

April Newsletter





2023
SPRING SUMMIT
Emergency Preparedness & Response

May 24th | 8:00am - 2:00pm | David Brower Center



Bay Planning Coalition is thrilled to announce our 2023 Spring Summit. This year's event will focus on **Emergency Preparedness & Response**, with three panels:

- **Funding:** This panel will explore the different funding avenues for emergency preparedness and response, including federal grants, private funding, and more.
- **Planning and Permitting:** This panel will focus on the planning and permitting processes, including best practices for risk assessment and management plans.
- **Implementation:** This panel will provide insights on how to effectively implement emergency preparedness and response plans, including collaboration between different agencies, communication strategies, and more.

Covering the three critical components of disaster plans, our 2023 Spring Summit will benefit regional stakeholders, community members, and industries, as the best preparation is information.

Join us on **May 24th, from 8:00am - 2:00pm**, at the David Brower Center in Berkeley, CA. In-person registration includes morning pastries and a lunch reception.

If you are unable to attend in-person, the event will be offered virtually. To receive the virtual event access information, please select the virtual option during the registration process.

Evening Reception

We hope you will also join us the evening before, **May 23rd, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** for an evening reception to thank your sponsors and interact with event speakers at Drake's Dealership in Downtown Oakland.

We look forward to sharing more information, including our panelists and keynote speaker, in the coming weeks.

[Register Here](#)

If your organization is a sponsor of this event and you have not received a registration promo code, please email sophie@bayplanningcoalition.org

BPC would like to thank the below organizations for their generous support of our Coalition!

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*East Bay Municipal Utility District | Port of Redwood City
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Our Spring Summit presents a great opportunity for your organization to engage and connect with new potential clients.

We encourage you to review the available sponsorship options below.

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April Featured Activities

Featured Event



Bay Planning Coalition

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

40th Anniversary Event

We would like to thank all those who attended the Bay Planning Coalition's 40th Anniversary Event on March 30th. It was an incredible celebration of four decades of collaboration, innovation, and dedication to the San Francisco Bay Area.

At the event, our CEO, John Coleman, highlighted the organization's commitment to promoting sustainable development while ensuring the continued economic success of the region. Additionally, BPC founding member, John Briscoe, provided an overview of the rich history and the transformative impact the Coalition has had on the region over the past 40 years.

As our first annual event since the onset of the pandemic, Board President, Ane Deister, presented the Bay Planning Coalition's Outstanding Member Awards to our 2020 through 2022 recipients. The awards recognize the exceptional contributions and commitment of these individuals in furthering the goals of the Bay Planning Coalition.

2020: **Bill Butler**, Lind Marine
2021: **Russ Barnes**, Wilshire Consulting
2022: **Amara Morrison**, Fennemore Wendel
2022: **Christian Marsh**, Downey Brand

Congratulations to our Outstanding Member Award recipients, and thank you for your continued engagement and support of our Coalition.

[View Our CEO's Remarks](#)



Lastly, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to our dedicated members, sponsors, and partners, whose unwavering support has enabled the Bay Planning Coalition to thrive for four decades. We are grateful for your commitment to our organization as we work to positively shape the region.

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Featured Meetings

Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Committee

This month, BPC's Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Committee held its second meeting of the year. The committee discussed recent developments at the meeting, including the Bay Planning Coalition's featured comments in a recently published East Bay Times article.

[View the East Bay Time's Article](#)

We hope you will join us at our next Committee meeting on July 18th, at 1:00pm. Please note that these meetings are for *members only*.

[Register for the July Meeting](#)

Energy & Water Committee

On April 24th, our Energy & Water Committee held its first meeting of the year. In light of the recent weather events, which provided much-needed relief to drought conditions, the committee meeting focused on the State's hydrology and the future of reservoir operations with Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO). To assist in this dialogue, the committee welcomed *Michael Anderson*, State Climatologist with California's Department of Water Resources (DWR), and *Jack Xu*, Senior Engineer with Valley Water.

Our committee chairs are in the process of selecting the date for our next

meeting and will distribute additional information once available.

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Government Affairs Committee

This week, the Government Affairs Committee met to discuss recent legislative updates on bills of interest to BPC and our members as the legislature reaches a key deadline today. We also had members join us to present on two legislative efforts that BPC is involved in, SB 272 (Laird) and SBX1-2 (Skinner).

Bay Planning Coalition has dropped our opposition to SB 272, and is appreciative of Senator Laird and his staff for working with us, Bay Area Council, California Business Industry Association (CBIA) and the Bay Area Business Industry Association (BIA Bay Area) on amending the initial bill.

Other Coalition Activities

Member Updates

USACE Open House

Join the **US Army Corps of Engineers San Francisco District** at their 2023 Dredging Open House on Tuesday, May 23 from 9 – 12.

The U.S. spends \$60 million annually to dredge the waterways of the San Francisco Bay and parts of Northern California to support commercial navigation and connect local ports to global markets. Dredging is also a valuable climate adaptation tool: providing sediment to build up tidal wetlands and shoreline communities that are vulnerable to sea level rise.



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers San Francisco District
Dredging Open House
Virtual - May 23, 2023 - 9 AM to 12 PM

[Read More & Register](#)

WETA Wins \$13.8 Million Grant to Electrify Ferry Facilities in San Francisco and East Bay

The San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA), the agency that provides San Francisco Bay Ferry service, announced that it has won a \$13.8 million grant from the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to electrify ferry terminals and facilities in San Francisco and the East Bay.



The grant will fund electric infrastructure and increased charging capacity to the Downtown San Francisco Ferry Terminal, the Main Street Alameda Ferry Terminal and WETA’s Central Bay Operations and Maintenance Facility in Alameda. This project will allow WETA to operate zero-emission, electric ferries on San Francisco Bay Ferry’s routes connecting Oakland and Alameda to San Francisco.

[Read More Here](#)

All Meetings & Events

May

**Sustainable Waterfronts Committee
(Members Only)**
Thursday, May 11, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Zoom

[Register
Here](#)

Spring Summit Reception
Thursday, May 23, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Drake's Dealership, Oakland, CA

*Register using the
2023 Spring Summit
link below.*

2023 Spring Summit
Friday, May 24, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
David Brower Center, Berkeley, CA

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*Interested in sponsoring an upcoming event? View a complete list of annual
and individual event sponsorships below.*

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Other BPC News

Organization Updates

2023-2024 Work Plan

Bay Planning Coalition has finalized our 2023-24 Work Plan. Incorporating ideas and recommendations from BPC's Board of Directors Strategic Retreat in November, the Plan outlines our accomplishments in 2022, revised policy agenda, and new strategic goals to advance our mission.

We hope you will take time to review our 2023-2024 Work Plan, and connect with BPC staff to discuss areas of collaboration.

[View Our Work Plan](#)

2023 Board of Directors

On February 15th, BPC's Board of Directors held its first meeting of 2023. Lead by a new executive leadership, we look forward to a productive and engaging year. Assisting these efforts is BPC's Organizational Development Committee (ODC), which will be implementing plans outlined in our 2023-24 Work Plan in the coming months.

- *President: Ane Deister*, HDR Engineering, Inc.
 - *Vice President: Anju Wicke*, Geosyntec Consultants
 - *Treasurer: Jaclyn Gnusti*, Anchor QEA, LLC.
 - *Secretary: Virginia Demetrios*, Arcadis

 - *ODC Chair: Arielle Harris*, Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP
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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

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