

# REGIONAL AGENCY ROUNDTABLE

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Agenda Representation

9:30 a.m.	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <b>Ane Deister,</b> Executive Consultant, HDR Inc. & President, Bay Planning Coalition
9:35 a.m.	<b>Lt. Col. Kevin Arnett</b> <i>Commander - San Francisco District</i> , United States <i>Army Corps of Engineers</i>
9:50 a.m.	<b>Xavier Fernandez</b> <i>Planning Division Manager</i> , San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board
10:05 a.m.	<b>Jessica Fain</b> <i>Planning Director</i> , San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
10:20 a.m.	<b>Abby Young</b> Acting Director of the Planning & Climate Protection Division, Bay Area Air Quality Management District
10:35 a.m.	<b>Matt Maloney</b> Director of Regional Planning, Metropolitan Transportation Commission
10:50 a.m.	<b>Discussion</b> Moderator: <i>Michele Barlow</i> , <i>Partner, ERM</i>
12:25 p.m.	<b>Closing Remarks</b> John Coleman, CEO, Bay Planning Coalition

# **About our Organization**

Bay Planning Coalition is a leader in building consensus on the critical issues facing the San Francisco Bay and surrounding region. We provide expert facilitation to advance fair and reasonable regulation, and we advocate on behalf of our members on a wide range of policy issues related to climate resilience, transportation, air quality, regulatory compliance, and land use planning.

## **2030 VISION**

Be the most effective coalition that drives visionary leadership and advocacy for San Francisco Bay stakeholders, vigorously shaping a future for a sustainable, thriving economy, environment, and quality of life.

## **BPC STAFF:**



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# **Speaker Bios**



## Lt. Col. Kevin Arnett, Commander–San Francisco District

## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Arnett hails from California. He was commissioned in the United States Army Corps of

Engineers on 2 June 2001 from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the states of Missouri and California within the sub-discipline of Civil Engineering.

LTC Arnett's prior assignments include service at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii from 2002-2005 in the 65th Engineer Battalion (Light) and the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 25th Infantry Division, including a deployment to Kirkuk, Iraq with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division. During that period, he served as Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Army Facilities Engineer for Forward Operating Base Warrior, and Battalion Maintenance Officer. LTC Arnett returned to Schofield Barracks from 2006-2009 and served as the Deputy of the 25th ID Joint Visitor's Bureau and as the Division Engineer's Commander's Emergency Response Program Supervisor during the 25th Infantry Division Headquarters' deployment to Contingency Operating Base Speicher. He served as Assistant S3 for the 84th Engineer Battalion (Construction) and deployed to Mosul, Iraq as the Commander of the 643rd Engineering Company (Vertical), 84th Engineer Battalion. From June 2011 to June 2014, LTC Arnett served as an Instructor and Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering in the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering at the US Military Academy. From 2014-2016, LTC Arnett served as Executive Officer of the Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division and as the S3 of the 92nd Engineer Battalion, 20th Engineer Brigade.



## Michele Barlow, Partner

## Environmental Resource Management (ERM)

Michele Barlow is a collaborative leader with a unique background in project management and environmental planning. In her three decades of experience, she has worked both as a consultant and in industry, managing

environmental due diligence activities and permitting across multiple development efforts throughout North America, with a focus in California. Her proactive problem-solving skills have resulted in successful siting, construction, and execution of high profile, cross-functional projects. She balances divergent perspectives while building positive relationships, and demonstrating a strong understanding of conservation science, project management, and environmental laws and regulations. She has been responsible for managing multiple projects, overseeing large teams of subject matter experts while negotiating interests between the private and public sectors. Michele is articulate and has built relationships in contentious environments with outside stakeholders, including government agencies, industry peers, and non-profit organizations. In addition, she has built positive relationships with Bay Area agency personnel over decades of securing resource permits and authorizations. Michele Barlow is a Partner at ERM, where she leads the Northern California Impact Assessment Team focusing on Capital Project Delivery. Prior to this, Michele worked at PG&E in their Environmental Management and Environmental Policy Departments. Michele has a B.A. in Biology from U.C. Berkeley and a M.A. in Biology from U.C. Los Angeles.

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## John Coleman, Chief Executive Officer

## **Bay Planning Coalition**

John Coleman is the Chief Executive Officer of the Bay Planning Coalition, a non-profit, public benefit, membership corporation, to advocate for the balanced regulation and use of Bay-Delta resources to ensure that

commerce, recreation and the environment thrive in the region. Coleman was elected in 1990 and since re-elected to the Board of Directors of the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD). Coleman was elected to serve as the President of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) in December 2013. He currently serves in the following capacities: Board Member of the Marine Exchange of the San Francisco Bay Region; member of the Freeport Regional Water Authority (FRWA); Chair of the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMRWA); Board Member of the East Bay Leadership Council; member of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Advisory Committee; member of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance Legislative Committee, and Board Member of DERWA, the joint powers authority for recycled water service provided by EBMUD and the Dublin-San Ramon Services District.

## Ane Deister, Consultant & President



Ane D. Deister is executive director of the Urban Water Institute and a consultant for HDR Engineering. She has more than 30 years of experience in the water resources and environmental management business, with more than

25 years in executive leadership appointments. She was vice president of Parsons Corporation and vice president of Cardno ENTRIX where she was a member of the water resources leadership team and a key member of the implementation team of Reach 2B of the San Joaquin River Restoration Project. Previously, she served as the restoration administrator for the San Joaquin River Restoration Project and as vice president at Brown and Caldwell. During her career, she also served as general manager of El Dorado Irrigation District (EID). She was a member of the California Water Commission from 2002 through 2005. She has been a member of several committees including the California Water Plan Advisory Committee and the board of trustees of the Water Resource Sustainability Division of the American Water Works Association. She holds a master's degree in environmental engineering and systems ecology from the University of Florida. She also holds both a master's and bachelor's degree in biology from the University of South Florida.



## Xavier Fernandez, Planning Division Manager

## San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board

Mr. Fernandez is an Environmental Scientist with over 20 years experience in wetland monitoring, wetland permitting, habitat impact evaluation, and ecological risk assessment. He currently works in the Planning and TMDL

Division of the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board. He manages a team responsible for developing and implementing regulatory policies to improve and maintain water quality. He is interested in climate adaptation projects that benefit natural resources and under-served communities using a multi-discipline approach.



## Jessica Fain, Planning Director

## San Francisco Bay Conservation & Development Commission

Jessica Fain is the Director of Planning at the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), a California state coastal

management agency. She oversees BCDC's planning for resilient environments, equitable communities, and the future of our shoreline, with a core focus on adapting to rising sea level. Prior joining BCDC in 2018, Ms. Fain worked in planning and coastal resiliency in New York City at the New York City Department of City Planning and the Science and Resilience Institute at Jamaica Bay. She has taught as part-time faculty at The New School and has been a guest lecturer at various schools. Ms. Fain holds a BA from the University of Pennsylvania and a Master of City Planning from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



## Matt Maloney, Director Regional Planning

### Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Matt Maloney is the Director of Regional Planning for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments, spanning the 9-county Bay Area. Under Matt's leadership, the Regional Planning Program delivers a number of high-profile long range planning efforts, including Plan Bay Area 2050 and the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). Prior to his role as Director, Matt served as Deputy Planning Director, and managed the strategic implementation of the MTC and ABAG staff consolidation in 2017. Prior to MTC, Matt served as Deputy Chief of Staff for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), the metropolitan planning organization for the Chicago region. Matt got his start working in bicycle and pedestrian advocacy in Chicago, and received a Master's in Public Policy from the University of Chicago and a Bachelor's in Urban Studies from Brown University.



## **Abby Young**, Acting Director of the Planning & Climate Protection Division

## Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Abby Young is the Manager of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Climate Protection Program. During her fifteen years at the Air District, Abby has developed

and overseen \$7+ million in local climate protection grant programs, developed CEQA greenhouse gas thresholds of significance and guidance, and produced technical guidance and assistance programs for local governments in developing and implementing climate action plans. Prior to working at the District, Abby spent eleven years as Director of the US Cities for Climate Protection Campaign at ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, overseeing the development of training programs, software and research to assist local governments in achieving their climate protection goals.

# **Agency Information**

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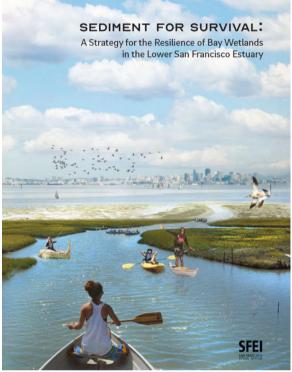




US Army Corps of Engineers San Francisco District

# **Additional Resources**

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## Sediment for Survival:

A Strategy for the Resilience of Bay Wetlands in the Lower San Francisco Estuary



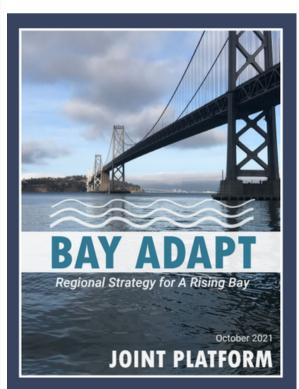
## The True Cost of Wildfires

Analyzing the Impact of Wildfires on the California Economy

November 2021

## **The True Cost of Wildfires:** Analyzing the Impact of Wildfires on the California Economy

**Bay Adapt:** Regional Strategy for a Rising Bay



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## Plan Bay Area 2050:

Thirty-five strategies make up the heart of the plan to improve housing, the economy, transportation and the environment across the Bay Area's nine counties.



#### **U.S. Army Corps** of Engineers San Francisco District 20-Year Strategic Goals

Our mission is to deliver safe and innovative navigation, flood risk, ecosystem restoration, and government facilities solutions and support for the Nation. Our 2022-2042 Strategic Goals guide how we will meet the current and future needs of the communities we

#### 01

## Build Trust, Build Talent, and Build Capability

We will attract and develop a diverse, inclusive, and representative workforce with the expertise and ambition to deliver, operate, and permit projects for our partners, stakeholders, and the Nation. We will experiment with new approaches share what we learn, and problem solve collaboratively.

## 02

#### Efficiently Deliver a Multi-Benefit Navigation Program that Preserves the Environment

Maintaining and protecting our federal ship channels enables an efficient and environmentally-sustainable sea-transport system for critical commerce. We will deliver that, while protecting species, ecosystems, and maximizing beneficial use of dredged sediments.

#### 03 Deliver Large-Scale, Multi-

## Jurisdictional, and Multi-Benefit Sea Level Rise Adaptation Projects

Leveraging our federal autority, regulatory mission, and enterprise expertise, we will enable and deliver scientifically-rigorous solutions to build resilience against sea level rise. We will reduce flood risk by partnering with other agencies on projects that often cross municipal, county, and agency jurisdictions

## 04

#### Maximize Engineering with Nature Solutions

We will lead the region in the intentional alignment of natural and engineering processes to deliver and permit projects providing economic, environmental, and social benefits, efficiently and sustainability.

#### 05 **Build Community and**

Infrastructure Resilience to Western Extremes

Western extremes are only exacerbated by climate change. We will meet an increasingly complex risk landscape with urgency and innovation. We will demonstrate how tools like Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations can improve water supply, flood risk management, habitat, and recreation through interagency collaboration and data-informed decision making. We will help the region manage, mitigate, and respond to hazards.

## 06

#### **Deliver Value and Benefits** Equitably

We will take thoughtful and authorized collective actions to remove barriers for, increase participation of, and equitably deliver benefits to historically-marginalized and disadvantaged communities throughout our mission areas. We will respectfully meet our Federal Trust Responsibility to Tribes.

## 07

#### Support Our Enduring National Security Requirements

Consistent with our storied history, our professional, trained, and ready workforce will support our Nation and our Army in emergency and security response. We will deliver Veterans Affairs facilities, honoring commitments to former service members.

#### We'd love to hear from you!

Share your suggestions for how San Francisco District can successfully deliver these goals. You can connect to our website with the QR code below.

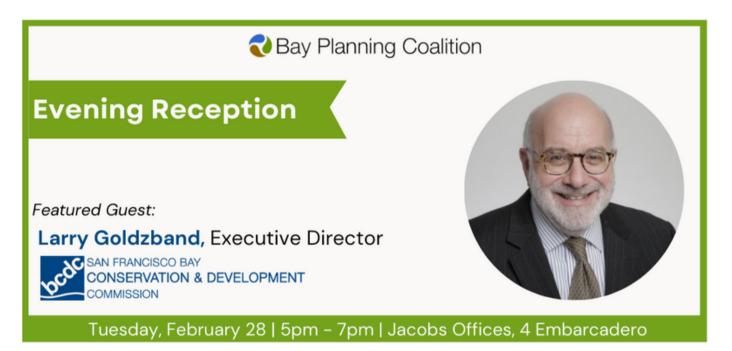


Contact the San Francisco District at 415-503-6804 cespn-pa2@usace.army.mil www.spn.usace.army.mil

## 2022-2042 USACE SF District Strategic Plan

# **Upcoming Events**

Interested in sponsoring an event? Email <u>cameron@bayplanningcoalition.org</u>



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# **Celebrating 40 Years**



**Thursday, March 30th** 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **City Club of San Francisco** 155 Sansome Street San Francisco, CA 94104

Years of Supporting a Sustainable Economy & Environment in the Greater San Francisco Bay Area

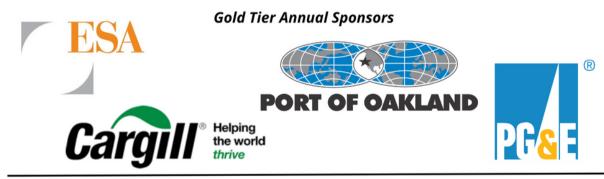
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Join the Bay Planning Coalition on March 30th to commemorate 40 years of facilitation and advocacy in support of the Great San Francisco Bay Area's economy and environment.

As our first annual event since 2019, this event will feature a keynote speaker (TBD), an overview of our organization from a BPC founding member, and "Member of the Year" awards for 2020 - 2022.

The event will feature heavy appetizers and drinks. We are in the process of confirming speakers for this event, and look

forward to share additional details once available.



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# **Get Involved: Membership**

## About:

Bay Planning Coalition (BPC) is a membership-based organization and funded by annual membership dues and event sponsorships. As a 501(c)4 public benefit nonprofit, we understand that our work is possible due to the support of members.

Membership for BPC provides you and your organization a voice in the issues that impact your work. BPC meets with regulators, state and federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, and businesses regularly to discuss air and water quality, Bay fill, endangered species, habitat restoration, dredging and dredged material disposal, permit jurisdiction over construction projects, and many other issues that affect the economic and environmental interests in the Bay Area.







## Benefits:

**Networking** – BPC is a collection of the business and environmental leaders in the Bay Area. BPC events, like the Annual Decision Makers Conference, gather experts in a number of industries that is relevant to your ongoing work. Our members benefit from meeting and building relationships with their peers. BPC helps connect members with regulators to explore solutions to conflicts over the use of the Bay and contiguous shoreline.

**Advocacy** – BPC is an advocate for the issues that impact your organization. BPC works on a local, state, and federal level to represent the economic and environmental needs of the region. We attend and frequently speak at the hearings and committee meetings to advocate for rational and sensible solutions to permitting, environmental, and economic issues.

**Education** – BPC provides a number of member services including conferences, briefings, and workshops. We help our members stay up-to-date on rules and regulations, breaking news on issues and bay projects, permit assistance, advocacy, and strategic responses to proposed regulations and legislation.

## How to Join:

Contact BPC Staff, and visit our website for more information on our organization.

## How to Contact:

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# **Get Involved: Committees**

## Air Quality Committee

- Influence the development of pragmatic air quality regulations that build resilience and support continued economic growth in the Bay Area.
- Advocate for funding to support emission reduction investments at Bay Area ports and refineries.
- Support for practical, consistent, and predictable regulation of clean energy projects, especially those that provide incremental improvements promptly.

#### **Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Committee**

- Influence the development of pragmatic air quality regulations that build resilience and support continued economic growth in the Bay Area.
- Advocate for funding to support emission reduction investments at Bay Area ports and refineries.
- Support for practical, consistent, and predictable regulation of clean energy projects, especially those that provide incremental improvements promptly.

#### **Energy & Water Committee**

- Educate BPC members and the public on the critical economic impacts of drought, water security, and energy supply issues, and the nexus thereof, facing the Bay Area and its economic reach.
- To the extent that is reasonable (and providing no conflict exists), participate in regional collaboration efforts related to water project regulatory issues.
- Advocate for new policy and regulatory solutions to ensure resilient supply of both water and energy.

## **Government Affairs Committee**

- Support legislation that advances economic growth and environmental protects in the San Francisco Bay Area region.
- Utilize BPC's advocacy potential to promote positive outcomes for policies of concern.
- Develop a strong committee membership of varying interests to provide wellinformed information.

### Sustainable Waterfronts Committee

- Advocate for new funding and incentivize regional collaboration to plan, fund, and implement climate adaptation projects in the Bay Area.
- Improve the transparency and efficiency of permitting of shoreline projects.
- Influence the development of regional planning processes to advocate for the regional coordination of climate adaptation and resilient transportation projects.

## **Resilient Transportation Committee**

- Promote the expansion of water transit services and terminals.
- Support transit-oriented development at ferry terminals.
- Strengthen the resilience of transportation infrastructure to support the movement of people and goods

### Commitment

• Our committees meet at a minimum of once per quarter. Due to the active nature of our members, most committees meet more frequently







## **2023 BPC Board of Directors**

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