

# NUTRIENTS OVERVIEW

Governance Update

**BACWA Annual Meeting**  
**January 15, 2016**

# Key Aspects of the Nutrient Issue

- ▣ Technical
- ▣ Regulatory
- ▣ Governance

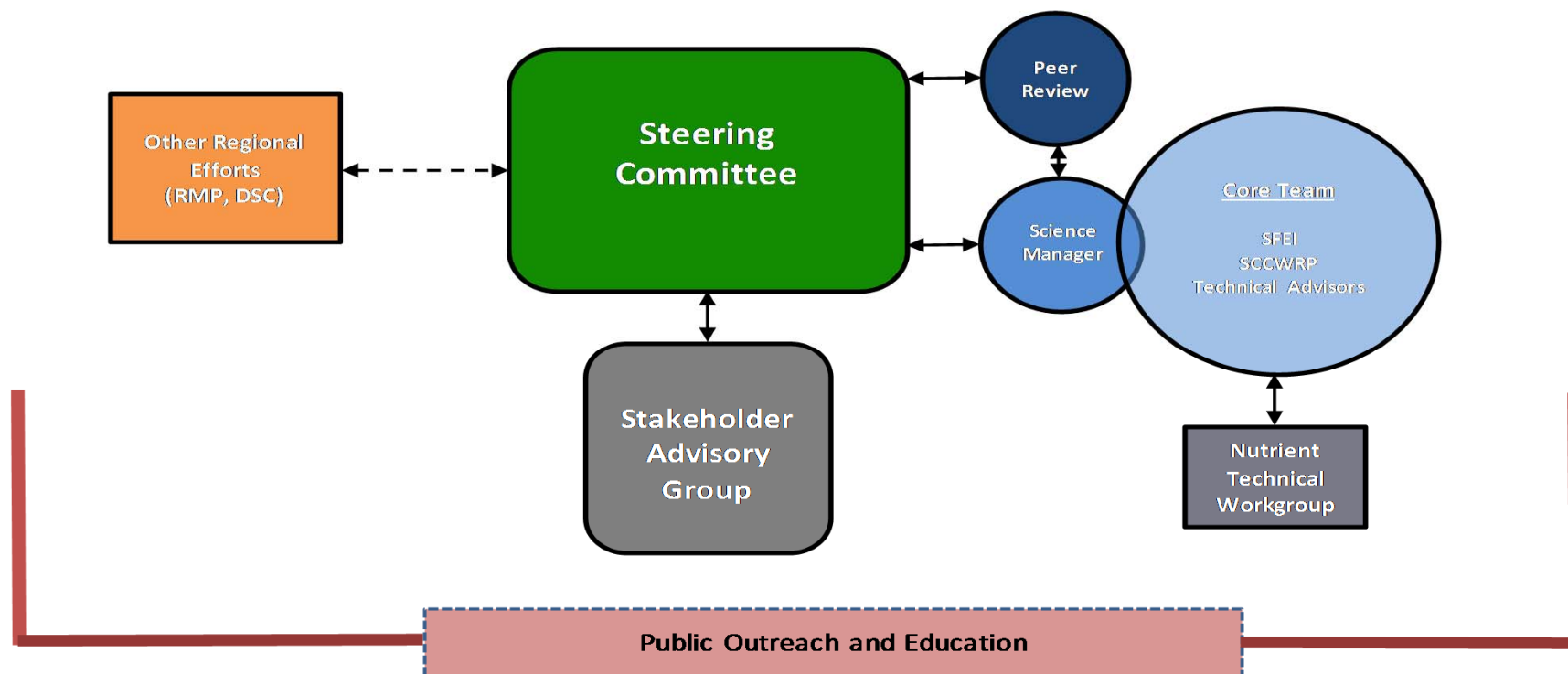
# The NMS Charter

- ▣ Sets forth the Purpose, Organization, and Governance of the Nutrient Management Strategy
- ▣ Establishes a Steering Committee (SC) to oversee the development of the Science Plan and prioritization of funding for programs and projects
- ▣ Planning Subcommittee (Water Board, BayKeeper, BACWA, & SFEI) operates under the direction of the SC

# Nutrient Management Strategy Governance



**Figure 1 - Nutrient Management Strategy Organizational Structure**



# The Steering Committee Members

- ▣ USEPA
- ▣ Regional Water Boards No. 2 and No. 5
- ▣ BACWA
- ▣ IEP
- ▣ CDFW
- ▣ NMFS
- ▣ Bay Area County Farm Bureau

# Steering Committee Members (con't)

- ▣ BayKeeper
- ▣ WSPA
- ▣ SFCWA
- ▣ BASMAA
- ▣ Regional San
- ▣ USFWS
- ▣ USGS



# Steering Committee Activities

- ▣ Provided feedback on the Draft 10 Year Science Plan
- ▣ Adopted the FY 16 Program and Project budget
- ▣ Adopted Guidance on the Use of Technical Assistance in the conduct of the Science Plan
- ▣ Provided funding support to the USGS for conduct of on-going nutrient monitoring

# Current Key Governance Issues

- ▣ How to deal with an underfunded Science Plan (\$3M/yr. need vs. \$1.4M/yr. available)
- ▣ Prioritization of projects given limited funding in coming years
- ▣ Coordination with Region 5 Science Plan and their investigations
- ▣ Interfacing of the Assessment Framework with the NMS Science Plan
- ▣ Adoption of a long term Monitoring Program



## BACWA's Goal

- ▣ Any nutrient management actions are protective of the environment, ensure that all beneficial uses of the Bay are achieved, are based on scientific investigations, and makes effective use of the public's resources.