

Santa Clara River Estuary Settlement Agreement

Council Presentation

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History

- Discharge Permit
2008 Issuance
- Environmental
Concerns
- Legal Actions



Settlement Agreement



- Goals
- Process
- Cost

Settlement Goals

- Divert 50-100%
- Treatment Wetlands
- Water Reuse Opportunities
- Infrastructure Decisions
- Funding



Settlement Process

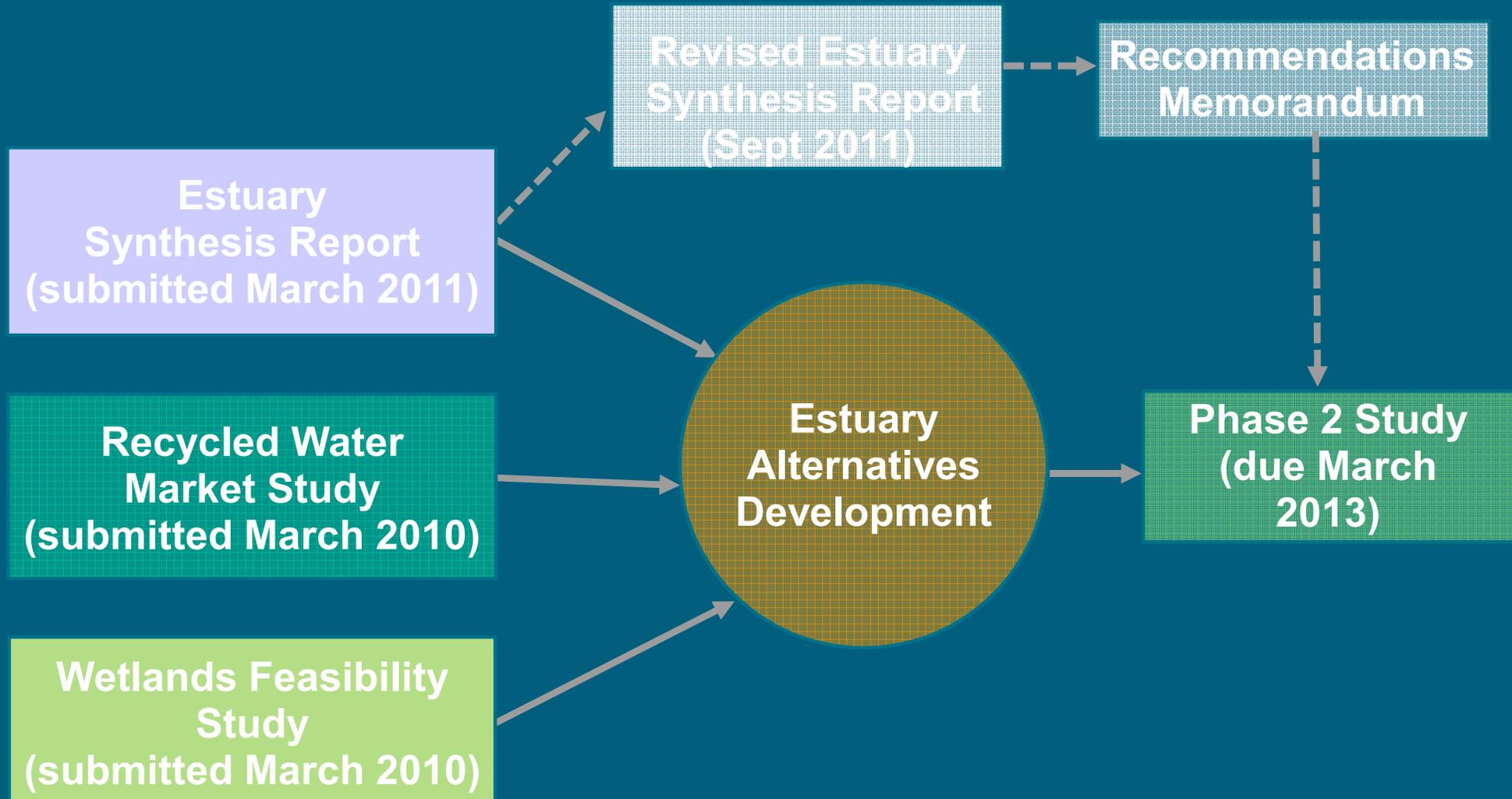
- Decision-making Framework Using Science
- Defined Time Schedule
- Stakeholder and Community Collaboration

Settlement Dates

- **December 2015:** Special Studies Phase 2 and 3 Potential Infrastructure Choices and Diversion Volume



Special Studies Process



Settlement Dates

- **January 2016:** Conduct Environmental Review
- **January 2018:** Determine Diversion Volume
- **August 2018:** Select Infrastructure Diversion Project(s)

Settlement Dates

- **January 2019:** Submit Final Applications and Completed Environmental Review
- **January 2020:** Target Date Permits Issuance
- **January 2021-2025:** Design and Construction of Infrastructure

Funding

- Capped At \$55 Million
- Pursue Grant Funding
- Reclaimed Water Sales Offset



Settlement Benefits

- Re-direct Resources
- Focus on Ventura's Water Future
- Benefits Environment
- Supports Long-term Water Supply



Public Outreach

- Website
- Pipeline Newsletter
- Town Hall
- Video on YouTube and CAPS-TV
- Press Releases with News Coverage
- City Manager's Blog
- Community Meetings



Recommendation

Approve memorandum of settlement and direct City Manager to prepare and execute a Final Settlement Agreement and Consent Decree in substantial conformance with the Memorandum of Settlement for the Santa Clara River Estuary.