

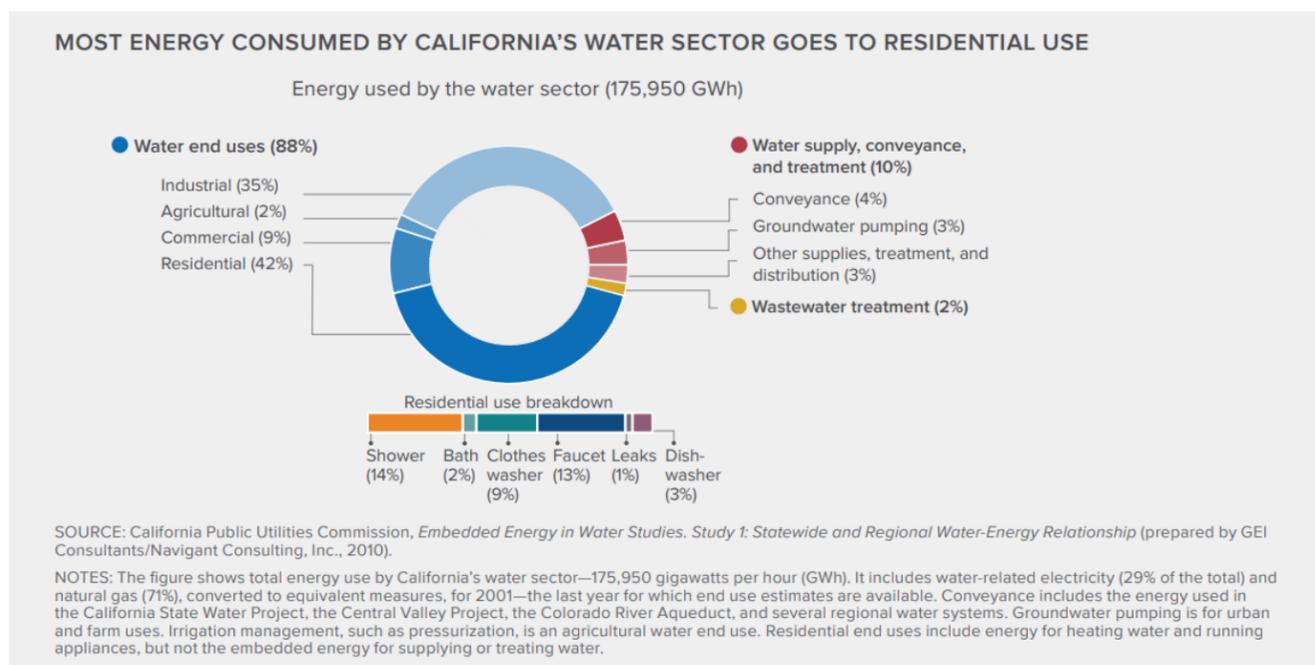
Policy Updates

A Review of California's Resources as the Drought Persists

At our June Energy & Water Committee Meeting, Bay Planning Coalition welcomed Alvar Escriva-Bou with PPIC to discuss the energy and water resource nexus. As California enters another dry summer with regional agencies implementing mandatory level 2 demand reductions and end-users face potential rate increases, this timely overview of the state's resources provided insight into the energy created and utilized by water. While end uses account for most of the state's water consumption, the PPIC's report highlighted that water conveyance is the most energy-intensive. In a time when water is scarce, which impacts renewable energy generation, Alvar emphasized the complementary relationship natural gas and hydropower maintain to meet the state's energy needs.

The committee also discussed Governor Newsom's executive order N-7-22. With implications for administrative processes and water usage, the conversation underscored the need to seek a collaborative approach with state agencies to ensure that regional agencies can adequately respond to the relentless drought conditions.

Planning for BPC's Fall Energy & Water Nexus, scheduled for *September 9th at 9:00am*, is now underway! We look forward to continuing conversations on resource management and alternatives for the state.



To view the PPIC's nexus report, click below.

[California's Water: Energy & Water](#)

Analyzing BAAQMD's Updated CEQA Thresholds & Guidelines

This month, BPC's Air Quality and Government Affairs Committees hosted Henry Hilken, Director of Planning and Climate Protection at the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD). As the Air District recently Updated its CEQA thresholds and guidelines, Hilken's presentation and discussion provided additional information as cities, counties, and businesses respond to the changes. With 2030 and 2045 scoping targets in mind, the updated thresholds changed from

quantitative to qualitative recommendations, which BAAQMD explains in more detail in their released [Justification Report](#).

In addition to these updates, the committee discussed the role of compensatory mitigation in the carbon neutrality conversation, the socioeconomic impacts of these thresholds, and timelines for other district thresholds and guidance. As BPC continues to promote business-conscious regional policies, we look forward to collaborating with BAAQMD on new guideline proposals.

[Henry Hilken's Presentation](#)

Sustainability Efforts at BPC

Waterfronts

Our Sustainable Waterfronts Committee is meeting on Wednesday, July 6th at 10 a.m. to identify specific priorities for the remainder of the year. Our broad topics, outlined in BPC's 2022-2023 Work Plan, include advocating for funding, improving the permitting process, and influencing the development of regional planning processes.

[Register Here](#)

Transportation

The Resilient Transportation Committee will be writing a whitepaper outlining key projects that BPC members want agencies to prioritize. In an effort to include all perspectives from BPC, the Resilient Transportation Committee would like your input on projects of interest to you and your organization. Please fill out this form if you have a transportation resiliency project that you would like to be included in the whitepaper.

[Project Suggestion](#)

Legislative Updates

BPC's New Weekly Legislative Outlook

As part of the Government Affairs Committee, Sophie will be sending out a weekly (Monday) email outlining the schedule for specific bill hearings that BPC has flagged as relevant. We hope this new effort will simplify the legislative tracking process.

Please Note: this is for BPC Members only. If you are interested in becoming a member, please scroll down and fill out the Interest form.

[View an Example](#)

[Sign-Up Here](#)

Legislation We Are Watching

The Legislature has been busy at work aiming to meet several key deadlines in July and August. Tomorrow, **July 1**, is the last day for policy committees to meet and report bills to fiscal committees. **August 12** is the final date for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Assembly and Senate floors, and **August 31** is the final day for each house to pass bills on the floor and be sent to the Governor's desk.

We have a legislative tracker that is updated several times a week. We watch bills that are of interest to BPC and our members.

[View the Matrix](#)

Organizational Updates

Committee Contacts

Cameron and Sophie have been assigned as point people for specific committees. See below for the assignments.

Air Quality - Sophie
Dredging & Beneficial Reuse - Cameron
Energy & Water - Cameron
Government Affairs - Sophie
Sustainable Waterfronts - Sophie
Resilient Transportation - Sophie

Internal, Ad Hoc Committees:

Membership - John, Cameron & Sophie
Organizational Development - Cameron

Committee Sign-Ups and Removal

At BPC, we have six committees that address different, pressing topics within the Bay Area. At these meetings, we often have relevant speakers give presentations on subjects that committees have identified, in-depth discussions on current issues, and plan for future workshops and programs. The committees are:

- [Dredging & Beneficial Reuse](#)
- [Government Affairs](#)
- [Air Quality](#)
- [Energy & Water](#)
- [Sustainable Waterfronts](#)
- [Resilient Transportation](#)

We recognize that some people may still receive committee emails, even though they are no longer interested in participating. If this is the case, please fill out the form.

[Committee Removal](#)

If your organization is a member, we welcome you to participate in our committees, which offer valuable information and networking potential. Click the button below to sign up for email notifications for committees based on your interests. If you are not a paid member and are interested in joining a committee, please fill out the New Member Interest Form below.

[Committee Sign-Up](#)

Membership

If your organization is not a Coalition member, we encourage you to connect with BPC staff to learn more about our work and benefits of membership. With a driven team and commitment to the economic viability and sustainability of the region, Bay Planning Coalition's advocacy efforts, committees, and events are developed to promote regional industries.

[New Member Interest](#)

If you are already a member and would like to meet with BPC Staff, please fill out the form below.

[Meeting Request](#)

Featured Member - Manson Construction

Founded in 1905, Manson Construction Co. started as a small pile-driving business that supported the early development of Seattle's waterfront in Washington State.

Today, Manson is one of the nation's premier marine contractors with a rich legacy of providing quality marine services throughout North America's waterways, including the Bay Area.



Manson provides innovative solutions and engineering expertise, bringing a unique approach to in-water and over-water projects. Our services include heavy civil waterfront construction, open-ocean dredging, beach nourishment, subsea cable installation, offshore energy, and more. The company's philosophy is simple; focus on innovation, provide solutions to challenges and engage the client throughout a project's lifespan. Manson has performed a variety of specialized projects, focusing on three areas: engineering, environment, and safety to meet timely and cost-effective project completion. With offices in five strategic locations: Seattle, WA; Richmond, CA; Long Beach, CA; Houma, LA; and Jacksonville, FL, Manson's experience in marine construction and dredging allows the execution of quality work beyond client expectations.

[Read more here](#)

Upcoming Events

Sustainable Waterfronts Committee, *Wednesday, July 6th at 10:00 a.m.*

[Register Here](#)

Government Affairs Committee, *Wednesday, July 27th at 12:00 p.m.*

[Register Here](#)

Energy & Water Nexus Summit *Friday, September 9th at 9:00 a.m.*

[Register Here](#)

Air Quality Committee *Tuesday, September 20th at 2:00 p.m.*

[Register Here](#)

Board of Directors Meeting *Wednesday, September 21st at 11:00 a.m.*

Fall Summit *Friday, September 30th at 9:00 a.m.*

Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Workshop *Tuesday, October 18th at 9:00 a.m.*

CEQA Update *Monday, November 7th at 9:00 a.m.*

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