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2023 ENERGY & WATER NEXUS EVENT

 Bay Planning Coalition

A Message from Our CEO

Welcome to the Bay Planning Coalition's 2023 Energy & Water Nexus event. As we come together to discuss the future of our state's most precious resources and consider the past year's development, BPC would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our event sponsors, speakers, and attendees.

Concluding the multi-year drought, which directly impacted our environment, communities, and economy, BPC's 11th annual Energy & Water Nexus event will center around the imperative for resilient resources, crucial in California's readiness for a future defined by climate change. Throughout the day, we will hear from leaders, policymakers, and industry experts who will share their expertise, experiences, and visions for the future. Their insights will undoubtedly inspire us to think critically, act strategically, and shape the future of energy and water resources in our state.

But this event is not just about learning; it's about fostering connections and collaborations that can drive change. I encourage you to take full advantage of the networking opportunities available today. Engage in meaningful conversations, share your ideas, and explore potential partnerships to collectively tackle the challenges ahead.

While safeguarding resources from the impacts of the changing environment is not easy, I am confident that our region's experts, leaders, and industries are more than capable of ensuring the exceptional quality of life the San Francisco Bay Region provides. As Bay Planning Coalition celebrates our 40th anniversary this year, we look forward to continuing to support the modernization of infrastructure to assure the viability of our regional economy and environment.

Before I conclude, I would like to thank the Bay Planning Coalition's dedicated team and our event sponsors for their unwavering support and commitment to making this event a reality year after year. Without their dedication, none of this would be possible. If this is your first BPC event, I encourage you to consider becoming a member of our Coalition and contact a member of our staff to learn more.

Thank you, and let's make the 11th Annual Bay Planning Coalition Energy & Water Nexus Event a resounding success!



John A. Coleman
Chief Executive Officer

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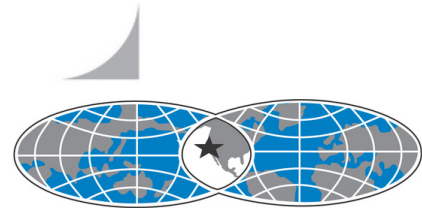
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About Our Organization

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.

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Event Agenda

- 9:00 AM **OPENING REMARKS**
Melanie Richardson, Valley Water | BPC Energy & Water Committee Chair
- 9:10 AM **OFFSHORE WIND PANEL**
Moderator: **Christian Marsh**, Downey Brand
- Participants:
- **Molly Croll**, American Clean Power Association (ACP) | *Director*
 - **Jennifer Lucchesi**, California State Lands Commission | *Executive Officer*
 - **Rachel MacDonald**, California Energy Commission | *Program Specialist - Siting, Transmission, & Environmental Protection Division*
- 10:25 AM **COFFEE BREAK**
- 10:35 AM **WATER INFRASTRUCTURE: CURRENT PRACTICES & FUTURE PLANS**
Moderator: **Les Chau**, West Yost
- Participants:
- **Jerry Brown**, Sites Reservoir Project | *Executive Director*
 - **Paul Sciuto**, Monterey One Water | *General Manager*
- 11:35 AM **GENERAL MANAGERS PANEL**
Moderator: **Ane Deister**, HDR Inc. | BPC Board of Directors President
- Participants:
- **Aaron Baker**, Valley Water | *COO, Water Utility*
 - **Clifford Chan**, EBMUD | *General Manager*
 - **Grant Davis**, Sonoma Water | *General Manager*
- 12:40 PM **CLOSING REMARKS**
John Coleman, Bay Planning Coalition

Event Participants



Aaron Baker

Valley Water

Chief Operating Officer, Water Utility

Aaron Baker is the Chief Operating Officer of the Water Utility Enterprise providing a clean, reliable water supply for current and future generations of Santa Clara County. He oversees the Water Utility Enterprise which imports water into the County, manages two groundwater subbasins, three water treatment plants, an advanced water purification center, a state-of-the-art water quality laboratory, ten reservoirs, three pumping stations, numerous recharge facilities in seven major recharge systems, and related distribution facilities.

He has worked for Valley Water for over 20 years and has held the positions of Deputy Operating Officer of Raw Water and Assistant Operating Officer of Treated Water. His experience includes engineering, hydraulic modeling, regulatory permitting and other project support in Capital Program Services, along with engineering and leadership in water treatment, water supply, and flood protection. Some of Aaron's responsibilities included the continuous operation of the county's primary water supply system to distribute an average of 300,000 acre-feet per year to water treatment plants, recharge facilities, and other users. He has successfully managed water supply operations through difficult issues including the last drought and interim water supply operations for the Fisheries and Aquatic Collaborative Effort.

Aaron is a State of California Registered Professional Civil Engineer and holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Southern California.



Jerry Brown

Sites Reservoir Project

Executive Director

Mr. Brown has 36 years of experience including planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of water, wastewater and water recycling systems for urban areas. He started Waterology Consulting in January 2020. In March 2020, Mr. Brown and Waterology were selected to perform Executive Director services for the Sites Reservoir Project. In this capacity, Mr. Brown oversees project development by a multi-disciplined team of consultants, contractors, and experts. He serves at the pleasure of the 9 member Sites Authority JPA Board

of Directors and its 22 member Project Reservoir Committee. Previously, Mr. Brown served as General Manager of the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) for 9 1/2 years through December 2019.

Mr. Brown is a registered Civil and Mechanical Engineer in California. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from California State University at Northridge, a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Southern California, and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from California State University at San Jose.



Clifford Chan

East Bay Municipal Utility District

General Manager

Clifford C. Chan was appointed to serve as the 11th General Manager of the East Bay Municipal Utility District on June 9, 2020. In his role, he oversees delivery of high quality drinking water to 1.4 million residents and businesses in 20 cities and 15 unincorporated communities in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, as well as wastewater treatment for 740,000 of those same customers. As General Manager, he balances the continued demands of maintaining critical infrastructure and financial stability with innovation in sustainability and long-term water and wastewater planning. Chan is a 23-year employee of EBMUD with degrees in civil and geotechnical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley.

He joined EBMUD in 1997 as a Junior Engineer. In February 2018, Chan was appointed to lead EBMUD's Operations and Maintenance Department, which accounts for roughly half of EBMUD's 2,000 water and wastewater employees. Previously he served as manager of maintenance and construction and manager of water treatment and distribution.

Chan made EBMUD history as the first Asian American to hold the position of general manager. He takes the helm as EBMUD prepares to celebrate its 100th anniversary in May 2023.



Les Chau

West Yost

Business Manager

Mr. Les Chau, BCES, brings 30 years of project management and business development experience to lead the multi-state Water Sector business unit with the new paradigm of climate and water nexus.

As a practicing hydrogeologist, our clients and team will benefit from his extensive consulting experience in water resource studies, water quality compliance projects, and water infrastructure asset management. Les brings with him knowledge garnered by completing numerous large-scale conjunctive use projects. These include Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)-related sustainable water planned projects, and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance investigations.



John Coleman

Bay Planning Coalition

Chief Executive Officer

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.



Molly Croll

American Clean Power Association

Director

Molly is Pacific Offshore Wind Director at American Clean Power. In this role she leads ACP-California's offshore-focused policy and regulatory advocacy and collaborates with ACP's partners on offshore wind in the Pacific Northwest. Molly came to ACP from Avangrid Renewables where she served as Policy, Regulatory and Markets Manager in the west. Prior to Avangrid, Molly spent eleven years at CEA Consulting advising and advocating on behalf of companies, eNGOs and philanthropies on a variety of climate, air quality, and conservation issues, with a focus on clean energy in California. From 2019-2021 she contracted with ACP-California to lead the group's offshore wind program.



Grant Davis

Sonoma Water

General Manager

As General Manager of Sonoma Water, Grant Davis is responsible for Sonoma Water's core functions of providing drinking water to 600,000 residents in portions of Sonoma and Marin

counties and wastewater management for eight zones and districts throughout Sonoma County. Mr. Davis and his team also maintain nearly 100 miles of streams and detention basins for flood protection and manage a nationally recognized Russian River Watershed Restoration Program for the benefit of three federally listed fish species. Since 2015, Sonoma Water has implemented a renewable energy portfolio that resulted in a carbon free water supply and distribution system. Sonoma Water has also been a leader in the development of several successful federal and state initiatives, such as the North Coast Resource Partnership, San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Program, North Bay Water Reuse Authority and Pacific Coastal Salmon Restoration Fund.

Prior to joining Sonoma Water in 2007, Mr. Davis was Executive Director of The Bay Institute, a science-based nonprofit, dedicated to protecting the San Francisco Bay-Delta Watershed and improving water management in California. His experience also includes working for three members of Congress, a State Senator and an Assemblywoman. Mr. Davis has served as Director of the California Department of Water Resources under Governor Brown. He is past President of WaterReuse, California and is currently a member of the University of California's President's Advisory Commission, for the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Mr. Davis also serves as a member of the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program Technical Advisory Committee for the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

Mr. Davis received his Bachelor's Degree in political science from the University of California at Berkeley.



Ane Deister

HDR Inc.

Executive Consultant

BPC Board of Directors 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.



Jennifer Lucchesi

California State Lands Commission

Executive Officer

Since her appointment in 2012, Jennifer Lucchesi has led the Commission through the successful adoption of two Strategic Plans, returned over 16,000 acres to California's Coastal Sanctuary, is implementing three major offshore oil and gas facility abandonment and decommissioning programs, and is establishing the Commission as a leader in addressing the impacts of the climate crisis through responsibly transitioning its leasing and management portfolio of approximately 4 million acres of lands to clean and renewable energy development, adapting to sea level rise, protecting and enhancing public access, and sustainable forest management. Jennifer holds a bachelor's degree in Agribusiness from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and a Juris Doctor from McGeorge School of Law.



Rachel MacDonald

California Energy Commission

Program Specialist - Siting, Transmission, & Environmental Protection Division

Rachel MacDonald is a Program Specialist in the Siting, Transmission, and Environmental Protection Division of the California Energy Commission. Currently, Rachel is part of a team focused on advancing the state's climate initiatives, including deployment of offshore wind energy resources. In her nineteen years at the California Energy Commission Rachel has held staff and management positions and completed projects in numerous subject areas including distribution interconnection and distributed energy resources research, the advancement of improved smart inverter functionality, nuclear and once-through cooling generation, energy storage, and natural gas infrastructure. She earned her bachelor's degree in government from California State University Sacramento with an emphasis in law.



Christian Marsh

Downey Brand

Partner

Christian Marsh is a partner in the San Francisco office of Downey Brand LLP. He advises public and private clients on natural resource, energy, and land use matters involving endangered species, wetlands, California planning and zoning law, water rights, the public trust doctrine, and NEPA and CEQA review. Among a variety of projects, he has entitled and permitted large-scale residential, commercial, and mixed-use real estate developments, ground and surface water supply projects, renewable energy facilities, oil production and transmission

infrastructure, port and waterfront developments, and public infrastructure and mining projects.

Christian also conducts trial and appellate-level litigation in the areas of his expertise, including CEQA and NEPA. Among other significant appeals, Christian represented the prevailing parties in consecutive CEQA cases before the California Supreme Court, *Save the Plastic Bag Coalition v. City of Manhattan Beach*, 52 Cal.4th 155 (2011), and *Stockton Citizens for Sensible Planning v. City of Stockton*, 48 Cal.4th 481 (2010). Before practicing law, Christian served as special assistant in the U.S. Department of the Interior, where he advised the Deputy Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for Water & Science on endangered species and water policies.



Melanie Richardson

Valley Water

*Assistant Chief Executive Officer
BPC Energy & Water Committee Co-Chair*

Appointed by the Board on July 14, 2020, Ms. Richardson oversees all Valley Water operations including the Water Utility Enterprise and Watersheds business areas. Ms. Richardson has worked at Valley Water since 1990 and has held the positions of Assistant Operating Officer of Water Supply, Deputy Administrative Officer of Corporate Business Services, Deputy Operating Officer of Watersheds Design and Construction, and most recently Chief Operating Officer of Watersheds. As COO of Watersheds, she provided management oversight for flood protection, environmental stewardship and dam safety capital projects.

Ms. Richardson has a B.S. in Petroleum Engineering from Montana State University and is a registered Civil Engineer in California. She has also completed the Executive Leadership Program from UC Berkeley Extension.

Ms. Richardson currently serves on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Flood Storm Management Agencies (NAFSMA) and is a board member of Bay Planning Coalition. She previously served as Chair of the City of San Jose Parks and Recreation Commission and was past President of the WaterReuse Northern California Chapter.



Paul Sciuto

Monterey One Water

General Manager

Paul Sciuto is the General Manager of Monterey One Water, a regional wastewater and water reuse utility. Having devoted more than 30 years of his career exclusively to the potable water, wastewater, and recycled water sectors, Paul has an advanced theoretical and practical understanding of the industry. His leadership at Monterey One Water resulted in the first potable reuse facility in northern California and is now advancing the nexus between water reuse and green energy.

M.S. Technology Management, Pepperdine University

M.B.A. Finance, CSU Hayward

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Segment 1: Offshore Wind Panel

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About:

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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.



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 or complete our [Membership Inquiry Form](#).

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Get Involved: Committees



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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.



Resilient Transportation Committee

- Promote the expansion of water transit services and terminals.
- Support resilient transportation infrastructure to expand the movement of people and goods.
- Advocate for projects that improve the region's existing transportation routes and expand access to additional communities around the San Francisco Bay.

NOTE: Meetings are held at a minimum of once per quarter. Due to the active nature of our members, most committees meet more frequently.

Featured Upcoming Event: Welcome Reception

Welcome Reception

Featured Guest:
LTC Timothy Shebesta, Commander



Wednesday, September 27th | 5pm - 7pm | Lake Chalet, Oakland

Join the Bay Planning Coalition in welcoming the US Army Corps of Engineers – San Francisco District’s new District Commander, **LTC Timothy Shebesta**, on Wednesday, September 27th, from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. This reception will provide attendees with an opportunity to meet the new District Commander and learn more about his goals and objectives for the region.

The event will be held at Lake Chalet in Oakland, and will feature drinks and appetizers.

Space is limited, so we encourage you to register today!

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Featured Upcoming Event: 2023 Fall Summit



2023 FALL SUMMIT

October 6th | 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Virtual

Please join us on Friday, October 6th for our second annual **Fall Summit** to follow up on key topics and discussions from our conversation in May, including Restoration & Adaptation for Risk Reduction, and Risk Assessment & Insurance in an Emergency-Prone State.

This year's event will feature:

Opening Remarks

John Gioia, Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors | *District 1 Supervisor*

Panel - Restoration & Adaptation for Risk Reduction

This panel will explore strategies and best practices that the Bay Area can employ to mitigate risks and ensure a sustainable future.

Confirmed Speakers Include:

- **Mike Beck**, UCSC Center for Coastal Climate Resilience | *Director*
- **Dave Jones**, Center for Law, Energy & the Environment at Berkeley Law | *Director, Climate Risk Initiative & Former California Insurance Commissioner*
- **Alison Kearns**, FEMA Region IX | *Planning & Implementation Branch Chief*
- Moderator: **Dana Brechwald**, BCDC | *Assistant Planning Director for Climate Adaptation*

Keynote Address

- **Ricardo Lara**, California Department of Insurance | *Commissioner*

Panel - Risk Assessment & Insurance

This panel will discuss risk assessment and insurance as communities and businesses face impacts due to climate change, as well as review the latest approaches in risk assessment and the role of insurance in bolstering resilience against potential emergencies.

Confirmed Speakers Include:

- **Jake Clarke**, Guy Carpenter | *Managing Director*
- **Tony Giles**, California Joint Powers Risk Management Authority | *General Manager*
- **Paul Nieto**, Signature Development Group | *Executive Vice President*
- Moderator: **Brian Cooney**, Marsh McLennan | *Senior Vice President*

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Featured Upcoming Event: Dredging Workshop

 Bay Planning Coalition
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DREDGING & BENEFICIAL REUSE WORKSHOP

Tuesday, October 31st, 2023 | 9:00 am – 12:30 pm
CSUEB Conference Center – Downtown Oakland

Join BPC on Tuesday, October 31st, for our Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Committee's annual Dredging Workshop. This year's event will focus on regulatory developments, beneficial reuse sites and practices, and the potential for funding. In addition to the insightful discussions, this in person event is a great opportunity to network with industry experts, environmental professionals, regulators, and stakeholders.

The event will be held at the CSUEB Conference Center in Downtown Oakland.

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