

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR:**

**Critical Coastal Areas Pilot Project Winter Workshop  
James Fitzgerald Reserve Pilot Project, San Mateo County**

**When:** Wednesday, Feb 7, 2007, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

(Lunch provided)

**Where:** Montara Lighthouse, 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Coastal Highway 1 (between Moss Beach and Montara)

**To Register:** Please email Linda Russo at [Linda@sfei.org](mailto:Linda@sfei.org) and indicate how many will attend, whether you would like a vegetarian meal, any access needs, and your contact information.

**THE GOALS OF THE WORKSHOP ARE TO:**

- Inform members of the stakeholder community about the progress of the technical team (San Francisco Estuary Institute and Association of Bay Area Governments) in assessing opportunities for controlling land-based sources of marine pollution within key coastal watersheds;
- Provide information to workshop participants on project phasing;
- Engage in an interactive discussion to help build a useful GIS mapping tool and to devise future Management Measures and Best Management Practices;
- Develop ideas and priority projects/issues.

(See Draft Agenda attached.)

The CCA technical team will provide maps and other technical products which present the analysis completed thus far. The workshop will also feature presentations on: a) the history and major issues affecting the Reserve, b) locally developed and creative best management practices, and c) the relationship of ocean currents to water quality.

**This is an excellent opportunity to assess where we have been, where we are now, and where we can go to collaboratively improve the health of the reserve and its watersheds.**

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

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## DRAFT AGENDA

TOPIC	TIME
Registration and Coffee	9:30-10:00
Welcome by Al Wanger, California Coastal Commission and Introductions, Mike Connor, Facilitator, SF Estuary Institute	10:00-10:15
Review Agenda and Tasks. Mike Connor and Rainer Hoenicke, SF Estuary Institute.	10:15-10:25
Review CCA Project Objectives and Timeline. Lisa Sniderman, Coastal Commission, and Kathleen Van Velsor, Association of Bay Area Governments.	10:25-10:45
San Mateo County's management program for the Fitzgerald Marine Reserve. Sam Herzberg, San Mateo Co. Parks and Recreation Division, Presenter, with Carolann Towe, Surfrider Foundation	10:45-11:00
Review Steering Committee critical issues for FMR watersheds. Lisa Sniderman, Coastal Commission. Best Management Practices for watershed areas that drain to the Marine Reserve. Kellyx Nelson, San Mateo Co. RCD, Presenter.	11:00-11:10 11:10-11:20
Break	11:20-11:30
Presentation of Technical Team Materials, including concepts for project Phase II. Rainer Hoenicke, Kathleen Van Velsor, Nicole David, Green Info. Question and Answer.	11:30-12:20
Catered Lunch. Invited luncheon speaker and Kathryn Slater-Carter, Montara Water and Sanitary District. Topic: Ocean currents and their relationship to near shore water quality.	12:20-1:30
Break Out Group discussions to help refine project priorities. Coordinated by Rich Allen, San Mateo County Resource Conservation District.	1:30-2:00
Break out Groups Report Back and Discussion (Facilitator)	2:00-2:30
Wrap up, Next steps, and Evaluation	2:30-3:00

### [Background on the CCA Program](#)

California's CCA Program is an innovative statewide program designed to identify coastal areas where water quality is threatened or impacted by new or expanding development and to accelerate the implementation of Management Measures identified in California's Nonpoint Source Plan so that water quality is protected or restored. The CCA Program is a non-regulatory planning tool intended to foster collaboration among local stakeholders and government agencies, to better coordinate and direct resources to coastal watersheds in critical need of protection from polluted runoff. The Program is jointly administered by the State Water Resources Control Board and the California Coastal Commission, in partnership with many state and federal

agencies. Through this program the state has identified one hundred (100) areas of the coast as CCAs, which supports the acquisition of grant funding by prioritizing protection efforts. For more information on the CCA Program, see: [http://www.coastal.ca.gov/nps/Web/cca\\_project.htm](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/nps/Web/cca_project.htm).

The state agencies participating in the CCA program identified five (5) pilot project areas throughout the state's coast where state agency staff are working with local stakeholders to test the benefits of developing watershed-based plans and implementing appropriate Management Measures to protect coastal resources. James Fitzgerald Marine Reserve is the pilot CCA project selected for the San Francisco Bay Area (coastal) based on criteria including: (1) existing water quality impairments, (2) value and sensitivity of coastal resources (e.g., it is an Area of Special Biological Significance-ASBS), (3) new or expanding threats to beneficial uses, and (4) high degree of local support.

Since the kick-off meeting held in October 2005, the James Fitzgerald Marine Reserve CCA project has made great progress. The Pilot Subcommittee has met several times over the year, and since May of 2006 the San Francisco Estuary Institute and Association of Bay Area Governments have been on board to assist with the major technical components of the project.