

September Newsletter





Events & Meetings

Featured Events

2023 Energy & Water Nexus



On September 15th, the Bay Planning Coalition welcomed experts and industry stakeholders from across the region for our 11th annual Energy & Water Nexus event. We would like to thank our sponsors, attendees, and speakers for making the event possible.

This year's event focused on the vital intersection of California's energy and water resources. As our state continues to grapple with the complex challenges of climate change and resource sustainability, understanding how these two essential components intersect is more critical than ever.

The 2023 Energy & Water Nexus event featured timely discussions on the future of California's energy goals and the imperative for water resource resilience. As we look to drive meaningful progress and innovation towards a more sustainable future, the insight and expertise of the event participants highlighted strategies and actions to ensure the future success of our local communities and state.

The virtual event comprised three insightful segments:

Offshore Wind Panel: This panel explored the exciting developments in offshore wind energy and its potential to revolutionize California's energy landscape. Experts delved into the latest technologies, regulatory considerations, and the environmental benefits of offshore wind.

Water Infrastructure - Current Projects & Future Plans: Attendees had the opportunity to gain valuable information on current water infrastructure projects and sustainable practices. Discussions centered around how we can ensure the resilience and reliability of our resources while increasing water availability and providing renewable energy sources.

Regional Agency General Managers Panel: The event concluded with a panel featuring regional agency general managers. They shared their perspectives on the recent drought impacts, the complex regulatory environment, and collaborative approaches to address the growing demand for sustainable resources.

Click below to access the event program, recording, and presentation materials.

View Nexus Event Materials

2023 Nexus Event Sponsors

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Welcome Reception with USACE San Francisco District Commander, LTC Timothy Shebesta





On September 27th, the Bay Planning Coalition welcomed the US Army Corps of Engineers – San Francisco District's new District Commander, LTC Timothy Shebesta, at an evening reception at Lake Chalet. As BPC focuses on convening regional stakeholders and leaders, this event provided an excellent opportunity to meet the new District Commander and learn more about his goals and objectives for the region.

We would like to thank Lt. Col. Shebesta allowing BPC the honor of hosting him and facilitating new connections in the region. We would also like to express our gratitude to our event sponsors and attendees for support our Coalition's work.



Coalition Activities

Upcoming Meetings & Events

BPC BRIEFING: BCDC Seaport Plan



BCDC Seaport Plan Briefing

Tuesday, October 17th, 2023 | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Virtual Join BPC on October 17th for a virtual briefing on the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission's (BCDC) Seaport Plan. This is a unique opportunity to gain insights into BCDC's Seaport Planning Advisory Committee's efforts to update the Seaport Plan.

Bay Planning Coalition will welcome BCDC Principal Waterfront Planner, Cory Mann, to provide a presentation and engage in a Q&A with attendees. Following the final recommendation and final environmental assessment, the Commission will vote to adopt the new Seaport Plan in Fall 2023.

The proposed changes to the Seaport Plan include:

- Update to the regional Cargo Forecast.
- Remove outdated information and update findings and policies.
- Introduce new topics areas.
- Amend Port Priority Use Area boundaries to reflect shifts in cargo activity.
- Realign the Seaport Plan to better reflect the scope of BCDC's authority and encourage regional coordination.

Register for the Briefing

Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Workshop



DREDGING & BENEFICIAL REUSE WORKSHOP

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

BPC's Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Committee will host its annual Dredging Workshop on **Tuesday**, **October 31st**. This year's event will focus on regulatory developments, beneficial reuse sites & practices, and the potential for funding.

Space will be limited, so we encourage you to register today!

Regulatory Updates

Moderator: Josh Gravenmier, ERM

Speakers:

- Xavier Fernandez, San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board (SFRWQCB)
- Brenda Goeden, San Francisco Bay Conservation & Development Commission (BCDC)
- Eric Sapirstein, ENS Resources

Beneficial Reuse Site Updates

Moderator: **Scott Bodensteiner**, Haley Aldrich Speakers:

- Steve Carroll, Ducks Unlimited I Cullinan Ranch and Skaggs Island Restoration Projects
- Linda Tong, State Coastal Conservancy I Bel Marin Keys Wetland Restoration Project

Beneficial Reuse: What If and What is Next? Moderator: Scott Bodensteiner, Haley Aldrich Speakers:

- Jim Levine, Montezuma Wetlands
- Jim McNally, Manson Construction

Funding

Moderator: **Jan Novak**, Port of Oakland Speakers:

- Jen Armstrong, Waterways Council Inc.
- Esther Choi, World Resources Institute

Register for the Dredging Workshop

2023 Dredging Workshop Sponsors





2023 Workshop Series Sponsors













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Organization Updates

STAFFING CHANGE

BPC's Director of Policy & Legislative Affairs, Sophie Douglas, will be leaving our organization on October 20th. Sophie has been an invaluable member of our team, and we are excited to see her embark on a new adventure.

As we bid farewell to Sophie, we are also thrilled to announce that BPC will be hiring a new Policy Associate to join our team. We believe this transition presents an exciting opportunity for someone who is passionate about our mission and eager to contribute to our ongoing work.

We encourage you to help us find the perfect candidate for this role. If you know of qualified individuals who would be a great fit for BPC, please connect them with us.

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NEW MAILING ADDRESS

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.

All Meetings & Events

October

BPC Briefing: BCDC Seaport Plan
Tuesday, October 17th, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Zoom

Register Here

Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Workshop
Tuesday, October 31st, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Cal State East Bay Oakland Center

Register Here

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

2023 Sponsorship Options

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

