

Venture activities with local knowledge and carry out responsive recommendations.

A series of objectives that are designed to help accomplish the acreage goals are also provided, each with a set of innovative strategies that support them.

The objectives of *Restoring the Estuary* include:

- Improve management of bay habitats, seasonal wetlands, creeks, lakes, and associated uplands on both public and private lands
- Support monitoring and evaluation of restoration projects, as well as pertinent research studies, to measure success and improve the results of future restoration/enhancement projects
- Strengthen existing and promote new funding sources for wetlands acquisition, restoration, enhancement, and management programs
- Encourage programmatic connections between the Joint Venture's goals and other regional initiatives that have the potential for positive effects on watershed and wetland management and restoration. These linkages include: 1) coordination among multiple conservation programs; 2) watershed man-



Egrets are often seen in Bay marshes.

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agement planning and implementation, through promoting measures that harness and extend the influence of watershed approaches to planning and land stewardship; 3) clean water and non-point source pollution programs; and 4) pursuit of military base closure opportunities for wetland enhancement and restoration

- Develop an inclusive, collaborative and broad-based public outreach program to communicate the vision of restoring the Estuary
- Develop watershed-based partnerships to evaluate and implement recommendations contained in the *Habitat Goals*; promote and assist local organizations

in developing and implementing habitat restoration projects

- Implement all of the acreage goals named in the *Habitat Goals* within thirty years. [The SFBJV goals presented below represent 75 percent "milestones" of *Habitat Goals*.]

## Conclusion

The Strategy presents a dramatic vision of more than doubling the existing tidal wetlands and more than tripling riparian habitats that ring the Bay through restoration and enhancement. And by attaining this vision, the partners of the SFBJV will not only renew the health of the Estuary, but will help to sustain and reinvigorate the economic and social health of the communities that share this special place.

The intent is to achieve this vision in the first two decades of the new millennium. To be attained, that vision must become collective. This will come through the momentum of widening partnerships that encompass the many diverse interests surrounding the wetlands of San Francisco Bay. Fundamentally, this Strategy calls for learning to work together to enhance our relationship with the regional commons that the Estuary represents.

### Habitat Goals for the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture

SFBJV Habitats		SFBJV Tracked Habitat Goals (acres)			SFBJV Habitat Goal Categories (acres) <sup>1</sup>		
Habitat Goal Categories	Tracked Habitats	Acquire <sup>2</sup>	Restore <sup>2</sup>	Enhance	Acquire <sup>3</sup>	Restore	Enhance
<b>Bay Habitats</b>	Tidal Marshes	43,000	32,000	20,000	<b>63,000</b>	<b>37,000</b>	<b>35,000</b>
	Tidal Flats	12,000	4,000	6,000			
	Lagoons	1,500	50	1,500			
	Beaches	113	60	35			
	Salt Ponds	6,000	1,000	7,500			
<b>Seasonal Wetlands</b>	Diked Wetlands	16,000	6,000	12,000	<b>37,000</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>23,000</b>
	Grasslands and Assoc. Wetlands	21,000	1,000	11,500			
<b>Creeks and Lakes</b>	Lakes	3,000	1,000	6,000	<b>7,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>22,000</b>
	Creeks and Riparian Zones	4,000	4,000	16,000			

**Notes:** 1. Numbers are to the nearest thousand. 2. Numbers are double counted in instances where restoration takes place on acquired land. 3. SFBJV is a nonregulatory entity, and thus acquisition goals reflect working cooperatively with a willing seller.