

February Newsletter



Organizational Update

BPC New Executive Committee



As we welcome a new Executive Committee for 2025, BPC extends our deepest gratitude to our past president, Ane Deister. Ane's leadership and expertise were instrumental in guiding BPC through our organization's leadership transition. We sincerely appreciate her invaluable contributions to the organization, and her continued support as a part of Board of Directors.

Entering the new year, we're thrilled to announce the election of our new Board president, Jaclyn Gnusti, Senior Coastal Engineer at Moffatt & Nichol. Jaclyn has been a long-time BPC Board member and has a deep understanding of the organization's history.

Congratulations to our 2025-26 Executive Committee:

- President: **Jaclyn Gnusti**, Moffatt & Nichol
- Vice President: **Anju Wicke**, Geosyntec Consultants
- Treasurer: **Virginia Demetrios**, Arcadis U.S., Inc.
- Secretary: **John Bourgeois**, Valley Water

We look forward to working alongside our Board leadership to advance our organization's mission!

Events & Meetings

Member Reception

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, March 20th | 5:30pm - 7:30pm



Save the date! Join us at Lake Chalet in Oakland on Thursday, March 20th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm to network and celebrate our coalition.

More details, including a registration information and sponsorship opportunities will be shared later this week!

Coalition Engagements

Advocacy Efforts

We're excited to share that the Redwood City Ferry Terminal project has been included in MTC's final blueprint for adoption. BPC has actively supported this project by submitting multiple letters advocating for its inclusion in Plan Bay Area 2050+, as well as speaking in favor of it at MTC Commission Meetings.



[View the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Blueprint Here](#)

Get Involved: Join BPC's Policy Committees



Our policy committees are the backbone of our organization. They provide a valuable space for our staff and members to come together, address concerns, and collaborate on strategies that benefit the entire Bay region. With the policy landscape constantly evolving, these committees ensure that our advocacy efforts result in meaningful, positive change. As our Committee meetings and events offer a great opportunity to network with other businesses, interact with government agencies, and explore new opportunities throughout the Bay, we encourage our members to participate in our committee programming!

If your organization is a current member of our Coalition, we welcome you and your colleagues to complete the form linked below to stay informed about developments and upcoming programs. Just a reminder - membership dues don't increase based on the number of people from your organization involved, so it's in your organization's best interest to make the most 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](#)

Legislative Updates

2024 WRDA Signing

On January 4th, President Biden signed into law the Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA), a significant piece of legislation aimed at addressing the nation's water infrastructure needs. Bay Planning Coalition advocated for provisions that will directly benefit our region.

Through our efforts, we successfully secured a provision ensuring the annual dredging of commercial channels. Additionally, we helped secure language that codifies the beneficial use



of dredged materials, whenever feasible. These key wins reflect the ongoing collaboration between Bay Planning Coalition and our partners to enhance the region's infrastructure and environmental health.

[View the Press Release Here](#)

Improving Atmospheric River Forecasts Act

On February 4th, U.S. Senators Alex Padilla (D-Calif.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) introduced bipartisan legislation aimed at reducing flood risks and enhancing emergency preparedness. The Improving Atmospheric River Forecasts Act seeks to improve atmospheric river forecasting, enabling more accurate predictions of storm timing and location. The bill would direct the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to create a forecast improvement program within the National Weather Service.



Bay Planning Coalition signed a letter of support for this bill in November and we are proud to see its introduction.

[View the Press Release Here](#)

Legislative Outlook

This year's legislative session is currently underway with many bills being introduced each day until the deadline, February 21st. BPC staff is working to analyze these bills as they are introduced and check their relevance to our coalition.

To stay informed on the bills we're tracking, their progress, and other key Capitol updates, sign up for our Weekly Legislative Outlook email list below. Distribution will



resume after the bill introduction deadline.

[Sign Up Here](#)

Announcement

BPC Engagement Calendar

Planning for BPC's 2025 programming is currently underway, with our Committee chairs meeting for our annual coordination meeting in early February. We look forward to sharing a complete list of our planned engagements in the coming weeks!

To ensure you receive our announcements, we encourage you to complete the sign-up form and bookmark BPC's events calendar linked below.

[Sign Up for BPC Announcements](#)

[View Upcoming BPC Engagements Here](#)

All Upcoming Meetings & Events

March

Member Reception *More information to come*
Thurs., March 20th | In person

General Information

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

BPC Support

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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