



Events & Meetings

UPCOMING: 2024 Energy & Water Nexus Event



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Friday, September 13th | 9:00am - 1:00pm

 Bay Planning Coalition

On *Friday, September 13th, from 9:00am to 1:00pm*, BPC will host our annual Energy and Water Nexus Event, which will convene industry experts to discuss developments and challenges affecting the energy and water sectors.

The event will feature three segments:

Costs and Conflicts - This segment will address strategies for prioritizing projects amidst rising construction costs, operational challenges, and permitting delays. Discussions will explore how new developments will enhance resource resilience and ensure reliability in the face of a changing climate.

Navigating Regulatory Shifts: Federal and State Policies - This segment will provide a review of recent rulings and policy changes affecting the energy and water sectors at both the Federal and State levels. Experts will highlight the implications of new and changing policies on operational practices, compliance, and resource planning.

Managing Resources: Insights from Regional Utility Leadership - This segment will feature the general managers and agency leadership from key regional utilities to discuss the lessons learned from recent events and strategies for adapting to regulatory and environmental changes.

In addition the three segments, the event will feature a keynote address on building a more resilient California, which will outline recent successes and future priorities to ensure resource reliability.

BPC staff is currently finalizing event logistics. Confirmed speakers for this year's event will be announced shortly. We encourage your organization to consider supporting our Coalition by sponsoring the event.

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July Engagements

In July, BPC held two Committee meetings to discuss industry developments and support our Coalition's policy objectives for 2024.

Dredging and Beneficial Reuse Committee Meeting

Thurs., July 11th | Virtual

BPC's Dredging and Beneficial Reuse Committee held its third meeting of the year, which featured an overview of industry engagements and events, a review of recent developments, and a discussion of our annual dredging workshop scheduled for October 10th.

Additionally, the Committee welcomed two guest speakers:

- **Bill Butler** with Lind Marine, who delivered a comprehensive overview of sand mining activities in the San Francisco Bay.
- **Maya McInerney** with BCDC, who shared an update on the Sediment for Wetland Adaptation Projects (SWAP). She discussed the progress of the project team as they finalize a roadmap, which incorporates insights from the two-day workshop held earlier this year.

The Bay Planning Coalition would like to thank both speakers for their engagement with the Committee and look forward to further discussions.

As the Committee is currently planning for our in-person Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Workshop on October 10th, we encourage you to register and consider sponsoring this year's event.

[Register and View Sponsorship Options for the Dredging Workshop Here](#)

Energy & Water Committee Meeting

Weds., July 17th | Virtual

BPC's Energy and Water Committee hosted its second meeting of the year, focused on direct potable reuse (DPR). As the committee focuses on resilient water solutions, BPC welcomed three speakers to provide an overview of DPR and related research.

- **Bob Brownwood** with the SWRCB Division of Drinking Water Program Management Branch provided an overview of the State's approved DPR regulations.
- **Val Frenkel**, PhD, PE, D.WRE, with TYLin Greeley, and Hansen Water Solutions, shared the industry perspective on the approved regulations, the importance of DPR for resource resilience, and technical considerations for implementation.
- **Leila Khatib**, PhD from San Jose State University, presented on AMR testing in wastewater, highlighting current research efforts to address data gaps, which have the potential to reduce analytical testing parameters for cost-effective Direct Potable Reuse.

[View The Recording Here](#)

Upcoming Engagements

Government Committee Meeting

Weds., July 17th | Virtual

Join BPC's Government Affairs Committee on September 20th to receive an update on the current state budget with an emphasis on climate cuts, insight on the climate bond, and committee engagements update.

Guest speakers and a finalized agenda will be confirmed shortly.

[Register Here](#)

Coalition Engagements

Recent Advocacy Efforts

Overview: Water Resources Development Act of 2024 (WRDA)

On July 22nd, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 8812 with both sections that BPC's supported (117 and 315) included in the bill. The bill passed with bipartisan support, with a vote of 359-13. The next step is for the Senate to take up its bill floor for a floor vote. It is unclear if this vote will occur before the August recess, as the FY2025 appropriations bills may take priority.

On June 26th, the US House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure passed the Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA) of 2024 (H.R. 8812) in a

bipartisan vote of 61-2. The House version authorizes \$9.8 billion for 160 feasibility studies and 12 new/modified construction projects. Once both the House and Senate pass their respective bills, negotiations by a house-senate conference committee will occur to resolve differences between the two bills, resulting in an agreement that will be signed by the end of 2024. Rep. Garamendi has committed his support of both requests included in the house bill during the conference.

BPC Advocacy Efforts: Water Resources Development Act of 2024 (WRDA)

BPC is advocating for two requests for 2024 WRDA bill that would greatly advance our coalition's policy objective related to dredging and sea level rise resilience. Below are the sections in the passed House bill related to BPC's efforts.

[Sec. 117](#) - This section includes BPC's language request, which would codify the Army Corps' philosophy notice to increase the beneficial use of dredged sediments to 70% by 2030.

[View BPC's Letter Of Support Here](#)

[Sec. 315](#) - This section includes language amendments to authorize the Army Corps to complete a comprehensive sea level rise study of the San Francisco Bay Area. The inclusion of language authorizing the study was championed by the State Coastal Conservancy and supported by regional agencies and organizations, including BPC.

[View BPC's Letter Of Support Here](#)



This month, BPC staff provided written and verbal public comments to the Regional Network Management Council in support of The Berkley and Redwood City Ferry Services to be included in the Plan Bay Area 2050+ plan.

These projects are essential for the economic and environmental success of the region.



[Read Our Written Comments Here](#)

Other Coalition Updates

Member Updates

Join us in congratulating SF Bay Ferry for their unveiling of the world's first entirely hydrogen-powered ferry, aka the *MV Sea Change*!

The Sea Change represents an enormous milestone toward efforts to decarbonize the maritime industry. It will operate as a part of the San Francisco Bay Ferry network for a six-month demonstration period designed to showcase the application of fuel cell technology as a viable strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality. The vessel emits only water vapor, a portion of which is remineralized and used in the onboard water fountain, making it the only vessel in the world with drinkable emissions.



[Read The Press Release Here](#)

New BPC Member

We are so excited to announce our newest member, LANDIFY! LANDIFY is your partner for soil disposal and sustainable land development. They are the U.S. subsidiary of Groupe-ECT, the largest manager of excavated soil in Europe and part of a dynamic circular economy for the recovery and reuse of excavated soil from construction sites.



Click their logo to learn more about their organization.

All Upcoming Meetings & Events

September

Annual Energy & Water Nexus Event

Fri., September 13th | Virtual

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Government Affairs Committee Meeting

Fri., September 20th | Virtual

[Register Here](#)

October

Annual Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Workshop

Thurs., October 10th | In Person

[Register Here](#)

***NOTE:** Additional BPC engagements (committee meetings, workshops, networking events) will be announced once confirmed.*

To ensure you receive our announcements, please complete the sign-up form or bookmark BPC's events calendar. Both resources are linked below.

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[View BPC's Upcoming Engagements Calendar](#)

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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