

Sixth Biennial State of the Estuary Conference
Oakland, October 21-23, 2003
Conference Web Site: http://www.abag.ca.gov/events/estuary_state

Call for Posters

The sixth Biennial State of the Estuary Conference will be held in Oakland at the Calvin Simmons Auditorium in conjunction with the Oakland Museum of California. The conference includes plenary sessions with invited speakers and poster sessions, and is sponsored by the San Francisco Estuary Project, Friends of the San Francisco Estuary, California Bay-Delta Authority Science Program and many local, state and federal agencies, organizations and businesses.

The theme of this year's conference is "The San Francisco Estuary: Changes and Challenges." The conference will focus on major changes in the watershed, the explosion of new scientific knowledge about the Estuary, and changing projections for the future.

Posters will be on display throughout the three-day event, and will be featured at the late afternoon receptions that occur at the conclusion of the plenary program on October 21 and 22. The sessions will provide an opportunity for participants to present their findings and meet colleagues in an informal setting, and will allow presentation of detailed, technical information of individual topics that cannot be covered adequately in the plenary sessions. In addition to the technical posters, displays presenting information about policy and management, socio/economic issues, and environmental education programs related to the topics of the conference will also be accepted. **All poster topics relevant to the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary will be considered.** This call is for poster presentations only.

Topics that will be addressed in the Plenary Sessions include:

- The Evolving Challenge of Water Quality Management in the Bay: Cleaning Up Old Problems While Preventing New Ones
- Habitat Restoration and Enhancement
- The Estuary and California Water Management
- Restoring Natural Flow Patterns in a Highly Managed System

POSTER FORMAT

We have two styles of organizing the posters this year:

- 1) The traditional format of individual posters located together by topic.
- 2) A new format, which involves poster "clusters." Each cluster will require a chairperson who will be responsible for selecting a topic, hypothesis or theme of the cluster and then soliciting the individual posters that support that topic. The cluster chair will also develop an overview poster that synthesizes the information provided in the individual posters within the cluster.

If you have a group of posters that conveys one theme, please consider using the cluster idea. Indicate your choice on the Abstract Submittal Form.

Deadline for abstract submission: July 31, 2003

ABSTRACT FORMAT

Abstracts will be compiled and distributed at the conference. Abstracts should be no longer than one page, single spaced, and 12-point size type. Include title, authors, and name of your organization at the beginning of the abstract. The abstract should include an evaluation of your findings and how they relate to the State of the Estuary. Please submit a copy of your abstract with the information below. An electronic attachment would be preferable.

ABSTRACT SUBMITTAL FORM

Please complete the response form to indicate interest in participation in the poster session and to be included on the mailing list for the conference

NAME _____

ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____

FAX _____

EMAIL _____

ABSTRACT TITLE: _____

SUBJECT CATEGORY: _____

PART OF A POSTER CLUSTER? Yes No

CLUSTER TITLE: _____

CLUSTER CHAIRPERSON: _____

**PLEASE SUBMIT ELECTRONIC ABSTRACT AND ABSTRACT SUBMITTAL FORM
TO CINDY BROWN BY JULY 31, 2003.**

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