Welcome Reception for SF Bay Water Board's New Executive Officer, Eileen White

Join us on October 6th for a chance to welcome and meet with Eileen White, the new Executive Officer of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. The intimate gathering will be held at Lake Chalet Seafood Bar and Grill in Oakland from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The event has limited space so register for the event below. If you are a member of BPC, please email sophie@bayplanningcoalition.org for the discount code.

More on Eileen White:
White is known throughout the region for her years of leadership at the East Bay Municipal Utility District in both wastewater and drinking water, areas of critical importance to us all. In addition to her decades of experience at EBMUD, White has served on the board of the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies and serves as the chair for the National Association of Clean Water Agencies’ Climate Change and Resilience Committee as well as an active member of the San Francisco Bay Estuary Institute. White received her Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of California, Berkeley.

Register for Eileen White Reception

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Sponsor the Eileen White Reception
Join us on October 18th for our annual Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Workshop! BPC is thrilled to begin hosting in-person committee events, with in-person attendance at the Elihu M. Harris State Office Building in Oakland and virtually via Zoom Webinar. Space will be limited, so please register if you would like to participate in person.

At the workshop, BPC will host regulators and other key stakeholders in the San Francisco Bay's dredging for discussions on material management and the future of dredging operations.

Below is a list of confirmed speakers and panelists:

- **Jim Levine**, Montezuma Wetlands
- **Steve Carroll**, Cullinan Ranch / Skaggs Island
- **Jessica Davenport**, Bel Marin Keys
- **Barbara Salzman**, Tiscornia Marsh
- **Stu Townsley**, USACE
- **Melissa Foley**, SFEI
- **Sonja Patek**, CA Legislative Analyst's Office
- **Todd Bridges**, USACE - Engineering with Nature Initiative

If you are interested in attending this event, please click below to register! **If you are a member, please email cameron@bayplanningcoalition.org for the complimentary registration code.**

Register for the Workshop

BPC's educational events and industry advocacy efforts are successful due to sponsorships from organizations like yours.

Sponsor the Dredging Workshop
The 10th Annual CEQA Update will bring together some of the Bay Area’s leading legal experts on land use and development law to provide an in-depth look at CEQA-related developments in litigation and legislation since last year’s briefing. Additionally, the event will review environmental considerations for disadvantaged communities and changes to state and federal water regulations.

Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits pending approval.

BPC’s CEQA Update planning committee is currently working to confirm participants and finalize topics. Register today to receive more information from the committee.

BPC members, please contact sophie@bayplanningcoalition.org for the event registration code.

Register for the CEQA Briefing  
Sponsor the Briefing

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BPC Events This Month

2022 Fall Summit: Continuing the Discussion on Regional Adaptation Efforts

FALL SUMMIT  
Bay Planning Coalition

Friday, September 30th | 9:00am - 12:15pm | Zoom Webinar
Today, September 30th, the Bay Planning Coalition hosted a follow-up event to our Spring Summit: Funding Resiliency event held this past May. Aware of the communal and economic impacts of climate change, such as sea level rise, the dialogue at the Summit underscored the need for collaboration to ensure the region is prepared for these impacts. The San Francisco Estuary Institute's (SFEI) Executive Director, Warner Chabot, presented three ambitious challenges for our region, "1) we move with great speed and scale; 2) we make bold financing investments; 3) we keep equity foremost in our values."

Featuring participants from various project focus areas, the Planning Strategies Panel emphasized the importance of prioritizing adaptation projects, which are often multi-benefit. The Summit also featured a second panel on resiliency funding, with participants from key state agencies and regional entities.

Bay Planning Coalition would like to thank our 2022 Fall Summit participants, attendees, and sponsors. We look forward to supporting the region's adaptation projects through facilitation and collaboration.

*Click the button below for the Fall Summit event recording, program, and participant slides.*

View more information on the Fall Summit

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**BPC's Annual Energy & Water Nexus:**

Reviewing Drought Resilience and Resource Management

**2022 Energy & Water Nexus**

Friday, September 9th | 9:00am - 12:00pm | Zoom Webinar

Bay Planning Coalition

On September 9th, BPC held its 10th annual Energy & Water Nexus Event for a timely discussion on California's energy and water resources as drought conditions persist in the state. At the Nexus event, speakers from State
agencies and industry leaders discusses the drought's impact on resources, share insights on future plans, and discuss the potential for alternative sources. Featuring two panels, (1) Desalination as an alternative source for drought resilience; and (2) General Managers from regional water agencies to discuss their agency’s response to current conditions and re-tooling to address source instability, we hope to continue these conversations at future workshops this fall.

BPC would like to thank Nexus speakers and panelists for their participation, and look forward to supporting the implementation of policies that ensure resilient infrastructure across the state. We would also like to thank attendees and sponsors for their continued support of our Coalition’s work.

Click below to view additional information, including the event recording and resource guide/program.

[View more information on the Nexus Event]

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BPC Air Quality Committee: Considering the Environmental, Social, and Economic Impacts of Wildfires

**Summarizing Costs of the 2018 Wildfire Season**

*More than $100 billion total economic losses in California*

In the Bay Area:

- Health costs (~$8 billion) from wildfire smoke were nearly as costly as the physical losses of property across the state
- Nearly $17 billion in indirect business losses

*Estimated Bay Area Health Costs Related to Air Pollution Exposure from Wildfires in 2018*

- Marin 3.4%
- Napa 3.6%
- Solano 7.7%
- Sonoma 11.5%
- Contra Costa 18.0%
- Santa Clara 19.6%
- San Mateo 2.2%
- San Francisco 7.7%

Last week, the Air Quality Committee welcomed California State Senator Steve Glazer, Dr. Mary Prunicki with the Stanford University Center for Allergy and Asthma Research, and Jeff Bellisario with the Bay Area Council Economic Institute, for an informative discussion on wildfire impacts. As the changing climate alters the health of California’s natural environment, the meeting speakers highlighted that fires affect communities near and far. As wildfires are increasing in size and magnitude, State Senator Glazer discussed his bill, SB 936, which is currently awaiting a response from Governor Newsom. If signed, this bill would provide the state with additional firefighters through a rehabilitation and forestry training program for previously convicted individuals. BPC supports Glazer’s efforts to adequately equip our state to respond to wildfires while supporting individuals that would otherwise be unable to pursue a career in forestry.

Organizational Updates

Thank You Note

Our Summer Intern: Grace Bouton

BPC would like to thank our summer intern, Grace Bouton, for all of her help this summer. Her work ethic, attention to detail, and positive energy were a welcomed addition to the BPC team in preparation for our two large events this month.

We wish Grace the best as she begins her junior year at UCSB, where she is double majoring in Political Science and Communications.

BPC Welcomes New Board Members

At our recent Board of Directors meeting on September 21st, our Coalition approved four new board members. We are thrilled to welcome Darin, Paula, Martin, and Connie!

Darin Cline, PG&E
Senior Manager of External Affairs & Governmental Relations

Paula Gartner, WSP
Senior Vice President, Northern California District Leader
Martin Espinoza Jr, Local 34 Pile Drivers Union
Senior Field Representative

Connie Lee, Cargill
Senior Land Management Engineer

New BPC Members

With a membership of over 37,000 skilled craftspeople, the Nor Cal Carpenters Union (NCCU) with our 22 affiliated Local Unions is one of the largest organized voices in the construction industry. Our mission is to build power for our membership to ensure each member can build a career with dignity that provides the best wages and benefits possible.

PWP is an experienced real estate development and investment company skilled in the successful completion and management of complex projects. The PWP team thrives on creative responsibility, coupled with decades of professional experience, leading to superior personal service and measurable results. The Firm works effectively with multi-tiered public agencies and companies and focuses on urban infill projects, land entitlements and diversified portfolio management.

BPC 2022 Strategic Board Retreat

Bay Planning Coalition’s Board of Directors will participate in a two-day board retreat this coming November as the organization reviews its strategic goals and realigns focuses to better serve coalition members and the broader region. As our organization looks to the future of planning, development, and regulatory trends; we look forward to sharing our updated work plan and goals.

If you are a member and would like to share your perspective on the organization's focus areas, please don't hesitate to contact Cameron Carr.
General Information

Our Committees

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

Upcoming Meetings

Welcome Reception: Eileen White  
*Tuesday, October 6th at 4:30 p.m.*  
In Person

Register Here

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

Register Here

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

Register Here

General Election Recap  
*Tuesday, November 29th at 9:30 a.m.*  
TBD

Register Here

If you are a BPC Member, please email Cameron or Sophie for your member promo code for paid events.