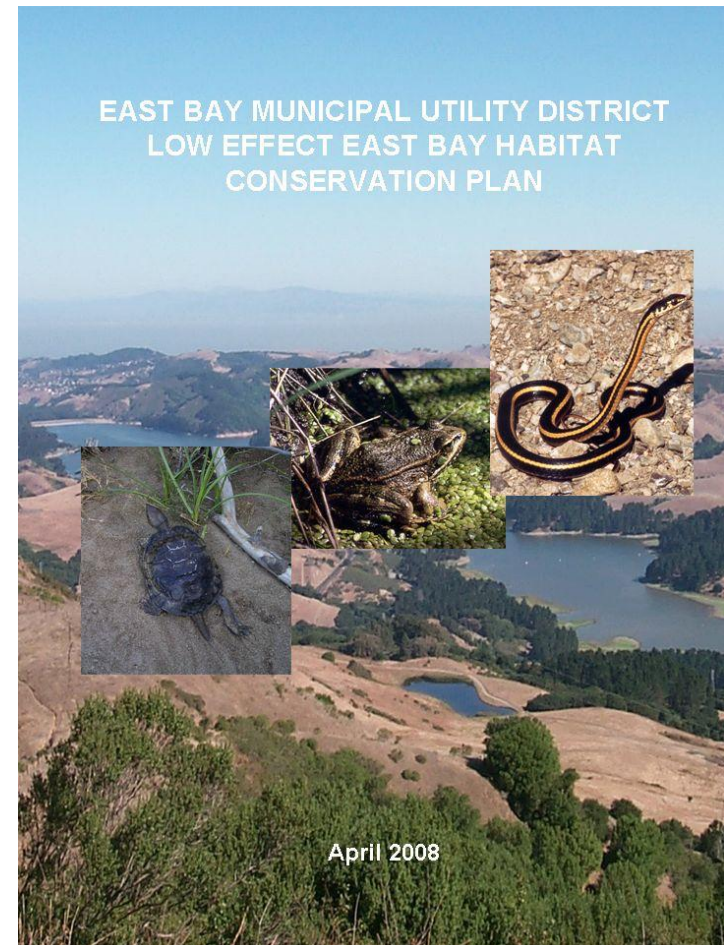
- Documented over 1,400 species on the watershed
- Over 119 Management Guidelines
- Clear program guidelines
- Biodiversity, ecosystem processes, & water quality linked



East Bay Habitat Conservation Plan



- Incidental Take Permit
- Avoidance & Minimization Measures
- Mitigation
- Monitoring
- Adaptive Management
- Funding



Covered Species



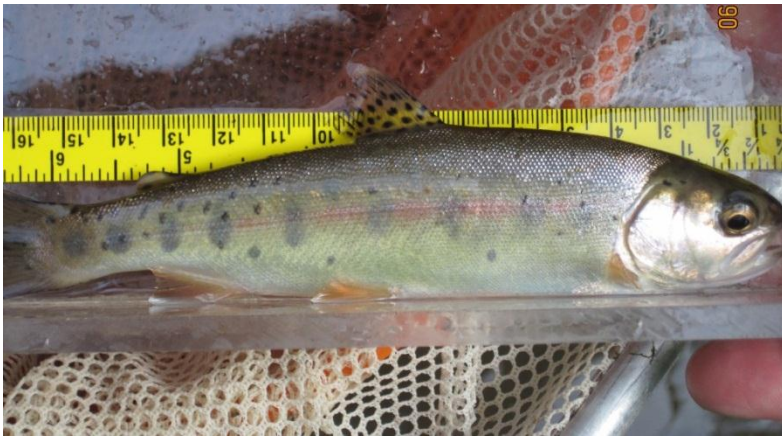
- Santa Cruz tarplant
- Pallid manzanita
- Rainbow trout
- California red-legged frog
- Western pond turtle
- Alameda whipsnake
- Pallid bat



Aquatic Habitat Restoration



Monitoring



Adaptive Management



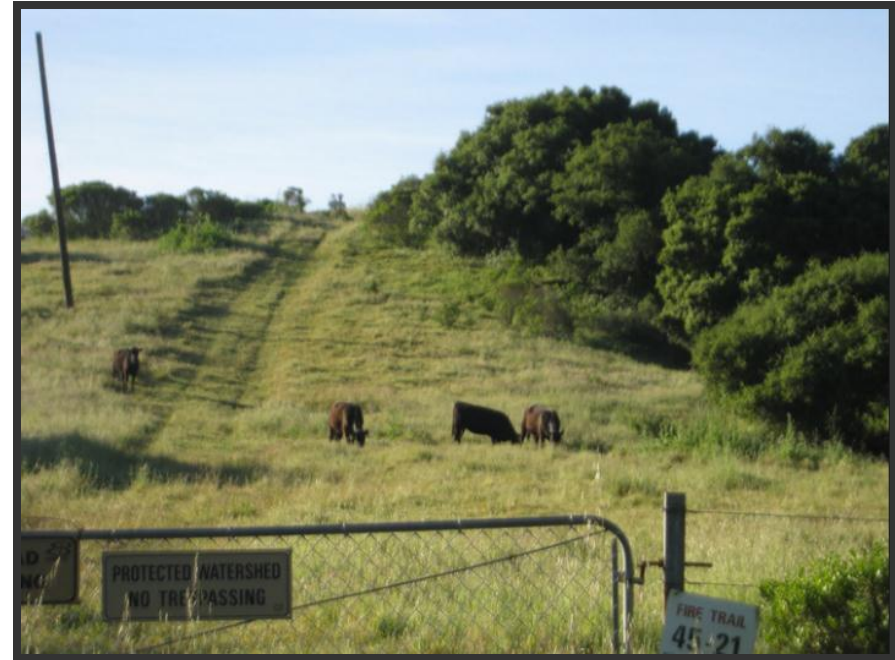
Forestry



Fire and Fuels Management



Livestock Grazing



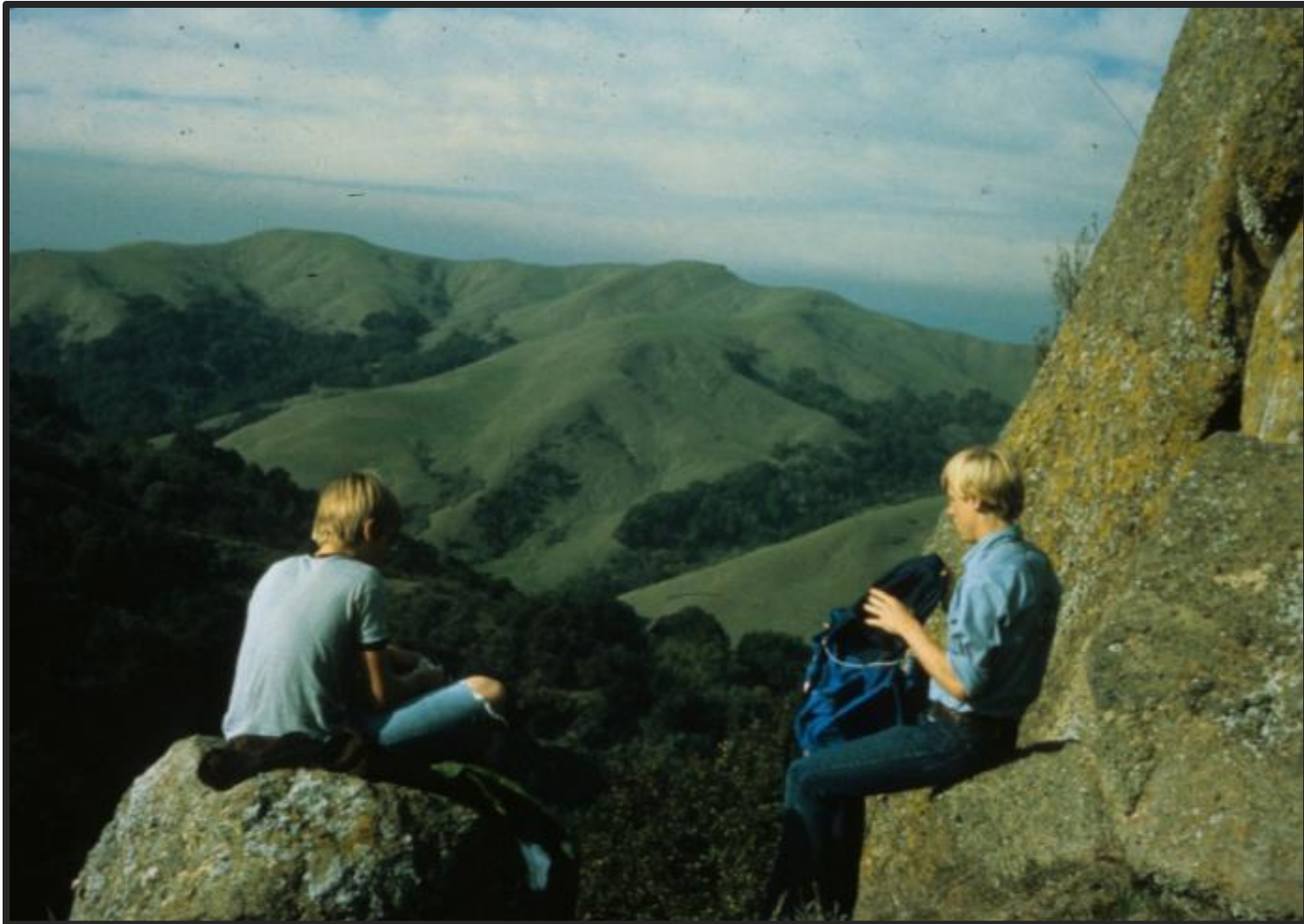
Community Use



- Developed Recreation and Trails
- Environmental Education
- Cultural Resources
- Visual Resources



Visual Resources



Developed Recreation & Trails



What are the policy issues?



- Policy 9.04 governs watershed management and use, allows only those uses that can be “adequately monitored and managed by the District”
- Modifications to EBWMP only after public notification and hearing
- Frequent requests for new community uses on watershed lands (biking, dogs)
- CEQA compliance

Next Steps



- Prepare draft update of Plan for public review
- Presentation to EBMUD Board Planning Committee on draft revisions and public comments
- Additional public meeting(s)
- Prepare final draft Plan and recommendations to EBMUD Board
- EBMUD Board approval

Public comments may be sent to:
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