

PRESENTATION FACTSHEET

Presentation Title: Aquatic Species Restoration Plan

Date: 1/11/2024

Overview

Board Approval Needed: Discussion

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Background Materials:

Previous Presentation(s): No

Previous Material(s) Links:

N/A

Date(s) of Presentation: N/A

Previous Board Action(s) Taken: Choose One.

Key Points for Aquatic Species Restoration Plan Overview

- The ASRP is growing and continues to support communities and improve habitat for aquatic species throughout the basin.
- ASRP continues to conduct valuable studies through Monitoring and Adaptive Management related to fish and aquatic species that are expanding scientific knowledge and informing implementation efforts.
- Several restoration projects were started and/or completed in 2023 including large and small projects.
- In 2024, several restoration projects will be constructed, and program initiatives will be completed or refined, such as finalization of the estuary ecoregion and the M&AM framework.

ASRP is Growing

The ASRP continues to grow by conducting studies to inform adaptive management actions, engaging sponsors and landowners, constructing on-the-ground habitat restoration projects, building capacity for restoration and protection in the basin, and implementing actions that build resilience to climate change.

Monitoring and Adaptive Management Efforts

Monitoring and adaptive management focuses on monitoring the status and trends of species across the basin, filling data gaps, and evaluating the effectiveness of different restoration treatments. In 2024, the ASRP Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Group will continue to refine the M&AM framework, build out the Estuary Ecoregion, and apply science learnings to inform future restoration and protection actions.

Restoration Project Construction

Numerous projects were constructed in 2023 to support the ASRP's restoration and protection goals in near-term priority areas. Some project examples include Stillman Creek Early Action Reach, Blooms Preserve Restoration, Wildcat Creek Barrier Corrections, and others.

More in store for 2024

The ASRP will continue to develop and implement habitat projects in 2024 with both large and small projects planned for summer construction; complete the Estuary Ecoregion; host a symposium; expand and refine the program including monitoring and adaptive management framework and process refinements, community engagement planning, capacity building and sponsor expansion; and much, much more.

Presenter Follow Up Actions:

None.