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MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO



Welcome to the Bay Planning Coalition's 2023 Spring Summit. We are honored to have you join us today as we come together to discuss the emergency preparedness of our region.

Each year's annual Summit event focuses on a topic of particular importance to our region. As we reflect on recent weather events, transitioning from severe drought to a steady stream of atmospheric rivers, our infrastructure and communities continue to be tested by the impacts of climate change. Coupled with navigating the changing social and economic environment as a result of the global pandemic, the importance of cohesive emergency responses cannot be understated.

As you will see from this year's event program, there are a multitude of strategies and actions in place to effectively mitigate risks and enhance the resilience of our communities, businesses, and environment.

For those joining us for the first time, we extend a warm welcome and invite you to explore the many events we organize throughout the year. Our policy committee meetings, workshops, and expert briefings offer invaluable opportunities to network with industry leaders and engage with policymakers on pressing regional issues. Our staff is happy to discuss the many benefits of becoming a member of the Bay Planning Coalition.

Thank you for your participation at this year's Spring Summit. Your support and active involvement in the Bay Planning Coalition are greatly appreciated, and I look forward to your engagement at future BPC events.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Coleman', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

John Coleman

CEO, Bay Planning Coalition

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Bay Planning Coalition, I want to thank you for joining us today to participate in this timely and compelling conversation around emergency response efforts in the Bay Area. Just reflecting on the past few years, we have experienced several different kinds of emergencies due to multi-year droughts, wildfires, a pandemic, more than 30 atmospheric river inundations, along with the



anticipation of rapid snow melt and flood impacts. Emergency response is a ‘top of mind’ concern for governmental, industrial, business, and environmental leaders in the Bay Area. What does emergency response entail? Are there unique Bay Area features to factor in our planning? What kind of mitigation and response measures should we consider? How do we pay for these efforts? Who should we collaborate with before, during and after an emergency? One thing we know for sure: we need to have plans, funds, and cooperative agreements in place before an emergency occurs.

This is a challenging time as we are experiencing multiple emergency types at the same time, causing us to have a triage approach. Yet, public agencies, nonprofit organizations and private companies are stepping up to address these emergencies and plan for even greater emergencies due to the multiple impacts of climate change.

In our Spring Summit we feature how the Bay Area is developing, planning and funding preparedness and response programs. Fortunately, we are all working together on solutions that protect our people, infrastructure, and environment from emergencies.

Bay Planning Coalition is a broad coalition providing expert advocacy and facilitation to advance a strong economy that supports a sustainable environment within the San Francisco Bay and its watershed. We rely on all of you to achieve our vision of a thriving economy, environment, and community in the San Francisco Bay and the surrounding region. Please join us at future committee meetings, workshops, and expert briefings.

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AGENDA



- 9:00 am **Opening Remarks**
John Coleman, *Chief Executive Officer*, Bay Planning Coalition
Phil Matier, *Columnist*, ABC7 News
- 9:20 am **Panel #1: Emergency Response Funding**
Mary Ellen Carroll, *Executive Director*, County of San Francisco
Department of Emergency Management
Tom Ducker, *Team Lead*, *Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Unit & State Threat Assessment Center (STAC)*, CalOES
Moderator: **Phil Matier**, *Columnist*, ABC7 News
- 9:55 am **Coffee Break**
- 10:00 am **Panel #2: Emergency Response Planning & Permitting**
Alexander Gordon, *Assistant Officer of Emergency, Security & Safety Division*, Valley Water
Steven Ritchie, *Assistant General Manager of Water Enterprises*, San Francisco Public Utilities District (SFPUC)
Sheryl Sablan, *Acting District 4 Division Chief*, Caltrans
Moderator: **Cameron Carr**, *Director of Policy & Business Operations*, Bay Planning Coalition
- 11:10 am **Legal Considerations for Emergency Responses**
Amara Morrison, *Director*, Fennemore Wendel
- 11:20 am **Lunch**
- 12:00 pm **Afternoon Address & Presentation of Frank C. Boerger Award**
Corinne Bartshire, *Regional Program Manager*, Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)
- 12:15 pm **Panel #3: Emergency Response Implementation**
Sergio Aceves, *Statewide Division Chief of Maintenance*, Caltrans
Lauren Gularte, *Government & Regulatory Affairs*, Water Emergency Transit Authority (WETA)
Aaron Johnson, *Vice President of Bay Area Region*, PG&E
Garrett Thomsen, *Senior Emergency Services Coordinator*, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)
Moderator: **Sophie Douglas**, *Director of Policy & Legislative Affairs*, Bay Planning Coalition
- 1:50 pm **Closing Remarks**
Anju Wicke, *Senior Principal*, Geosyntec

ABOUT BPC

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Founded in 1983, the Bay Planning Coalition is a non-profit, membership-based organization representing a broad spectrum of public and private entities collectively advocating for strong economic growth and environmental sustainability of the region. We work to navigate through the overlapping regulatory jurisdictions that touch the Bay to support sustainable growth, and we influence the development of sound regional policy and planning to build a more vibrant Bay Area.



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SPEAKERS & PANELISTS



Sergio Aceves

Division Chief of Maintenance | Caltrans

Sergio Aceves is the Division Chief of Maintenance for Caltrans and is responsible for providing statewide policies, guidance, and funding for all Highway Maintenance operations in the State Highway System. Under his leadership the Division of Maintenance

administers a yearly budget of \$2.1-Billion dollars. Sergio directly manages 7-subdivisions within the HQ Division of Maintenance, these are: the Pavement Program, Maintenance Safety Equipment and Training, Structure Maintenance and Investigations, Budgets and Administration, Field Technical Support, Emergency Operations and Vegetation Management, and Materials Management Acquisitions and IMMS. Each subdivision has achieved accomplishments in 2021-2022 that are reflective of Caltrans' strategic management plan commitments.

Before his appointment to Division Chief of Maintenance, Sergio was appointed as the State Pavement Engineer for Caltrans in October 2018. He was responsible for overseeing the funding of over \$2 billion in pavement rehabilitation and maintenance projects. He managed the Pavement Management System and the Pavement Program team that includes pavement programming, pavement management, asphalt pavements and concrete pavements. Sergio was also the Chairman of the Pavement and Materials Partnering Committee. This is a committee that partners with the industry to support sustainable pavement technologies and improve construction methods, specifications, and test methods.

Sergio received his BS in Civil Engineering from California State University at Sacramento in January 1995. Sergio started his Caltrans career in Construction, working as a resident engineer for 8 years. He promoted to senior transportation engineer as district estimator in 2006 and has held many roles in Caltrans from Office Engineer, Program Management, Traffic Management Planning, and Office Chief for Maintenance and Traffic Engineering, and has acted as the Deputy District Director over Maintenance and Traffic Operations in District 3, Marysville.

Sergio and his wife Patricia are fortunate to have three children. Sergio enjoys playing soccer, hiking, and vacationing on warm sunny beaches.



Corinne Bartshire

Regional Program Manager | Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)

Corinne Bartshire is a Regional Program Manager with the Bay Area UASI overseeing the Bay Area Training and Exercise Program and investments through the Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program. Through both of these programs, the Bay Area UASI strives to train, exercise, and build local capacity among public safety agencies and the whole community for disaster readiness. With a professional background in geographic information systems (GIS), Corinne has 15 years of experience in all hazards planning, exercise design, stakeholder group facilitation, and program development leveraging multiple grant streams to build a more resilient Bay Area. Corinne earned a Masters of City and Regional Planning (MCRP) from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and a BS in environmental and resource sciences from UC Davis. She is a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) and member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).



Mary Ellen Carroll

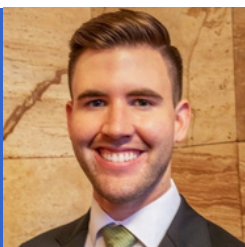
Executive Director | County of San Francisco Department of Emergency Management

Mary Ellen Carroll is the Executive Director of the Department of Emergency Management. She oversees a department of 280 employees who are responsible for leading San Francisco in planning, preparedness, communications, response, and recovery for daily emergencies, large City-wide events and major disasters. Her responsibilities include the overall operations of San Francisco's 9-1-1 center, Emergency Operations Center, and the City's emergency public alert and warning systems.

Carroll has almost 25 years of experience in local public service with the last 15 in the City and County of San Francisco. She joined the City's Department of Public Health in 2005, where she led planning and coordination efforts for San Francisco's health systems. Carroll also spent several years working in the Controller's Office developing business continuity plans for key City services. While there, she developed citywide plans for state and federal cost recovery activities to ensure rapid recovery from disasters and reimbursement for disaster damages. Carroll also spent seven years as the Director of Emergency Planning and Security for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission where she supervised all security and emergency management operations for the city's water, power and sewer system infrastructure and staff.

Throughout her tenure in San Francisco, she has led numerous incident command activations, managed the City's pilot policy on drone usage, wrote the initial iteration of the continuity plan for the City's financial system, managed the response to the 2013 Rim Fire that resulted in almost \$50 million in damage to San Francisco city assets, and has deployed in a mutual assistance role to regional disasters including several wildfires. She is a Certified Emergency Manager. She is also a surfer, backpacker, soccer player and mother.

Carroll holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Studies from George Washington University and an Master's Degree in Urban Studies from Virginia Tech.



Cameron Carr

Director of Policy & Business Operations | Bay Planning Coalition

Cameron Carr is the Director of Policy and Business Operations at the Bay Planning Coalition. In his current role, he serves as the staff lead for BPC's Dredging & Beneficial Reuse and Energy & Water external Committees, engaging with members, agencies, and stakeholders to advance BPC's policy agenda. Cameron also oversees the organization's finances and day-to-day operations, working closely with BPC's Chief Executive Officer. Internally, he supports the Board of Directors Executive Committee and the Organizational Development Committee to ensure the Board can provide effective guidance to advance the organization's success.

His passion for environmental and regulatory policy stems from his experience working with the general counsel of an irrigation district in California's Central Valley. Learning of the complexities and opportunities of water politics in the Bay-Delta Watershed ignited his interest in balanced policies that protect the natural environment while fostering responsible economic growth.

Growing up in California's Central Valley, surrounded by the commodity industries, Cameron brings a valuable perspective to his work. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of San Diego and currently resides in San Francisco.



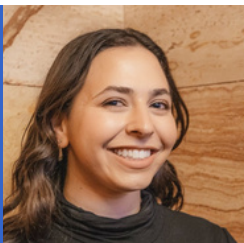
John Coleman

Chief Executive Officer | Bay Planning Coalition

In January 2011, John A. Coleman became the Executive Director of Bay Planning Coalition. During his time with Bay Planning Coalition, Mr. Coleman has worked with the Bay Conservation and Development Commission on the Bay Plan Amendment and on their Strategic Plan update, and has greatly expanded the Coalition's educational and advocacy presence locally and nationally, including introducing an annual Workshop Series, and continuing to build support in Sacramento and Washington, DC for the interests of the membership.

Coleman was elected to the Board of Directors of the East Bay Municipal Utility District in 1990 and has been continuously re-elected since that time. He represents Ward 2, which includes the communities of Alamo, Lafayette, and the Town of Danville; and portions of Pleasant Hill, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek. From 1996 to 2000, he served as President of EBMUD's Board of Directors and was elected to serve as Vice President in 2009 and 2010. In 2011 and 2012, he was again elected to serve as President.

Coleman is an Eagle Scout, and is past Scoutmaster of, and current Eagle Advisor to, Boy Scout Troop 243 in Lafayette. He has been elected to the Council Executive Board of the Boy Scouts' Mt. Diablo Silverado Council. Coleman holds a Bachelor of Sciences in Natural Resources from the University of California, Berkeley, and a certificate in management from the University of the Pacific School of Business and Public Administration.



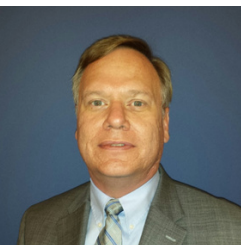
Sophie Douglas

Director of Policy & Legislative Affairs | Bay Planning Coalition

Sophie Douglas is the Director of Policy & Legislative Affairs at Bay Planning Coalition, where she is responsible for spearheading crucial legislative initiatives and ensuring effective regional advocacy for the organization and its members. In her role, Sophie acts as a facilitator among regional agencies, legislators and BPC members, fostering collaboration to maintain the viability of the Bay Area's economy and environmental integrity. She leads the Air Quality, Sustainable Waterfronts, Resilient Transportation, and Government Affairs Committees, where she coordinates informative meetings with external stakeholders on issues pertaining to the committees' interests.

Sophie's passion for policy and the environment took root during her time as an intern at two influential lobbying firms at the state and federal levels, respectively, where she learned the ins and outs of policymaking and collaboration. She also has experience with the Ohio House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

Sophie is a sixth-generation Bay Area native and holds a Bachelor's Degree from The Ohio State University. She currently lives in San Francisco and enjoys traveling, skiing, cooking, and spending time with friends and family.



Tom Ducker

Team Lead for Critical Infrastructure Project (CIP) Unit & State Threat Assessment Center | CalOES

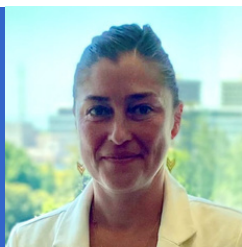
Tom Ducker joined the state's Critical Infrastructure Protection unit in 2007. He currently leads the unit which is now part of the Governor's Office of Emergency Service's Homeland Security Division. Tom is responsible for programs serving to mitigate threats to California's critical infrastructure through activities such as risk assessments, onsite security evaluations, maritime incident response, and State Operations Center (SOC) staffing. He worked the 2017 North Bay Fires, Oroville Dam Spillway Incident, Camp Fire Activation, and the initial COVID-19 response at the SOC. Prior to working with the state, Tom served twenty-three years in the U.S. Army with assignments that included stints as a diplomatic courier and international treaty verification team member. He holds a Bachelor's degree in History from the University of Maryland and a Master's Degree in Military History from Norwich University.



Alexander Gordon

Assistant Officer of Emergency, Safety & Security Division | Valley Water

Alexander Gordon is a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) from the International Association of Emergency Managers. He has a BA in Mass Communication from California State University Hayward (East Bay) and has been an emergency manager for over 15 years. Gordon began his career at the City of Long Beach Fire Department as the Deputy Disaster Management Coordinator for the city. He then moved on to the Santa Clara County Office of Emergency Services as a Senior Emergency Planning Coordinator. Gordon then worked for the Santa Clara County Public Health Department in Public Health Preparedness as a Training and Exercise Coordinator, Senior Emergency Planner, and Interim Public Health Preparedness Manager. He held the role of Senior Emergency Preparedness Coordinator at Pacific Gas and Electric in Gas Emergency Preparedness. Since January 2018, Gordon has been the Emergency Services and Security Manager at Valley Water.



Lauren Gularte

Government & Regulatory Affairs Manager | Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA)

Lauren Gularte is the Government & Regulatory Affairs Manager for the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA), a regional public transit agency responsible for developing, operating and expanding San Francisco Bay Ferry service and coordinating regional water transit emergency response.

Lauren has worked in many positions at WETA and its predecessor agency the Water Transit Authority since 2004. She has worked on an array of projects including the consolidation and takeover of municipal ferry services, overhauling the agency's emergency response plans and programs and helping develop the agency's fleet plan to transition to zero emissions and comply with the California Air Resources Board's Commercial Harbor Craft regulations. She currently manages the agency's emergency response program, legislative program and federal civil rights programs.

Lauren is a life-long Bay Area resident, receiving a BA in Sociology and a Master of Public Policy from Mills College in Oakland.



Aaron Johnson

Vice President of Bay Area Region | PG&E

As one of PG&E's senior leaders in the field every day, he is accountable for delivering high-quality performance to our customers and ensuring the safety, availability, and reliability of regional operations for our hometowns. The Regional Vice Presidents live and work in their regions, close to the customers they are dedicated to serving, so that they can build strong collaborative relationships and develop solutions to operational issues based on a deep understanding of local needs.

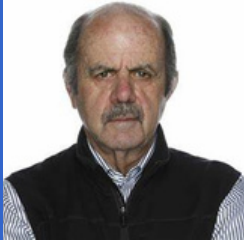
Previously, Johnson was Vice President, Wildfire Safety and Public Engagement in Electric Operations, with responsibility for improving operational practices and situational awareness to mitigate wildfire risk, including starting the Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) program, and leading strategic planning for rebuilding infrastructure damaged by wildfires.

Before transitioning to Electric Operations, Johnson was PG&E's Vice President, Customer Energy Solutions, overseeing customer and clean energy programs, including orchestrating PG&E's entry into the electric

vehicle charging business. Earlier, he was Director, Renewable Energy Procurement, shaping policy and commercial strategy for wholesale procurement to meet ambitious renewable portfolio standard targets, and led solar and wind resource development.

Prior to PG&E, Johnson worked at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) as energy advisor to two Commissioners and was a member of the senior management team.

Johnson holds a bachelor's degree in optical engineering from the University of Rochester and a master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of New South Wales in Australia. He serves on the board of SPUR, a nonprofit think tank and civic planning organization focusing on holistic solutions to urban issues.



Phil Matier

Contributor | ABC7 News

Former San Francisco Chronicle Columnist Phil Matier is joining ABC7 / KGO-TV as a contributor to ABC7's Building a Better Bay Area initiative and as Political Analyst. Phil Matier has informed and entertained audiences for more than two decades with inside information and reporting about the Bay Area.

ABC7 has devoted more time and resources to their key initiative Building a Better Bay Area, by providing more solution-based journalism and in-depth coverage of the growing issues everyone in the region faces. Building a Better Bay Area showcases reporting on the skyrocketing cost of living, the growing homeless population, social justice and environmental issues, plus transportation woes around traffic including rideshare and BART issues.

Matier also brings his expertise as ABC7's Political Analyst for local, statewide and national elections. He will provide analysis in newscasts, on digital platforms and in special programming on the candidates and propositions in elections.



Amara Morrison

Director | Fennemore Wendel

Amara had more than 25 years of experience as an assistant city attorney for two East Bay cities before transitioning into private practice where she works closely with mixed use, residential, commercial, industrial and hotel developers, public agencies, and individuals and community groups on everything from land use approvals and subdivisions to capital improvement projects. She has extensive experience in all aspects of land use law, including compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Permit Streamlining Act, planning and zoning law, the Subdivision Map Act and affordable housing laws, including density bonus and SB 35.

Amara is currently general counsel to Bay Area transportation agencies and Geologic Hazard Abatement Districts (GHADs).

Valued by clients for her responsive, determined, pragmatic style, she was named "Woman of Influence" by Globe Street Real Estate in 2019. Amara was also honored as one of San Francisco Business Times' "Most Influential Women in Bay Area Business" in 2020.

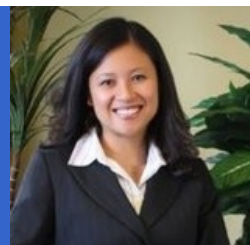


Steven Ritchie

Assistant General Manager, Water Enterprises | San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

Steven Ritchie is Assistant General Manager of the Water Enterprise, where he oversees water system operations and planning from Hetch Hetchy through the Regional Water System to the City

Distribution Division, and the management of lands and natural resources. He served as Manager of Planning from 1995-98. Previously, he managed the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, a multi-agency effort to restore 15,100 acres of valuable habitat in South San Francisco Bay while providing for flood risk management and public access. He has served in management positions at the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (1987-95), the CalFed Bay-Delta Program (1998-2000), and URS consultants (2000-04). He holds a B.S. and M.S. in civil engineering from Stanford University.



Sheryl Sablan

Acting District 4 Division Chief | Caltrans

Sheryl is the Division of Maintenance Office Chief for the California Department of Transportation. With over 20 years of experience at Caltrans, she is well-versed in planning and maintenance operations. Sheryl holds a B.S. from California State University East Bay.



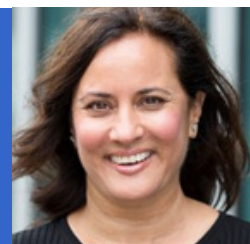
Garrett Thomsen

Senior Emergency Services Coordinator, Mutual Aid Region II | CalOES

Garrett Thomsen is a Senior Emergency Services Coordinator for Mutual Aid Region II. He leads a team of six Emergency Services Coordinators in the southern half of Region II. Garrett leads the Coastal Region Planning Working Group, which provides comments, recommendations, and regional viewpoints on state plans. This group also helps guide how Cal OES reviews operational area emergency operations plans and gives recommendations to the operational areas.

Garrett came to the Coastal Region (Region II) from the Air Force where he was a Military Working Dog Handler, Trainer, and program manager. He served in the United States Air Force for 10 years.

Garrett earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in Homeland Security from Chapman University. He earned master's degrees in Public Administration and Leadership from Golden Gate University. Garrett also completed the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP), has specialist certificates in Emergency Management, as well as Type III and Type II Credentials as Operations Section Chief and Liaison Officer.



Anju Wicke

Senior Principal Scientist | Geosyntec Consultants

Anju Wicke is a Senior Principal Scientist based in California with more than 25 years of experience in environmental consulting focused on program management, financial management, and contracting services for federal, state, and municipal clients in the United States and Canada.

Her projects have included upland and sediment multi-year, multi-disciplinary contaminated site investigations; monitoring and sampling programs; environmental risk assessment, including human health and ecological risk assessments; air quality studies; hazardous materials management; development of designs; and leasing and transfer documentation of contaminated properties. She has been the technical lead on numerous upland, sediment, and coastal projects involving site assessment, risk assessment, remedial assessment, and remedial actions.

Anju manages staff, project teams, liaises with clients and regulators, provides senior technical peer review, and ensures projects are on budget, on schedule, and successfully completed. She has provided senior input to contract negotiations, subcontract management, site investigation strategies, and remedial options and approaches.

OUR 2023 SPRING SUMMIT PLANNING COMMITTEE

This event would not have been possible without the dedication of our 2023 Spring Summit Planning Committee.

Anju Wicke, *Senior Principal Scientist, Geosyntec Consultants, & Vice President, Bay Planning Coalition*

Ane Deister, *Consultant, HDR Engineering, Inc., & President, Bay Planning Coalition*

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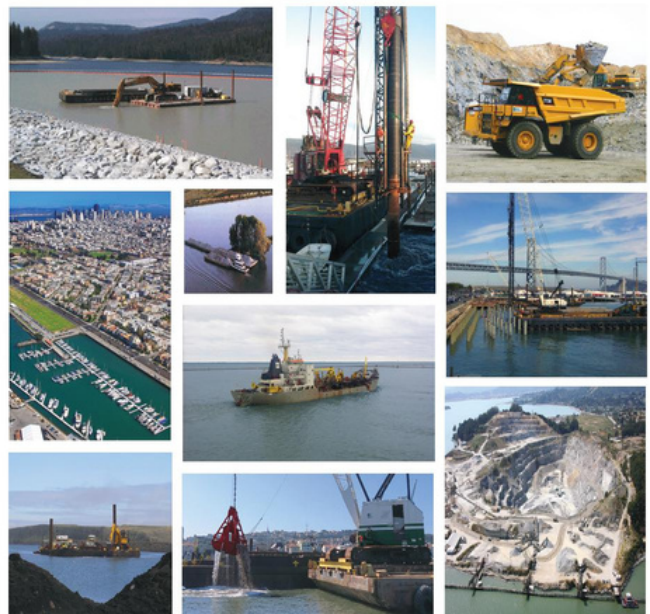


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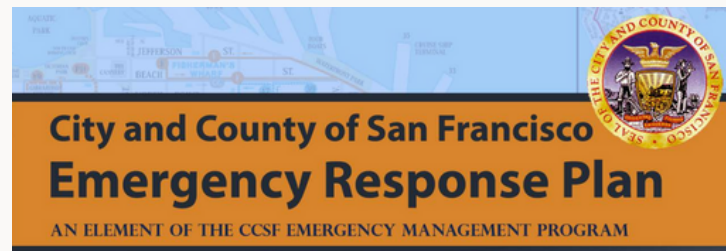
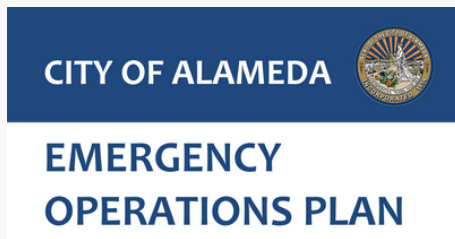
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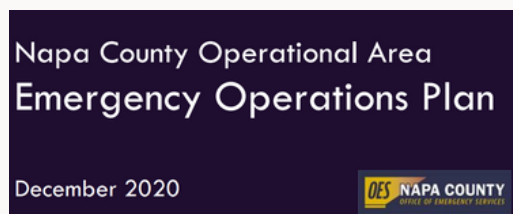
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By becoming a member, you are joining a robust network of stakeholders in helping to shape the Bay's economic future. The many policy events we host throughout the year provide excellent opportunities to engage directly with policymakers and network with other leaders around the region.

Membership 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.

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Air Quality Committee

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

Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Committee

- Support permitting reforms and the regular dredging of critical waterways.
- Advocate for State and Federal funding by educating legislators on the importance of the region's dredging for the movement of goods and people to the state economy.
- Champion the beneficial use of dredged sediment for shoreline resiliency projects.
- Direct funds for dredge-related science through the SFEI Regional Monitoring Program.

Energy & Water Committee

- Educate BPC members and the public on the critical economic impacts of drought, water security, and energy supply issues, to ensure the sustainable use and management of nexus resources.
- Support funding for the resilience adaptation of water and energy conveyance infrastructure, wastewater treatment, conservation practices, and increased storage.
- Advocate for new policies and regulatory solutions to ensure a resilient water and energy supply.

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 well-informed information.

Sustainable Waterfronts Committee

- Advocate for new funding and regional collaboration to plan, fund, and implement climate adaptation projects in the Bay Area.
- Improve the transparency and efficiency of permitting shoreline projects through coordinated regulations.
- Identify projects representative of strong adaptation to influence the development of coordinated resiliency processes.

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