



March Featured Activities

Featured Event



40th Anniversary Event

Yesterday, Bay Planning Coalition commemorated 40 years of facilitation and advocacy in support of the San Francisco Bay Area's economy and environment at our 40th Anniversary event in San Francisco.

The event featured remarks from BPC Board President Ane Deister, a review of BPC accomplishments from John Coleman, and a historical overview from founding member John Briscoe

In additions to these remarks, Bay Planning Coalition presented the Outstanding Member Award to our 2020- 2022 recipients. We would like to congratulate the following members for their dedication and support of our Coalition.

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

Thank you to everyone who attended, supported, and contributed to this event. It was so great to all be together again at our first in-person annual event since 2019! To 40 more years!

We look forward to sharing more photos, stories, and exciting moments from the event with you in the coming weeks.



As always, this event would not have been possible without our generous sponsors! Thank you!

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Featured Meeting

Air Quality Committee Meeting

featuring Dr. Philip Fine, New BAAQMD Executive Director

BPC's Air Quality Committee welcomed Bay Area Air Quality Management District's (BAAQMD) new Executive Director, Dr. Philip Fine, at our members-only committee meeting on Wednesday, March 22nd.

In addition to the welcoming discussion with Dr. Fine, BPC hosted a brief workshop with BAAQMD staff to provide more information on the Air District's current focuses and answer attendees' questions.

Other Coalition Activities

Upcoming Events

Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Committee Meeting

Join Bay Planning Coalition's *Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Committee* on Tuesday, April 18th, to discuss developments and review actions since our February meeting. More information to come.

[Register Here](#)

This meeting is for members only.

Energy & Water Committee Meeting

Join BPC for our first Energy & Water Committee Meeting of 2023 on **Monday, April 24th from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m!** At the meeting, BPC will discuss the state of water conditions in California.

BPC will welcome Michael Anderson, State Climatologist and Supervising Engineer Specialist with CA Department of Water Resources (DWR). More details will be available closer to the meeting.

[Register Here](#)

This meeting is for members only.

Recent Efforts

Resilient Transportation Committee's White Paper

BPC's Resilient Transportation Committee is developing a white paper that identifies the transportation resilience priorities in the Bay Area. Given the need for significant adaptation across the region, BPC hopes this paper will highlight multi-benefit projects in need of prioritization.

If you are interested in assisting the committee with the white paper, please email [Sophie](#).

SB 272 (Laird)

BPC Staff worked with several members and an agency on developing suggested language amendments for the recently introduced SB 272 (Laird). We submitted a Letter of Opposition Unless Amended to Senator Dave Min and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Water in mid-March.

[View the Letter](#)

This bill requires a local government in the coastal zone, or within the jurisdiction of BCDC, to implement sea level rise planning and adaptation, and prioritizes funding for local government projects that meet the state's goal for approval of the required plans, among other things. SB 272 (Laird) is an exact re-introduction of SB 867 (Laird) from the 2021-2022 legislative session

after it was vetoed by the Governor. SB 867 was not included in the budget, even though the fiscal effect would be between approximately \$4.5 million and \$5.5 million annually for the Coastal Commission, and \$3.5 million annually for BCDC (for staff hires). For this reason, Newsome vetoed the bill.

AB 321 (Wilson)

We also submitted a Letter of Support for AB 321 to Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin and the Assembly Committee on Revenue & Taxation. This bill would support the ferry industry's transition to zero emissions through sales and use tax exemptions and is co-sponsored by WETA/San Francisco Bay Ferry.

[View the Letter](#)

Past Events



Bay Planning Coalition

Evening Reception

Featured Guest:
Larry Goldzband, Executive Director
SAN FRANCISCO BAY CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Tuesday, February 28 | 5pm – 7pm | Jacobs Offices, 4 Embarcadero



BCDC Reception

On February 28th, BPC hosted an evening reception with Larry Goldzband, Executive Director of the San Francisco Bay Conservation & Development Commission (BCDC). At the event, attendees were able to network and learn more about the agency's current and future focuses in the region.

Thank you to the sponsoring organizations below for their generous support of our Coalition's work.

Reception Sponsors



Member Updates

Richard Sinkoff's Retirement

After 30 years at the Port of Oakland, former BPC Board President Richard Sinkoff retired. He will be taking a year to relax, travel, and recharge, before beginning a new chapter. From all of us at BPC, congratulations, Richard!



WETA Sea Change

This month, WETA welcomed the first ever all-electric, zero-emission ferry to its fleet, which is the first maritime vessel in the United States that uses hydrogen fuel cell technology. The ferry's route has not yet been announced.

[Read more here](#)

Arielle Harris joins Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP



Join BPC in congratulating our Organizational Development Committee Chair, Arielle Harris, who recently joined Cox, Castle & Nicholson LLP on their land use team.

You can contact Arielle at aharris@coxcastle.com.

New BPC Members

We are thrilled to welcome two new members to our Coalition this month. Click the logos below to learn more about these organizations.



HansonBridgett

Allen Matkins

All Meetings & Events

April

**Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Committee Meeting
(Members Only)**

Tuesday, April 18, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Zoom

[Register Here](#)

**Energy & Water Committee Meeting
(Members Only)**

Monday, April 24, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Zoom

[Register Here](#)

Government Affairs Committee Meeting

(Members Only)
Wednesday, April 26, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Zoom

Register
Here

May

Spring Summit Reception
Thursday, May 23, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
TBD

*More
Information
to Come*

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

Register
Here

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

[2023 Sponsorship Options](#)

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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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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