



November Engagements

CEQA And Regulatory Update Event



On November 19th, Bay Planning Coalition held its annual CEQA and Regulatory Update Event. This event explored the nuances of CEQA reform, highlighted recent caselaw, and provided insight on practical tools to help streamline CEQA processes.

The program featured a keynote address by Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, who represents California's 14th Assembly District. As Chair of the Select Committee on Permitting Reform, Assemblymember Wicks offered valuable insights into the critical role permitting plays in advancing housing, climate resilience, and clean energy initiatives.

We are deeply grateful to our speakers, attendees, and sponsors for their contributions to making this event such a success!

[View The Event Materials Here](#)



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A Message from Our New CEO



Dear BPC Members and Colleagues,

Hello! I'm delighted to have started my role as CEO of Bay Planning Coalition last month and am looking forward to working with you all. I've been getting to know our wonderful staff, committee and policy priorities, membership, and history of impact in the Bay Area. I had the opportunity to participate in one of our larger annual events, the [CEQA & Regulatory Update](#) on November 19, which was a terrific success. And I am eager to connect with you - our members - to hear about your priorities for 2025. Please reach out to me at laura@bayplanningcoalition.org and we can set up a time to meet for lunch, coffee, or even a Zoom chat.

A little bit about me: I've lived in the Bay Area since 2003, have a 25-year career in natural resources policy and management in both governmental and non-governmental roles, and have been working on SF Bay issues - and particularly the challenge of sea level rise adaptation - for over 15 years. I'm excited to work with BPC in support of restoring our Bay's wetlands and habitats, protecting and reinvesting in infrastructure including our water and flood protection assets, bringing funding to our region to ensure a functional and healthy Bay, and cutting 'green tape', which can delay progress in meeting both our development needs and conservation goals.

Thank you for your ongoing engagement and support of BPC. I'm so glad to have joined this coalition of leaders working toward a healthy, sustainable, and prosperous Bay Area. Please reach out to connect, and I look forward to working together in 2025!

Warmly,

Laura Tam
Chief Executive Officer
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Coalition Activities

Letters of Support

BPC recently signed a letter of support for the inclusion of the Redwood City Ferry Terminal in Plan Bay Area 2050+. The Redwood City Ferry Terminal and Service Project will be a vital component of our regional transportation infrastructure, providing an essential east west transit link connecting disadvantaged communities with high paying jobs and leveraging dedicated ferry only funding sources that benefit the entire Bay Area.



PLAN BAY AREA 2050+

U.S. Senator Alex Padilla recently coauthored the *Improving Atmospheric River Forecasts Act*, aiming to enhance flood risk reduction and emergency preparedness. This bill focuses on refining atmospheric river forecasting to better predict the timing and location of these storms. BPC has signed a letter supporting its inclusion in the Weather Act reauthorization to secure additional funding.



[Learn More About the Bill Here](#)

Announcements

Prop 4 Passes

In November, California voters passed Prop 4, a \$10-billion climate bond, with 59.7% approval. The bond will support a variety of environmental initiatives, including safe drinking water and water resilience, wildfire prevention, the protection of natural lands, parks, and wildlife, as well as coastal areas, bays, and oceans. It also funds agricultural projects and other efforts to address climate risks and impacts.



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Additional Announcement

As BPC's programming has concluded for 2024, we look forward to sharing our 2025 engagements calendar in January. To ensure you receive our announcements, we encourage you to complete the sign-up form and bookmark BPC's events calendar linked below.

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General Information

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.

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If you are already a member and would like to meet with BPC Staff, please fill out the form below.

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