Want to learn more about JARPA?

Call the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), Jennifer Krebs, 510-464-7977 or the San Francisco Estuary Project (SFEP), Carol Thornton at 510-622-2419.

Services available:

- On-going workshops
- Assistance coordinating with state, regional, federal and local agencies

State, Regional and Federal Contacts

California Department of Fish and Game
(916) 653-7664

San Francisco Bay
Regional Water Quality Control Board
(510) 622-2300

California Coastal Commission
(415) 904-5200

San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
(415) 395-3600

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
(415) 977-8461

U.S. EPA
(415) 744-1500

U.S. Coast Guard
(510) 437-3073

Guide to

JARPA

The Bay Area Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Applicaton (JARPA) is a a simplified permit application for development activities in or near Bay Area aquatic environments.

As is common throughout the country, many government agencies in the San Francisco Bay area are mandated to safeguard our aquatic environment – creeks, wetlands, the Bay and coast. These agencies have their own permitting processes, with their own timelines, forms and permitting requirements. Citizens who are beginning projects on or near a waterbody complain about the complicated, lengthy and sometimes confusing permitting process.

The Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application is an effort to streamline the permitting process for projects that may impact our local waterbodies and make it easier for applicants to move through the process. JARPA does not circumvent current regulations; it does provide a way for applicants to give the same information at the same time to all the involved permitting agencies.

Benefits

- Reduced paperwork and processing time
- Improved information received by agencies
- Increased coordination among agencies
- Reduced permit violations

Role of Local Agencies

- CEQA review
- Give JARPA to applicant
- Refer applicant to appropriate State, Regional and
- Federal agencies

What activities are covered

- Any work in, over or on a stream (perennial, seasonal, or intermittent); wetland, bay, or any other waterbody deemed "waters of the state" or "waters of the U.S.". Please ask for assistance if in doubt
- Projects that are not directly in or on the waterbody, but may cause impacts; this is especially important in hillside areas; again, please ask for assistance if in doubt

Help for local agencies

- on-going workshops
- coordination office – (510) 622-2419 or (510) 464-7977