

May Newsletter



May Events & Meetings

Featured Event



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

 Bay Planning Coalition

Last week, the Bay Planning Coalition held its annual Spring Summit, which focused on Emergency Preparedness and Response. The event conveyed esteemed professionals and stakeholders for a timely discussion in light of recent weather events and our region's geographic potential for emergency events.

The summit included three thought-provoking panels that explored different aspects of emergency preparedness and response. From the first panel on funding, it is clear that the scope and considerations that inform emergency response have significantly changed in recent years. With more responsibilities and factors to consider, agency funding is necessary to support effective emergency response efforts.

The second panel on planning & permitting featured an informative review of agency plans and the steps taken to ensure an efficient response system is in place. The panel discussion emphasized the need for collaboration among operational area partners to ensure the effectiveness of pre-event plans and post-event actions.

The final panel covered emergency response implementation, where panelists explored the implementation of response strategies. With an informative discussion on panelists' experiences and best practices, the dialogue emphasized the multitude of variables that inform the operational aspects of emergency preparedness.

Thank you to our panelists for their incredible contribution to the discussion: Sergio Aceves (Caltrans); Mary Ellen Carroll (County of San Francisco Department of Emergency Management); Tom Ducker (CalOES); Alexander Gordon (Valley Water); Lauren Gulate (WETA); Aaron Johnson (PG&E); Phil Matier (ABC7 News); Steve Ritchie (SFPUC); Sheryl Sablan (Caltrans); Garrett Thomsen (CalOES)

In addition to the panel discussions, the event also featured a review of the legal considerations that inform emergency responses by Amara Morrison, Director at Fennemore Wendel; an afternoon address by Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Regional Program Manager, Corinne Bartshire; and the presentation of BPC's 2023 Frank Boerger Award. This year, we were thrilled to present this award to two well-deserving recipients:

- *Brad McCrea*, Former Director of Regulatory Programs | BCDC
- *Stu Townsley*, Deputy District Engineer for Project Management | USACE.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to event attendees, sponsoring organizations, and panelists. It is with your generous support and active involvement that events like this are possible.

As the Bay Planning Coalition remains committed to facilitating constructive dialogues and collaboration among key stakeholders, we look forward to your support of future events and initiatives. BPC encourages you to connect with our staff if you are interested in becoming more involved in our organization!

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Featured Meeting

Resilient Transportation Committee

This month, BPC’s Resilient Transportation Committee continued progress on our transportation resiliency priorities whitepaper at the Committee’s May 9th meeting. Given the depth of the paper, the estimated completion date has been revised to account for additional engagement with project stakeholders. BPC looks forward to sharing more information once available!

Please contact [Sophie Douglas](#) for additional information.

Coalition Activities

Upcoming Meetings

Air Quality Committee

On **June 7th**, BPC’s Air Quality Committee will host a virtual meeting with California Air Resources Board (CARB) to discuss the agency’s efforts to support the state’s transition to zero-emission trucks and fleets. The Committee will host *Peter Christensen, Branch Chief of Innovative Strategies* with CARB to provide additional information on this topic.

Please note that this meeting is for BPC members only.

[Register for the Air Quality Meeting](#)

Interested in learning more about the future of offshore wind energy? Join the Bay Planning Coalition's Government Affairs Committee on **June 21st** for a timely discussion on the development and implementation of this renewable energy source in the state. BPC is in the process of confirming speakers and will share additional information once available.

Please note that this meeting is for BPC members only.

[Register for the Government Affairs Meeting](#)

Member Updates

Oakland Harbor Turning Basins Widening Study

This month, the Army Corps of Engineers held a virtual public meeting regarding the re-release of the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report / Environmental Assessment for the Oakland Harbor Turning Basins Widening Navigation Study. At the May 10th meeting, Cameron Carr provided a public comment on behalf of BPC in support of the project.

There will be a second virtual public meeting on June 16th, and we encourage you to speak in favor of this project.

For more information, please read the message from our CEO, John Coleman.

[View BPC's Letter To Our Members](#)

Organization Updates

Office Closure & New Workspace

As BPC continues to operate remotely, we have closed our office space in Downtown Oakland. To ensure your mailings are received, please take note of our new mailing address: **3527 MT. DIABLO BLVD., BOX #273, LAFAYETTE, CA 94549-3815.**

We would also like to take a moment to thank David Carlson and the Jacobs team for providing BPC with a physical workspace at their San Francisco office.

BPC Board of Directors

This month, the Bay Planning Coalition's Board of Directors held its quarter 2 Board meeting. As the first in-person meeting since 2020, we are thrilled that our Board is supportive of the transition back to in-person meetings.

At the meeting, the Board approved two new members:

- *Arielle Harris* | Cox, Castle, & Nicholson
 - *Jan Novak* | Port of Oakland
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Panel Review on Climate Change & Adaptation

On May 25th, BPC's CEO, John Coleman, participated in a panel on climate change and adaptation hosted by Stanford University's Public Policy Program. In addition to BPC's participation, BCDC Executive Director, Larry Goldzband, was also featured on the panel review. We would like to thank adjunct professor, Russell Hancock, for the opportunity to discuss the future of resiliency in the region.

All Meetings & Events

June

Air Quality Committee Meeting

(Members Only)

Wednesday, June 7th, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
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Government Affairs Committee Meeting

(Members Only)

Wednesday, June 21st, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Zoom

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July

Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Committee Meeting

(Members Only)

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

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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

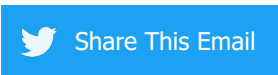
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