

# ***“Sea Level Rise is Coming: What Do We Do About It?”***

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# *Who Are These Women?*

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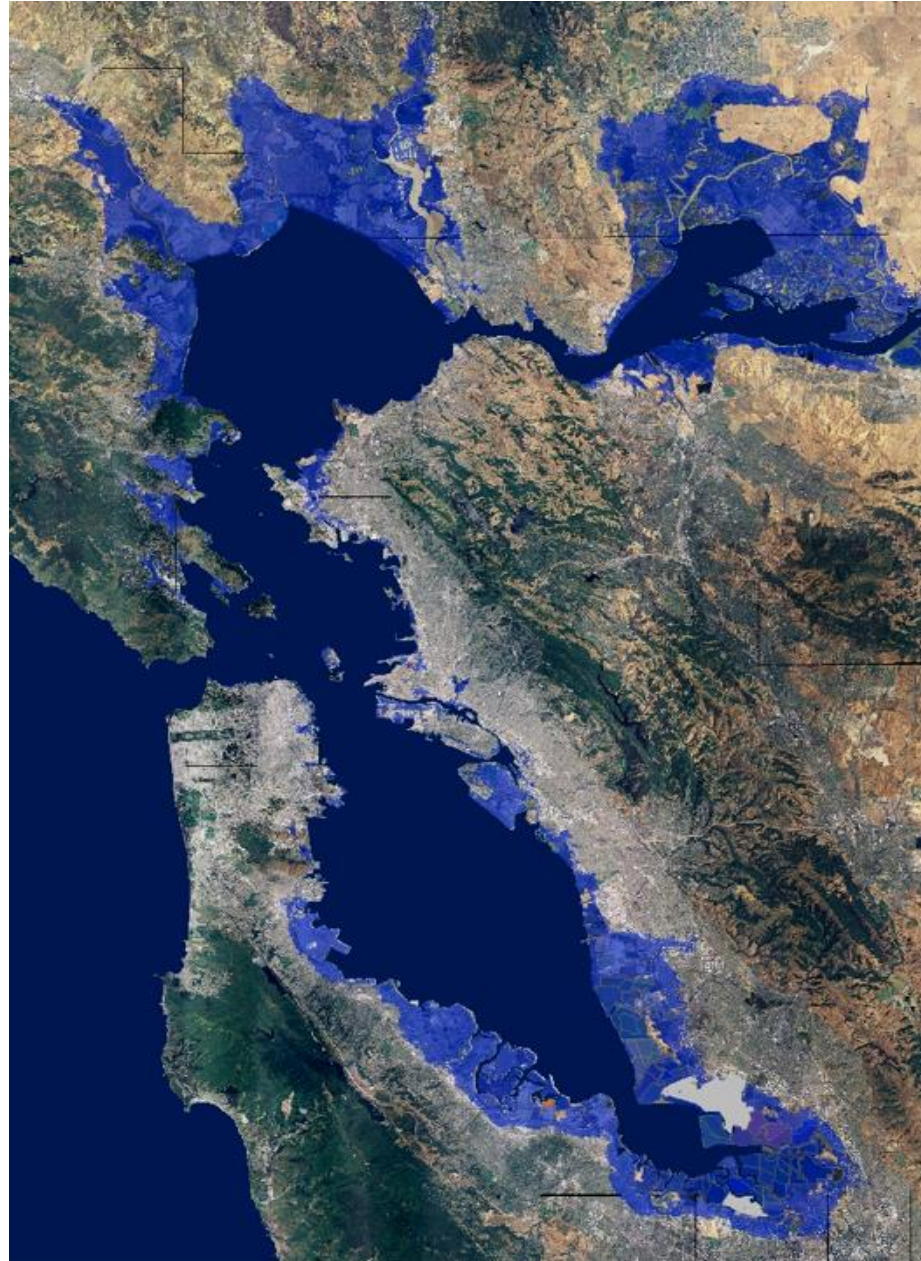


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# ***Who Are These (Mostly) Men?***



# 55 inches of Sea Level Rise



# ***THE BEARER OF BAD NEWS***

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- *Sea Level Rise Isn't Just Coming – It's Here!*
- *55" in Height Fundamentally Alters the Bay Area:*
  - 333 square miles of Bay shoreline, 250,000 people, \$62 billion of shoreline development at risk (plus transportation infrastructure)
  - “Slow moving emergency”
  - *We Don't Know How to Communicate This Stuff*
  - What does 55" mean? Or 3'?
  - How to create and implement a *shoreline resilience strategy* to preserve those assets if we don't yet have public support to do so?



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# ***GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS, AND AN ANSWER***

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- *Good News:* Bay Area/California appears to be ahead in how we view/react to/adapt to rising sea levels (better here than in South Carolina or Orange County)
- *Bad News:* California appears to be ahead in how we view/react to/adapt to rising sea levels (we really can't copy anybody else's program)
- *The Answer:* As it is less expensive to plan now for a foreseen event than it is to recover from such an event, let's build the plane as we fly it



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# ***HOW TO MEET THE BIG CHALLENGE (1)***

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- ***ADAPT: Plan, build both hard and soft protection, and retreat to provide regional benefits!***
- Bay “productivity”: environmental and economic
- Commissioner Working Group
- Coordinate, collaborate, partner w/ governments, NGOs, neighborhood and community groups, and permit applicants, e.g.:
  - JPC; BCDC/ABAG/Coastal Conservancy
  - Bay Planning Coalition/Save the Bay/Bay Institute/Conservancy
  - Kresge Foundation
  - **SB 1184**
- ***2017 Sustainable Communities Strategy***



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# CONCLUSION

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- *Lots of Work*
- *Lots of Organizations*
- *Lots of People*
- *Get Your Nose Bloodied...*
- ***LOTS OF POTENTIAL!***



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