

## December Newsletter



*Wishing Everyone a Happy New Year!*

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## A Year in Review: 2023 Coalition Activities

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### 2023 Events

BPC had a very successful year due to the active engagement of our members and key stakeholders. Our coalition held 18 committee meetings, which covered an array of key topics, including dredging & beneficial reuse, air quality, government affairs, energy & water, sustainable waterfronts, and resilient transportation. In addition to our committee meetings, BPC continued to be a key player in the region by hosting 7 educational workshops and events. These gatherings, which featured executive leadership from state and federal agencies, reinforced existing relationships and forged new ones, aligning with our 2023-2024 policy agenda. Below is a summary of this year's engagements.

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#### Regional Agency Roundtable

*January 26th, 2023*

BPC convened representatives from five Bay Area agencies at our first Regional Agency Roundtable to discuss 2023 planning priorities, climate adaptation progress, and general agency updates.



Featured USACE SF District, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission – BCDC, San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board – SFRWQCB, San Francisco Metropolitan Transportation Commission – MTC, Bay Area Regional Air Quality Management District – BAAQMD.

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#### BCDC Reception

*February 28th, 2023*

To promote engagement with regional regulatory agencies, BPC hosted an evening reception with Larry Goldzband, Executive Director of the San Francisco Bay Conservation & Development Commission (BCDC). At the event, attendees were provided with an unmatched opportunity to network and learn more about the agency's current and future focuses in the region.



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#### 40th Anniversary Event

*March 30th, 2023*

BPC 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. As our first annual event since 2019, BPC presented our Outstanding Member Award to the 2020 through 2022 recipients. We would like to again thank the following individuals for their commitment and support of BPC: Bill Butler, Lind Marine (2020); Russ Barnes, Wilshire Consulting (2021); Amara Morrison, Fennemore Wendel (2022); and Christian Marsh, Downey Brand (2022).

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### **2023 Spring Summit** *May 24th, 2023*

BPC hosted the 2023 Spring Summit event to discuss the region's emergency response preparedness, which featured key industry leaders from the County of San Francisco Department of Emergency Management, CalOES, Caltrans, the Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative, WETA, PG&E, and Regional Water Agencies.

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### **State of Resiliency Briefing** *August 16th, 2023*

To advance the Sustainable Waterfronts Committee's policy agenda, BPC hosted regional projects to discuss resilience goals and guidelines concerning the Bay's waterfront. The Port of San Francisco discussed their Final Waterfront Plan, approved in April 2023; OneShoreline presented their Planning Guidance Policy, adopted in June 2023; and BCDC gave an update on their Bay Adapt.

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### **Energy & Water Nexus Event** *September 15th, 2023*

BPC convened energy and water experts and industry stakeholders at our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Energy & Water Nexus Workshop in September. As the multi-year drought concludes, this year's event focused on California's energy goals and water resilience. This year's event featured a timely overview on offshore wind energy, planned infrastructure projects, and a panel discussion with the region's water agency general managers.

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### **USACE Welcome Reception** *September 27th, 2023*

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.

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## Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Workshop

October 31st, 2023

BPC welcomed dredging and beneficial reuse stakeholders for our annual Dredging Workshop, which featured discussions on regulatory updates, beneficial reuse site updates and future plans, as well as a timely dialogue on local, state, and federal funding.



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## 2023 Legislative Update

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### BPC Supported Legislation

- **SB 272** - BPC worked with several members to develop suggested language amendments for SB 272, which focuses on sea level rise planning and adaptation. BPC collaborated with the author to incorporate amendments supportive of the region and our members.
- **AB 30** - BPC supported efforts for Sonoma Water's cosponsored bill AB 30, which called for implementing FIRO into DWR, \$10M for Atmospheric River research funds from CA DWR, including \$1M for AQPI.
- **AQPI Funding** - Supported funding for the Advanced Quantitative Precipitation Information (AQPI) project on the federal level in the FY2024 Senate NOAA appropriations bill which includes \$900k for AQPI.
- **WRDA 2024** - Advocated for policy requests for beneficial reuse language in the Water Resources Development Act of 2024 (WRDA), championed by Representatives Garamendi, Huffman, and Thompson.

### BPC Policy Engagements

- Supported WETA's efforts to secure a \$16M grant, which will be used to install on-site battery energy storage systems on four existing floats in the cities of Alameda and Downtown San Francisco to help facilitate the agency's transition of existing ferry services to zero-emission technology. [Learn more here.](#)
- BPC and members worked to draft BCDC's Bay Adapt's Draft Vision Statement for the Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (RSAP), which will be the implementation plan for the Bay Adapt Joint Platform. [Learn more here.](#)
- Supported projects that promote a strong regional economy, including the Oakland Harbor Turning Basins Widening Project. [Learn more here.](#)

### 2023 New Members

*Click on the logos to learn more.*



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## A Look Ahead: 2024 Coalition Activities

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### Upcoming Event: 2023-24 CEQA Update



#### Bay Planning Coalition Briefing Series

#### *CEQA & Environmental Regulations Update*

\*MCLE Credit Available Pending Approval\*

Tuesday, January 30 | 8:30 am - 12:10 pm

In Person: Cal State East Bay Oakland Conference Center

Join BPC on **January 30th** for our first in-person event of the year. Our annual CEQA Update briefing will be held in Downtown Oakland and feature a review of CEQA cases, signed legislation, and climate policies related to environmental protections and emissions.

#### Event Overview:

8:30 AM Opening Remarks

8:35 AM CEQA Case Developments - Year in Review  
*Segment Focus: exemptions, EIR, and preemption cases*

9:35 AM State Legislative Updates - Review of 2022-23 Session  
*Segment Focus: CEQA, Environmental, and Housing Bills*

10:05 AM Panel Discussion - Climate, Energy & Air Quality  
*BAAQMD CEQA Guidelines and Development Limitations*

11:05 AM Ethics Discussion: Ex Parte Rules with State Agencies

12:10 PM Closing Remarks

Two general hours and one ethics hour MCLE Credit will be available pending approval.

Space is limited for this in-person event. If you are interested in attending, we encourage you to register today!

[Register Here](#)

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#### 2024 CEQA Update Briefing Sponsors



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## All Meetings & Events

### January

BPC Briefing: CEQA Update  
Tuesday, January 30th, 8:30 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.  
Cal State East Bay Oakland Center

[Register Here](#)

As BPC's 2023 event calendar concludes, we look forward to sharing our 2024 committee meeting and event dates shortly.

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

[2024 Sponsorship Options](#)

## General Information

## 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.**

## 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.

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