

2007 Fall Meeting Review

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GETA's Fall meeting was held on November 1, 2007 at Hs Lordship's Restaurant in Berkeley. Mike Connor, Ph.D., Executive Director at the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI) was the speaker.

Dr. Connor presented the efforts by the Regional Monitoring Program (RMP) for Water Quality in the San Francisco Estuary, which is administered by the San Francisco Estuary Institute.

Dr. Connor discussed studies that the SFEI conducted in emerging contaminants in the bay area in three separate studies: a study to determine concentrations of pharmaceutical compounds in waters of the estuary and in influent and effluent from two wastewater treatment facilities; a collaborative study with the Marine Mammal Center to determine the level of emerging contaminants in seals as part of a larger study to track the health of harbor seals; and lastly a study evaluating contaminants and hormone concentrations in fish from the San Francisco Bay.

The meeting was well-attended and the topic encouraged lively discussions among the attendees and with the speaker.