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Subject: Endorsement of HR 5160, bill to enhance federal funding for restoring and enhancing the San Francisco estuary

Executive Summary

The bill:

- Authorizes \$100 million annually for ten years to the U.S. EPA to fund projects, programs, and studies that implement priority objectives of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP).
- Establishes a San Francisco Bay Program Office within Region 9 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and authorizes the EPA Administrator to appoint a Director of that Program Office to oversee that funding.
- Establishes a San Francisco Bay Program Advisory Committee to provide advice to the Administrator on implementing the identified goals and objectives of the CCMP, with representation from appropriate Federal and State departments and agencies, and the Director of the SFEP.
- Provides that the President's annual budget submission to Congress shall provide information on federal agency expenditures for the protection and restoration of San Francisco Bay.

Recommended Action

Staff requests that the Committee endorse the bill and recommend endorsement to the Executive Board. A draft letter of support is included.