

February Newsletter



Events & Meetings

February Engagements

In support of our policy agenda objectives and strategic goals, BPC's committee engagements for 2024 are official underway. This month, we held two meetings.

Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Committee Meeting

February 8, 2024

This meeting featured a discussion around various topics, including the 2024 dredging workshop, BPC's policy request language for WRDA, and 2024 committee goals.

The next committee meeting is slated for April 11th, featuring a review of developments since the last meeting, as well as guest speaker Julie Beagle with the US Army Corps of Engineers, who will provide an update on the Section 1122 Strategic Shallow Water Placement Pilot Project.

Register for the April Dredging Committee meeting below.

[Register Here](#)

Government Affairs Committee Meeting

February 22, 2024

This meeting provided an overview of BPC's initial legislative interests and a discussion around a potential Amicus Brief opportunity.

The next meeting is scheduled for [April 30th](#) and will feature a legislative update, AB 617 implementation, and an update on the Amicus Brief opportunity.

Register for the next committee meeting below.

[Register Here](#)

Upcoming Engagements

Sustainable Waterfronts Committee

Weds., March 6th | Virtual

Join Bay Planning Coalition's Sustainable Waterfronts Committee for our first meeting of 2024 on Wednesday, March 6th, from 10:00am to 11:00am. This meeting will include a legislative update, a discussion of 2024 priorities, and a potential amicus brief opportunity.

[Register Here](#)

Resilient Transportation Committee

Weds., March 13th | Virtual

The upcoming Resilient Transportation Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, March 13th, from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. The committee will discuss 2024 priorities, receive a legislative update, and discuss reviving BPC's engagement with a white paper that was started last year.

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Energy & Water Committee

Weds., March 14th | Virtual

The Energy & Water Committee's first meeting of 2024 is on March 14th from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. This meeting will include an overview of 2024 engagements, a discussion on policy areas of interest for members, and a presentation on the Advance Quantitative Precipitation Information (AQPI) project. The committee will welcome guest speakers, *Jon Rutz*, with the Center for Western Weather and Water Extremes (CW3E), and *Dale Roberts*, with Sonoma Water, to provide more information on funding, future expectations, and technical aspects of the AQPI project.

Register
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Coalition Engagements

Recent Advocacy Efforts

This month, BPC submitted a letter of support for the 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program Request for State Route 84-United States 101 Interchange Reimagined Project for Redwood City.

The Project will improve interchange ramp intersections to increase safety and multimodal connectivity for all users. The Project will provide sidewalks, separated bikeways, and multi-use paths for travelers traveling along SR 84 and across US 101 where no active transportation facilities currently exist. This will improve access and mobility to economic opportunities for underserved communities, as well as encourage mode shifts to low-carbon travel modes. The Project will also enhance commercial vehicle and intermodal freight to and from the Port and US 101 by improving traffic operations and safety and reducing travel time.



Additionally, BPC submitted a letter of support for WETA's sponsored bill [AB 2061](#).



This bill aims to establish a new exemption for the purchase of zero-emission ferries by public transit agencies from the state portion of the sales and use tax until January 1, 2030.

2024 Programming



2024 SPRING SUMMIT

May 9th, 2024 | 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
David Brower Center - Berkeley, CA

 Bay Planning Coalition

Save The Date!

The Bay Planning Coalition's annual Spring Summit event will be held on May 9th, at the David Brower Center in Berkeley. This annual event convenes industry leaders, experts, regulators, and other key stakeholders to discuss critical policy and environmental developments in the region.

Event planning is underway, and we look forward to announcing additional information including this year's theme and speakers.

Space will be limited for this in person event, so we encourage you to register below, and consider supporting BPC's efforts by sponsoring this event.

[Register Here](#)

[Sponsor the Summit](#)

Confirming BPC Committee Memberships

Last month, staff, ODC and Committee Chairs held a coordination meeting on how to best prepare for this year. We agreed that it is crucial that we foster increased participation in our committees. The greater our engagement, the more effective our advocacy efforts will be in 2024.

As a result of our conversation, every member is encouraged to complete the committee form below to ensure all contact information is correct and topic interests are accurate.

Additionally, we encourage our members to share the survey with colleagues at their organization who would be interested in receiving updates on topic-related developments and upcoming programs. As a reminder, membership dues do not change based on the number of individuals participating from their prospective organization. So, it is in your organization's best interest to take advantage of BPC's resources.

BPC MEMBERS: Click the button below to sign up for new committees or to update your current committee interests.

[Update / Confirm your BPC Committee Interests Here](#)

Organizational Updates

BPC Leadership Transition

Below is a message from the President of our Board of Directors.

Dear BPC Members, Colleagues, and Partners:

The Bay Planning Coalition (BPC) has initiated a leadership transition process in response to CEO John Coleman's recent announcement to leave BPC and accept another position. John shared his decision with the Executive Committee in early February advising his last day as CEO would be March 8, 2024. At the regularly scheduled board meeting on February 14, 2024, the leadership transition was discussed, and a number of decisions were approved and set in motion.

An immediate key priority and focus is to ensure BPC's work continues without interruption or loss of effectiveness. Without hesitation the Board approved the promotion of Cameron Carr as Director of Policy and Chief Operating Officer, effective March 9, 2024. CEO John Coleman, the Executive Committee, Committee Chairs and other board members expressed full confidence in Cameron's ability to quickly step into this new role, which expands on the work he has mastered over the past two years. The Board further committed to provide support and guidance for Cameron, if needed, as he assumes greater responsibility at BPC.

In addition to this important immediate action, the Board also approved a process to evaluate several recruitment options to seek a new CEO. The benefits of Cameron Carr's appointment are not limited to the immediate assurance of BPC's programs, operations, representation, and advocacy efforts. It also provides greater flexibility in the CEO recruitment process. Cameron's extensive involvement in the essential functions of BPC, coupled with his existing relationships and knowledge of the programs operating in the Bay Area are highly valued. As a result, we are hopeful that at the May board meeting there will be additional decisions reached regarding the CEO recruitment approach and procedures.

Throughout the leadership transition process BPC has maintained commitment to an open, transparent dialogue, actively seeking input from the Board of Directors, membership, partners and stakeholders. We remain committed to providing the full slate of benefits and to not waver from our mission and adopted strategic goals for 2023-2024 shown below:

Mission Statement

The mission of the Bay Planning Coalition is to provide expert advocacy and facilitation to advance a strong economy that supports a sustainable environment within the San Francisco Bay and its watershed.

2023-24 Strategic Goals

- Proactively influence and shape regional plans, policies, and legislation.
- Maximize the allocation of federal and state funding for climate change adaptation and infrastructure in the Bay Area.
- Advocate and facilitate an efficient, coordinated, and timely regulatory development and permitting process.

Sincerely,



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Departing CEO Selected as Lafayette Citizen of the Year

The Lafayette Chamber of Commerce's volunteer selection committee chose John Coleman as Lafayette's 73rd Citizen of the Year for his decades of service to the community.

To honor John's contributions, a dinner reception will be held on Thursday, March 28th in Lafayette.



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May

Spring Summit 2024

Thurs., May 9th | In Person

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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 Form](#)

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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