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Subject: **Presentation on the Regional Board's Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit and SFEP's Projects to Promote Green Infrastructure Around the Region**

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Executive Summary

Last fall, the Regional Water Quality Control Board passed a municipal regional (stormwater) permit (MRP) for Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties, and the cities of Fairfield, Suisun City, and Vallejo. This permit requires municipalities to increase their actions to protect stormwater from pollutants. In addition to traditional stormwater treatment efforts required, the MRP encourages low impact development, also known as green infrastructure, containment methods. These are considered best management practices that comport with ABAG's FOCUS program, Bay Friendly Landscaping, and regional climate change initiatives.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership has been successful in finding funds for local governments to undertake Green Infrastructure projects around the region. Staff will provide an overview of such projects; how they can be used by other municipalities as tools for MRP compliance, and how green infrastructure improves the FOCUS program.

Recommended Action

Informational Item