

# 2012 Decisionmakers Conference Session Descriptions

## Opening Session I (8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.)

### Welcome

**Mr. John A. Coleman**, Executive Director & Master of Ceremonies, Bay Planning Coalition

**Mr. Jim Fiedler**, Chief Operating Officer, Santa Clara Valley Water District; President, Bay Planning Coalition

### Introductory Remarks

**Mr. Omar Benjamin**, Executive Director, Port of Oakland

### Opening Address

**Supervisor Wilma Chan**, Board of Supervisors, Alameda County

## Session II (9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)

**Keynote Address:** Economic Trends and Projections for Northern California's Economy

**Mr. Jock O'Connell**, International Trade Advisor, Beacon Economics

## Session III: (9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.)

### **Bay Channel Infrastructure: Backbone to a Sustainable Economy.**

Cross-sector perspectives to discuss:

- The planning horizon for LTMS
- Operation and maintenance of the channels as part of the key industrial infrastructure to the growing region's economy.
- Impact of delayed or limited dredging to Bay Area economy

**Moderator:** Mr. Richard Sinkoff, Director, Environmental Programs and Planning, Port of Oakland

### **Speakers:**

- LTC Torrey DiCiro, San Francisco District Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers San Francisco District
- Mr. Isaac Kos-Read, Director of External Affairs, Port of Oakland
- Mr. Richard Rhoads, Vice President, Moffat & Nichol
- Mr. Jim McGrath, Commissioner, Bay Conservation and Development Commission; Regional Water Quality Control Board

**Fresh Air & Networking Break (10:45a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)**

**Session IV (11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)**

**Inside the Beltway: Washington Update** - Federal legislation affecting maritime industry of Northern California.

**Mr. Eric Sapirstein**, President, ENS Resources

**Session V (11:30 a.m. -12:00p.m.)**

**Regulatory Update** - Federal and state regulations affecting maritime industry

**Mr. Gary Lucks**, Partner, ERM

**Session VII (12:15 p.m. – 1:30p.m)**

**Luncheon Program**

Frank C. Boerger Award Presentation to Senior Policy Advisor to the Bay Area Joint Policy Committee Will Travis by John Briscoe, Partner, Briscoe Ivester & Bazel LLP

**Luncheon Speaker:** R. Zachary Wasserman, Chair, Bay Conservation and Development Commission

**Session VIII (1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)**

**Economic Impacts of America's Cup**

**Dr. Jon Haveman**, Vice President, Chief Economist, Bay Area Council Economic Institute

## **Session IX (2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.)**

### **34<sup>th</sup> America's Cup. Coordinated Planning and Logistics: Who is in Charge?**

This session's focus will be on the event's logistics and infrastructural needs to make America's Cup a success. Current Bay maritime users need to prepare for and anticipate the impacts of the America's Cup. The goal of the session is to discuss the necessary planning, logistics and coordination in place to ensure maritime impacts are minimal during the exciting event.

**Moderator:** Mr. Len Cardoza, Senior Technical Advisor and Project Manager, Weston Solutions

#### **Speakers:**

- Captain Matt Bliven, Principal Coordinator, U.S. Coast Guard
- Mr. Guy Bjerke, Manager of the Bay Area Region, Western States Petroleum Association
- Mr. David Olson, Olson Steel; Recreational Boater
- Mr. John Craig, Principal Race Officer, America's Cup Race Management

## **Session X (3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)**

### **Major Infrastructure. Projects on the Bay: Sustainable Compatibility?**

In this panel discussion, the focus will be on the future economic outlook of the Bay specific to the movement of goods and land-use. Cross-sector perspectives will discuss maritime compatibility:

- What is the compatibility of future development and current maritime industry in the Bay?
- What are the impacts to users of the Bay when land use is diversified?

**Moderator:** Ms. JoAnne Dunec, Shareholder, Miller Starr Regalia

#### **Speakers:**

- Mr. Bill Lindsay, City Manager, City of Richmond
- Mr. Steve Goldbeck, Executive Director (acting), BCDC
- Mr. Jack Robertson, Vice President Community Development, Lennar
- Mr. Phil Tagami, California Capital & Investment Group

## **Wrap Up, Next-Steps and Adjourn to Reception (4:30 p.m. – 4:35 p.m.)**

## **Hosted Reception (4:35 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)**