



Policy Updates

The Need for Coordination to Tackle Supply Chain Issues

As new federal and state infrastructure funding presents an opportunity for the Bay Area to advance project goals, the Bay Planning Coalition’s Resilient Transportation Committee hosted a discussion on current regional projects and how new funding would benefit the Bay. Speakers Carolyn Clevenger from Alameda CTC, Andrew Hwang from the Port of Oakland, and Kenneth Kao from MTC, all spoke to the need for coordination in order to complete long- term projects targeted at supply chain efficiency. As the pandemic has amplified the need to invest in goods movement, Kenneth Kao emphasized that regional coordination of projects would improve the ability for the Bay to succeed in efforts to receive funding. As BPC recognizes the importance of sustained investments from government agencies, we will continue to advocate for policies and programs that support the region and its members.



(Image: Electric Drayage Trucks at Port of Oakland. Source: Presentation by Andrew Hwang, Port of Oakland)

Looking Ahead: Dredging and Beneficial Reuse Committee sets 2022 Goals

In the first meeting of the new year, the Dredging and Beneficial Reuse Committee discussed new developments and policy goals to promote dredging practices in the Bay. Among discussion topics was the Regional Water Board’s [limited proposal for USACE Oakland Federal channel](#) which would allocate the disposal of dredged material 50% in-bay and 50% for beneficial reuse. Besides simplifying the current guidelines, this proposal would also decrease operational costs for dredging businesses in the Bay. The committee also explored opportunities to secure legislative changes and additional funding to support beneficial reuse projects in the Bay. BPC has been a vocal advocate for climate change resilience funding in the federal infrastructure package to

support wetland creation in the Bay. To support our work advocating for policies that benefit members and practices to combat climate change in the Bay, join the Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Committee.

This decade is critical for sea level rise adaptation efforts in San Francisco Bay" - From BPC letter to legislators in Washington D.C. Read the letter [here](#).

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Energy & Water Committee: Discussing the Current Water Crisis

California and the Western US appear to be in yet another drought year that will further exacerbate the current water crisis, residential and commercial water users across the state are looking to state agencies and emerging technology for answers. To assist in this, BPC’s Energy & Water Committee will be hosting *Mike Anderson* from the CA Department of Water Resources to provide an update on the State’s water situation; *Dale Roberts* from Sonoma Water to provide an update on the AQPI project; and *Robert Cifelli* from NOAA to discuss the potential for AQPI to assist in water forecasting. Continuing the conversation on the long-term planning for drought conditions, these industry experts will provide beneficial insight into the impact climate change has on the environment and its resources. As the Bay Planning Coalition continues to advocate for resiliency projects that respond to these impacts, we hope you will join the Energy & Water Committee on **March 15th at 9:45 am**.



Regional river forecast conditions reflect river forecast guidance products issued jointly by CNRFC/DWR, NWS Weather Forecast Offices issue the official watches, warnings, statements, and advisories.

Staff Updates

Bay Planning Coalition would like to give a big thank you to Emily Loper for her 3 years with BPC. And with her departure, we are excited to welcome two new Policy Associates to our team:

- Sophie Douglas: sophie@bayplanningcoalition.org
- Cameron Carr: cameron@bayplanningcoalition.org

We look forward to continuing our advocacy efforts and supporting our members with the work of our new team!

Thank You BPC Members

As BPC continues to represent and support our members' interests across the region, we would like to thank all members who have paid their membership dues. 2022 is expected to be full of policy developments and opportunities for state and federal investments into the Bay Area, so we thank you for supporting our efforts.

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Featured Member



When thinking of Stockton what is the first thing that comes to mind? If you google Stockton, you will have to scroll down a bit before you read anything about a bustling seaport at the heart of this thriving agricultural city. I may be biased, but I think the Port should be among the top three attractions listed. Let me see if I can share some facts to convince you to agree with me!

[Read more here](#)

Upcoming Events

BPC Government Affairs Committee Meeting

March 14th | 3:00pm - 4:00pm | Zoom | [Details/Register](#)

BPC Energy & Water Committee Meeting

March 15th | 9:45am - 11:00am | Zoom | [Details/Register](#)

BPC Air Quality Committee Meeting

March 15th | 11:00am - 1:00pm | Zoom | [Details/Register](#)

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