



Events & Meetings

Upcoming Events



Join BPC on **May 9th from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM** for our annual Spring Summit at the David Brower Center in Berkeley. Our annual Spring Summit convenes regional leaders, policymakers, industry experts, and community stakeholders to explore pressing issues impacting the Bay Area. This year's theme, "*New Reality: Adapting to Shifting Federal, State, and Regional Priorities*," will focus on evolving federal funding and regulatory priorities, and the vital role of state and regional leadership in navigating these changes.

We are nearing capacity for the event, so we encourage you to register today to confirm your spot!

Event Overview

SEGMENT 1: Federal Outlook: Adapting to a Shifting National Landscape

This panel will discuss anticipated changes in federal funding, permitting processes, and regulatory frameworks under the new administration, examining implications for regional stakeholders and agencies.

Panelists:

- **Eric Beightel**, Federal Strategy Director | Environmental Science Associates (ESA)
- **Sahrye Cohen**, Wetlands and Oceans Section Manager | US EPA Region 9
- **Tommy Williams**, Deputy District Engineer of Programs – Planning & Project Management | USACE San Francisco District
- **Tom Pyke**, District Director | US Rep. Ro Khanna (D-17; Fremont)

Moderator:

- **John Bourgeois**, Deputy Operating Officer – Watershed Stewardship & Planning | Valley Water

SEGMENT 2: State Investments in Resilience: Proposition 4 and Other Funding

This panel will provide an in-depth review of Proposition 4 implementation and other state-level funding mechanisms to support climate adaptation and infrastructure.

Panelists:

- **Amy Hutzal**, Executive Officer | State Coastal Conservancy
- **Georgia Gann Dohrmann**, Assistant Director of Legislation & Public Affairs | MTC/ABAG

Moderator:

- **Lauren Gularte**, Government & Regulatory Affairs Manager | San Francisco Bay Ferry

SEGMENT 3: Regional Shoreline Adaptation Planning: Tools, Funding, and Local Leadership

This panel will outline the address available resources, strategies, and funding mechanisms to support local and regional adaptation planning, permitting, and implementation efforts.

Panelists:

- **Jessica Fain**, Director of Planning | BCDC
- **Ryan Hernandez**, Principal Planner – Department of Conservation & Development | Contra Costa County
- **Danielle Mieler**, Sustainability & Resilience Manager | City of Alameda

Moderator:

- **Jan Novak**, Associate Planner & Scientist | Port of Oakland

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to bring together key stakeholders and industry leaders.

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Upcoming Committee Meeting

Air Quality & Resilient Transportation

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Joint Committee Meeting

Weds., May 14th | Virtual

Join us for our upcoming committee meeting, which will feature two informative presentations. Angela Clapp from the Port of Oakland will share insights into the port's ongoing decarbonization efforts, while Elizabeth John from the California Energy Commission will discuss funding programs and grid analyses.



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April Programming

Committee Meeting Recaps

Sustainable Waterfronts Committee Meeting

Thurs., April 10th

BPC kicked off its first committee meeting of the year with the Sustainable Waterfronts Committee, focusing on setting priorities and planning for the year ahead.

After thoughtful discussion among committee members, staff, and co-chairs, the group agreed to rename the committee "Resilient Shorelines" this title that better reflects its broader, more inclusive focus on shoreline development and resilience.

Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Committee Meeting

Tues., April 22nd

Bay Planning Coalition's Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Committee held its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, April 22.

The meeting included a discussion of the Committee's 2025 priorities, a recap of key takeaways from our 2024 Dredging Workshop, and a review of industry developments since our last engagement.

Along with these updates, the Committee was thrilled to welcome two guest speakers:

- **Melissa Foley**, Bay Regional Monitoring Program (RMP) – Shared the RMP's 2025 priorities and updates to the Sediment Workgroup Management Questions 1 & 2.
- **Brenda Goeden**, BCDC – Provided an overview of BCDC's recently released Sediment for Wetlands Adaptation Project (SWAP) Final Action Plan and next steps for implementation.

We hope to see you at our next Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 22nd. Click the button below to register!

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Water Resources Committee Meeting

Weds., April 23rd

In April, BPC's Water Resources Committee welcomed Dr. Kristina Hill, Associate Professor at UC Berkeley, for a compelling presentation on the impacts of rising coastal groundwater due to sea-level rise. Dr. Hill outlined how this emerging issue could threaten contaminated shoreline sites and critical underground infrastructure—an area of growing concern for coastal communities and planners.

In addition to the presentation, the committee received an overview of the recent committee rebranding efforts aimed at aligning the group's mission with emerging regional challenges. Staff also provided a legislative update covering key state and federal policy developments that could affect water resource management across the Bay Area.

Recent Engagements

2025 Climate Week



Bay Planning Coalition's CEO, Laura Tam, recently participated in Bay Area Council's Climate Week as a panelist in the *All Hands on Deck: Data, Dollars, and Local Action for Climate Resilience* segment.

The panel focused on how climate resilience is shaped at the intersection of data, funding, policy, and community leadership. As extreme weather events grow more severe and environmental challenges more complex, panelists discussed the importance of using environmental data to inform equitable decision-making, the difficulties of aligning policy and funding, and the vital role of community-driven action in crafting adaptive strategies.

Announcements

Member Updates

San Francisco Bay Ferry's newest high-speed passenger vessel, MV Karl, has been added to its fleet.

MV Karl is the cleanest diesel high-speed passenger ferry in the nation and the first delivered to meet CARB's new emissions limits for commercial harbor craft. The ferry is powered by four U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Tier 4 engines and is equipped with diesel particulate filters (DPF), a first in the passenger ferry industry.



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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.

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

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