



# Invasive Spartina Project Programmatic EIS/R

A Very Brief Overview for Bay Area  
Marsh Managers



# What the PEIS/R Does

- ◆ Analyzes effects of treatment methods for regional program
- ◆ Looks at three program options
- ◆ Addresses cumulative effects of treatment
- ◆ Identifies mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate impacts



# Lead Agencies

- ◆ Coastal Conservancy
- ◆ US Fish and Wildlife Service



# Conservancy Use of PEIS/R

- ◆ To evaluate the Control Program for approval
- ◆ To authorize dispensation of Spartina control monies



# US FWS Use of PEIS/R

- ◆ Inform the evaluation of impacts of the Control Program to endangered species under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act



# Other Agencies

- ◆ **NMFS** – Section 7 evaluation for protected marine species
- ◆ **USACOE** – CWA Section 404 or 10 Permits
- ◆ **RWQCB** – NPDES permits for application of herbicides, WDRs, or WQCs
- ◆ **CDFG** – Stream bed alteration agreements
- ◆ **BCDC** – BCDC Permits



# How Can You Use It?

- ◆ To learn control methods and required mitigation measures for ISP-sponsored control projects
- ◆ For CEQA and NEPA compliance for your control projects!



# How??

1. Prepare Initial Study checklist
2. Are all impacts addressed in PEIS/R?
  - **YES?** Additional CEQA documentation may not be needed – consult with lead agency
  - **NO?** Additional analysis is required.  
Subsequent documents would be “tiered” from the PEIS/R (CEQA Guidelines 15168[c] & 15177)



# What About NEPA?

- ◆ Very similar – use 40 CFR 1502.20, 1058.28



# PEIS/R Finalization Schedule

- ◆ Published in Federal Register in next two weeks
- ◆ Public workshops March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> (may be changed)
- ◆ 30-45-day review period closed late April
- ◆ PEIS/R revised
- ◆ Approval by Coastal Conservancy May or June
- ◆ FWS Section 7 June or July