



Events & Meetings

Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Workshop

 Bay Planning Coalition
2024 Workshop Series

DREDGING & BENEFICIAL REUSE WORKSHOP

October 10, 2024 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
CSUEB Conference Center – Downtown Oakland

Join Bay Planning Coalition on **Thursday, October 10th**, from 9:00am to 1:00pm, for our annual Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Workshop. BPC will welcome industry experts, regulators, and key stakeholders to discuss industry developments and policies.

The event will be held in person at the CSUEB Oakland Center in Downtown Oakland, and feature segments on regulatory updates, beneficial reuse updates, and a discussion on dredging operations & contracting.

To round out this year's workshop, we are thrilled to welcome Tommy Williams, Deputy District Engineer of Programs, Planning, and Project Management at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers San Francisco District. He will share his insights on the Corps' beneficial use goals, as well as the District's current priorities and future initiatives.

We encourage you to register today, as space is limited for this in-person event!

[Register Here](#)

Event Overview

EVENT OPENING: COMMITTEE UPDATES & OVERVIEW OF CHANGING BAY ENVIRONMENT

9:00 AM

- Josh Gravenmier, *Partner* | ERM and BPC Dredging Committee Co-Chair

REGULATORY UPDATES

9:15 AM

The first panel will discuss regulatory developments and considerations related to dredging and sediment management, including the Sediment for Wetland Adaptation Project (SWAP), the RMP Sediment Working Group's efforts and future goals, and an update on the longfin smelt listing.

Moderator: Josh Gravenmier, *Partner* | ERM and BPC Dredging Committee Co-Chair

Speakers:

- Brenda Goeden, *Sediment Program Manager* | San Francisco Bay Conservation & Development Commission (BCDC)
- Melissa Foley, *Science Director – Resilient Landscapes Program* | San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI)
- Kim Squires, *Section 7 Division Manager* | US Fish and Wildlife Service - SF Bay Delta Fish & Wildlife Office

BENEFICIAL REUSE UPDATES

10:15 AM

The second panel will offer insights into how lessons from the successful Hamilton Wetlands project are shaping the restoration efforts at Bel Marin Keys. As the region pushes to maximize the beneficial use of dredged sediments, this segment will also explore the Regional Water Board's perspective on beneficial use to advance restoration and resilience across the Bay Area.

Moderator: Scott Bodensteiner, *Program Manager – Ports, Harbors, and Coastal Infrastructure* | Haley Aldrich and BPC Dredging Committee Co-Chair

Speakers:

- Linda Tong, *Project Development Specialist – SF Bay Program* | California State Coastal Conservancy
- Xavier Fernandez, *Planning & TMDL Division Manager* | SF Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

COFFEE BREAK

11:05 AM

INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVE ON DREDGING OPERATIONS AND CONTRACTING

11:15 AM

The third panel segment will feature dredging contractors and solicitors to share their perspectives on the complexities of dredging operations in the Bay. The

discussion will explore the science behind dredging, the cost factors involved, the operational challenges faced, and the contracting strategies employed.

Moderator: **Brenda McConathy**, *Principal Program Manager – Environmental Remediation* | PG&E and BPC Dredging Committee Co-Chair

Speakers:

- **Jim McNally**, *Chief Operating Officer & Executive Vice President* | Manson Construction
- **Walt Jellison**, *President & General Manager* | Pacific Dredge and Construction
- **Brianne Zorn**, *Mayor* | City of Martinez
- **Ryan Fruin**, *Capital Projects Team Lead* | Chevron

INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVE ON DREDGING OPERATIONS AND CONTRACTING

12:25 PM

- **Tommy Williams**, *Deputy District Engineer for Programs, Planning, & Project Management* | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - San Francisco District

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Workshops like this are not possible without the support of organizations like yours. We encourage you to consider supporting this year's Dredging Workshop by become an event sponsor. Click the button below to view available options.

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Upcoming Engagements

Sustainable Waterfronts Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 24th | Virtual

Join BPC's Sustainable Waterfronts Committee for the first in a series of meetings focused on advancing shoreline restoration and resilience in our region. We'll explore strategies, challenges, and the importance of streamlining the permitting process.

We're excited to kick off the series with a special presentation from *David Kim*, Senior Environmental Planner at SFO. He'll share a case study on the Airport's Shoreline Protection Program, including its mitigation strategies and approaches.



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Government Affairs Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 30th | Virtual

On October 30th, BPC's Government Affairs Committee will welcome *Melissa Sparks-Kranz*, a Legislative Affairs Lobbyist with the League of California Cities specializing in Environmental Quality, to learn more about emerging climate policies and legislative trends. As California faces budget challenges, the Committee will also learn about the impacts of recent state budget cuts on various climate initiatives.



In addition to the presentation and moderated discussion, the Committee will receive updates on developments since our last meeting and upcoming engagements that may be of interest to members.

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Coalition Activities

Legislative Recap

Today marks the final day for the Governor to take action on bills, by signing them into law or issuing a veto. Tomorrow, BPC will provide a comprehensive year-end wrap-up detailing the outcomes of all BPC-tracked legislation.

In addition to the year-end summary, we also offer weekly legislative outlook emails, keeping you informed on legislative deadlines and bill progress as they unfold.

To stay updated with both the year-end legislative wrap-up and our regular updates, simply click the button below to register.



[Sign Up for BPC's Legislation Updates Here](#)

Announcements

CEQA and Regulatory Update Survey

Our annual CEQA event is just around the corner, we would appreciate your input to ensure this year's program is as relevant and informative as possible. Please take a moment to share what topics and format you'd like to see for this year's program.

As a thank you for your feedback, you'll also have the chance to enter a raffle to win a complimentary ticket to the event!

[Take the Survey Here](#)

Other Coalition Updates

Member Updates

BPC is thrilled that our coalition member, SF Bay Ferry was awarded an \$11 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to support the agency's plans to procure the nation's first high-speed battery electric ferries.

The award advances Phase 1 of SF Bay Ferry's Rapid Electric Emission-Free Ferry (REEF) Program, a transformative suite of projects to transition the agency's fleet to zero-emission propulsion technology. The FTA grant will support the procurement of a class of three 150-passenger battery-electric vessels serving Treasure Island, Mission Bay, Downtown San Francisco and additional emerging communities on the San Francisco waterfront.



[Read The Press Release Here](#)

We are also thrilled to announce that our coalition member, Valley Water, received \$80 million in federal funding for the construction of the final phase of the Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project.

Each year, South Santa Clara County residents experience flooding from the creek, which threatens properties close to major roads and inundates agricultural land. Once complete, the Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project will protect roughly 1,100 homes, 500 businesses, and over 1,300 acres of agricultural land.



[Read More Here](#)

All Upcoming Meetings & Events

October

2024 Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Workshop

Thurs., October 10th | In Person

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Sustainable Waterfronts Committee Meeting

Thurs., October 24th | Virtual

[Register Here](#)

Government Affairs Committee Meeting

Weds., October 30th | Virtual

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***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.

[Sign Up for BPC Announcements](#)

[View Upcoming BPC Engagements Here](#)

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.

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