

March Newsletter



Events & Meetings

Upcoming Event



Join us for our 2025 Member Reception on **Thursday, March 20th**, from **5:30 PM to 7:30 PM** at **Lake Chalet in Oakland** for an evening of networking, celebration, and connection.

This special event brings together BPC members, colleagues, and regional leaders to foster meaningful conversations, strengthen partnerships, and align around a shared vision for a sustainable and resilient Bay Area.

Event Highlights:

- **Meet Our New CEO:** Get to know Laura Tam, BPC's new CEO, and hear about her exciting vision for the future of the Coalition.
- **Celebrate Excellence:** We'll be honoring the 2024 Member of the Year for their outstanding contributions to our organization.
- **Engage with Industry Leaders:** Connect with key stakeholders, learn about BPC's mission and policy priorities, and gain insights into our regional impact.

Non-members are welcome! This is a great opportunity to explore the benefits of joining our diverse coalition and discover how BPC's work can help advance your goals.

Don't miss out on this chance to connect, celebrate, and kick off a successful year. We can't wait to see you at Lake Chalet on March 20th!

[Register Here](#)

2025 Member Reception Sponsors



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We would like to extend our gratitude to our incredible sponsors for their generous support. Your commitment and partnership are essential to the success of our mission, and we are thankful for your contributions.

Save The Date! BPC's 2025 Spring Summit

 Bay Planning Coalition

2025



SPRING SUMMIT

FRIDAY, MAY 9TH
8:30am - 3:00pm

DAVID BROWER CENTER
Berkeley, CA

Join us **Friday, May 9th** for our annual Spring Summit event at the **David Brower Center in Berkeley, CA**. More details along with a registration page and sponsorship information will be made available shortly.

Coalition Engagements

BPC Permitting Efficiency

Last year, BPC had the honor of hosting Assemblymember Buffy Wicks as our keynote speaker at our annual CEQA event. Wicks is leading the Assembly Select Committee on Permitting Reform and asked for our input on ways to speed up the permitting process for environmental projects.

With the input of BPC's new ad-hoc committee on permitting efficiency and stakeholders, we have developed a framework outlining pathways to modernize California's environmental permitting system to better support and accelerate public and private investment in critical infrastructure, climate adaptation, and restoration projects. The proposed framework integrates four key ideas:

1. Regional agency collaboration to enhance coordination
2. Efficiency benchmarks for priority projects
3. Streamlined permitting pathways to reduce delays
4. Legislative accountability to ensure progress

We look forward to collaborating with legislators and key stakeholders to build a strong coalition and drive meaningful policy reforms forward.

BPC members are welcome to join our committee to help shape the environmental permitting process in the Bay Area.



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BPC Members Featured in Select Committee's Final Report

The California Assembly's Select Committee on Permitting Reform hosted a series of

hearings in 2024 to identify and discuss opportunities to improve the permitting environment for housing, electricity, water, and other urgent infrastructure needs. Several BPC members participated in these hearings and are featured in the Committee's report which was released today. Learn more below.



California Assembly
Select Committee on
Permitting Reform
Final Report - March 2025



[Read the Committee Report Here](#)

BPC Sacramento Day

Earlier this month, BPC staff met with 11 state legislative offices representing the Bay Area. In these meetings, we shared our legislative priorities, explored opportunities for collaboration, gave an overview of our organization's history, and strengthened relationships with key staff members.



Other Coalition Updates

Member Updates

We would like to congratulate two BPC members on their joint effort in supporting Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse recovery! Cargill collaborated with WRA to fund surveys of

the Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse in the South Bay, which contributed valuable knowledge about this endangered species.

Thank you, WRA and Cargill for advancing this important research!



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Announcements

BPC Engagement Calendar

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

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All Upcoming Meetings & Events

March

Member Reception

Thurs., March 20th | In person (Lake Chalet)

[Register Here](#)

April

Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Committee Meeting

Tues., April 22nd | Virtual

[Register Here](#)

Government Affairs Committee Meeting

Wed., April 30th | Virtual

[Register Here](#)

May

Spring Summit *More information to come*

Fri., May 9th | In person

June

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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