

Policy Updates

Potential Climate Resiliency Bond Funding: BPC’s Government Affairs Committee Hosts Staff from Asm. Mullin’s Office for a Legislative Update

At the April Government Affairs Committee meeting, Jane Park from California Assemblymember Mullin’s office joined the committee to explain AB 2387(Mullins & Garcia). Given that the bill proposes a \$7.43 billion bond issuance, Ms. Parks provided additional context regarding the bill’s intent and highlighted that this bill differs from Mullin’s bond bill from last year (AB 1298), with additional resiliency funding target areas. If passed, AB 2387 would provide financing for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, heat mitigation, and workforce development programs.

During the committee meeting, Ms. Parks also discussed other bills from Asm. Mullins office, including AB 2362 and AB1640 (Ward). AB 2362 attempts to simplify the permitting process for green infrastructure, which BPC believes is undoubtedly necessary to advance resiliency projects in the state. While Asm. Mullins is not the author of AB 1640, which would establish regional climate networks to promote coordination, Ms. Parks discussed the bill’s significance in connection to adaptation efforts across the state.

BPC appreciates Asm. Mullins commitment to climate resiliency and plans to support his efforts to mitigate the effects of climate change. We will continue to track the status of these bills and provide an update at our next Government Affairs meeting on Tuesday, June 7th at 11am.

Follow Up: BPC’s Workshop with the Regional Water Board on the Proposed Basin Plan Amendment

On April 18th, Bay Planning Coalition hosted a workshop with San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board staff regarding the Proposed Basin Plan Amendment to include information on climate change and aquatic habitat protection. At the workshop, water board staff answered questions and provided additional information to members of the business community that expressed their concerns with the language and intent of the Proposed Amendment. Given BPC’s continued interest in promoting economic success for businesses in the San Francisco Bay Region, we appreciate the SFRWQCB’s participation in our workshop. We hope we can work collaboratively to resolve our

Proposed Basin Plan Amendment
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
Proposed Basin Plan Amendment:
Climate Change and Aquatic Habitat Protection, Management, and Restoration



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concerns on the Proposed Basin Plan Amendment, which will be heard by the Regional Water Board at the June 9th, 2022 meeting. To view the recording of this workshop, [click here](#).

To read the coalition comment letter that BPC developed in response to the Proposed Amendment, click the button below.

[Read the Coalition Letter](#)



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### **AQPI: Increasing Weather Forecasting Accuracy**

Given California’s unique landscape, the San Francisco Bay Area Advanced Quantitative Precipitation Information System (AQPI) is a valuable addition to forecasting technology in the State. Utilizing X-Band and C-Band radars, forecasting information is more accurate compared to previous forecasting. This information provides a greater understanding of weather patterns in the region to assist water managers, reservoir operators, wastewater plant managers, flood agencies, and emergency responders during extreme weather events. BPC is a partner in the AQPI project and will continue sharing additional information to support the installation progress of new radars. As climate change alters weather patterns, the AQPI system is beneficial in mitigating the consequences of extreme weather events.

To learn more about the AQPI System and upcoming installations, please click the button below.

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## **Legislative Update**

**California Bills to Watch**

As a strong advocate for resiliency and industry success across the Bay region, Bay Planning Coalition is working to support the region in both state and federal legislative processes. Below you will find a brief summary and link to bills and letters that may be of interest.

### State Bills:

[AB 1001](#) (Garcia): This bill would expand CEQA to include air quality mitigation requirements to include financial compensation to impacted disadvantaged communities. As such mitigation requirements are already included in CEQA, BPC believes this bill would further increase current litigation backlogs and slow development. We have drafted a letter of opposition that we will submit following the next committee assignment. View the letter [here](#)

[AB 1832](#)(Garcia): This bill would limit the hard mineral extraction, and given the vague language that may hinder the extraction of oyster shells, a vital commodity for calcium in agricultural products, BPC submitted a letter of support if amended, which can be viewed [here](#).

[AB 2605](#) (Villapudua): This bill would amend the process for the issuance of regional board certification under Section 401, the Port-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Our letter of support can be viewed [here](#).

[AB 2807](#) (Bonta): This bill would include public transit ferries in the state's zero-emission funding program eligibility. BPC believes this bill has a strong regional benefit, and submitted a letter that can be viewed [here](#).

[SB 1049](#) (Dodd): This bill would authorize the issuance of \$7.43 billion under the State General Obligation Bond to fund drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, and workforce development. BPC's letter of support can be viewed [here](#).

### Federal Funding Opportunities

Bay Planning Coalition continues to support in-bay disposal when appropriate for economic and environmental needs to address the impacts of climate change.

BPC drafted a coalition letter to support the beneficial use of dredged material with support from the following organizations: BPC, BCDC, the California Coastal Conservancy, the Port of Oakland, and Save the Bay. View a copy of the letter sent to Bay Area Delegation representatives and senators [here](#).

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To learn more about the Marine Highway Transportation Grant, please view the Federal Registry information [here](#). Please note that applications are due to the Maritime Administration ("MARAD") by 5:00 p.m. (ET) on June 17, 2022.

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**2022 Spring Summit: *Funding Resiliency***



# 2022 SPRING SUMMIT

 Bay Planning Coalition

The theme of this year's summit is Funding Resiliency and it includes discussions on the impacts of climate change, the planning and paying for the future, and how we need to strategize going forward. To start the program, invited speakers will provide an update on federal and state funding, review the costs of regional adaptation, and emphasize the need for collaboration among regional stakeholders and agencies. Following our speakers, we will have two panels to discuss planning strategies and funding.

## Panel 1: Planning Strategies

Panelists representing various project planning areas will discuss the strategies needed to advance adaptation. With the assistance of moderator Allison Brooks, we hope this dialogue will encourage collaboration to advance resiliency efforts.

## Social Equity Considerations:

Our social equity speaker, Larry Goldzband, will be speaking on the importance of remembering equity considerations when covered in discussions on funding and planning.

## Panel 2: Funding

Representing state agencies and regional entities, the funding panelists will discuss timelines, criteria, and other logistics components. Guided by Dilip Trivedi, we hope to identify best practices to secure funding.

## **Speakers & Panelists:**

## Introduction Speakers -

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**Congressman John Garamendi**

*California's 3rd District | United States House of Representatives*



**Warner Chabot**

*Executive Director | San Francisco Estuary Institute - SFEI*



**Eric Sapirstein**

*Founder & President | ENS Resources*



**Mark Northcross**

*Principal | NHA Advisors*

## Panel 1: Planning Strategies -

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**Allison Brooks**

Moderator

*Executive Director | Bay Area Regional Collaborative - BARC*



**Amy Worth**

*BARC Governing Board Chair | Bay Area Regional Collaborative*



**Len Materman**

*Chief Executive Officer | One Shoreline*



**Virginia Calkins**

*Senior Development Manager | DivcoWest*



**Roger Leventhal**  
*Senior Engineer | Marin County Public Works*

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## Social Equity Speaker -



**Larry Goldzband**  
*Executive Director | San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)*

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## Panel 2: Funding -



**Dilip Trivedi**  
Moderator  
*Principal, Coastal Engineering | Moffatt & Nichol*



**Amy Hutzell**  
*Executive Officer | California Coastal Conservancy*



**Coral Abbott**  
*Community Resilience Centers Program Manager | Strategic Growth Council*



**Nuin-Tara Key**  
*Deputy Director: Climate | California Governor's Office of Planning and Research*



**Brad Benson**  
*Waterfront Resilience Program Director | Port of San Francisco*

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# Register for the Event:

To attend the event on **May 13th at 9am**, please click the button below!

[Register for the Spring Summit](#)

\* If your organization is sponsoring the 2022 Spring Summit, and you have not received a promo code for the registration cost, please email [Sophie Douglas](mailto:Sophie.Douglas).

## Event Sponsors:

Though the event will be virtual this year (hopefully the last!), BPC will be hosting an evening reception on **May 12th at 5 pm**. Given the limited space available, only those who sponsor the event will be able to attend. If your organization is interested in sponsoring this year's Spring Summit, please click the button below to view the sponsorship options.

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## Upcoming Events

### BPC Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Committee Meeting

May 4th | 1:30pm - 3:30pm | Zoom | [Details/Register](#)

### 2022 Spring Summit: Funding Resiliency

May 13th | 9:00am - 12/1:00pm | Zoom | [Details/Register](#)

### BPC Air Quality Committee Meeting

May 25th | 11:00am - 1:00pm | Zoom | [Details/Register](#)

### BPC Government Affairs Committee Meeting

June 7th | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Zoom | [Details/Register](#)

### BPC Energy & Water Committee Meeting

June 9th | 3:00pm - 4:00pm | Zoom | [Details/Register](#)

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