WRMP Letter of Support Process



Introduction

The WRMP implements the science framework and monitoring network as described in the WRMP Plan through direct coordination with partners, special studies and pilot projects. There has been increased interest to partner with the WRMP on projects, and to request letters of support for related grant funding proposals. Organizations are welcome to request a Letter of Support from the WRMP.

Before submitting a request for a Letter of Support, please familiarize yourself with the WRMP. Some suggested resources include the <u>Science Framework</u> and <u>Resources</u> pages of our website.

Process

- Letter of Support requests should be made through our <u>Request Form</u>. This ensures we have all
 the information needed to meet your request. Requests will be reviewed using the criteria listed
 below.
- Requests are forwarded by staff, in most cases, to the Steering Committee (SC) and Technical
 Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair and Vice Chair for review. You can request the letter be signed
 by one or both committees. If nothing is specified, staff will make a determination based on the
 nature of the request, and in consultation of the SC and TAC Chairs and Vice Chairs.
- We cannot accept Letter of Support requests with less than 2 weeks turnaround time. If you are working on a request but don't have all the information, you can contact us so we can assist you with your request.

Criteria

- Does the proposed project answer one of the WRMP Management Questions? OR Does the proposed project address one of the identified science priorities within the WRMP Science Framework?
- Is there an identified need for the proposed project?
- Does the proposed project align with WRMP principles as outlined in the WRMP Plan?
- Does the proposed project have a regional scope?
- How will the WRMP be engaged in the project?

Questions? If you have questions about this process, please contact Alex Thomsen, Environmental Scientist, SF Estuary Partnership (alexandra.thomsen@sfestuary.org).