

October Newsletter



Events & Meetings

October Events



**2025
DREDGING & BENEFICIAL
REUSE WORKSHOP**

 Thursday, October 9th
9:00am - 12:30pm

 PG&E Headquarters
Downtown Oakland, CA

 Register and view the event
agenda on our website.

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Bay Planning Coalition

Join BPC at our annual Dredging and Beneficial Reuse Workshop on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at PG&E's Downtown Oakland Headquarters, as we explore developments in dredging and sediment management. This year's event will feature three segments highlighting regulatory and policy updates, beneficial reuse in action, and regional projects.

We are thrilled to welcome as our keynote speaker, Dr. Todd Bridges, Professor of Practice in Resilient and Sustainable Systems at the University of Georgia College of Engineering, Senior Scientist & Expert Advisor at ESA, and founder of the USACE Engineering with Nature program.

Space is limited for this in person event, so we encourage you to register today! Registration will close on Monday, October 6th.

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A Lasting Legacy

Remembering Jim Levine

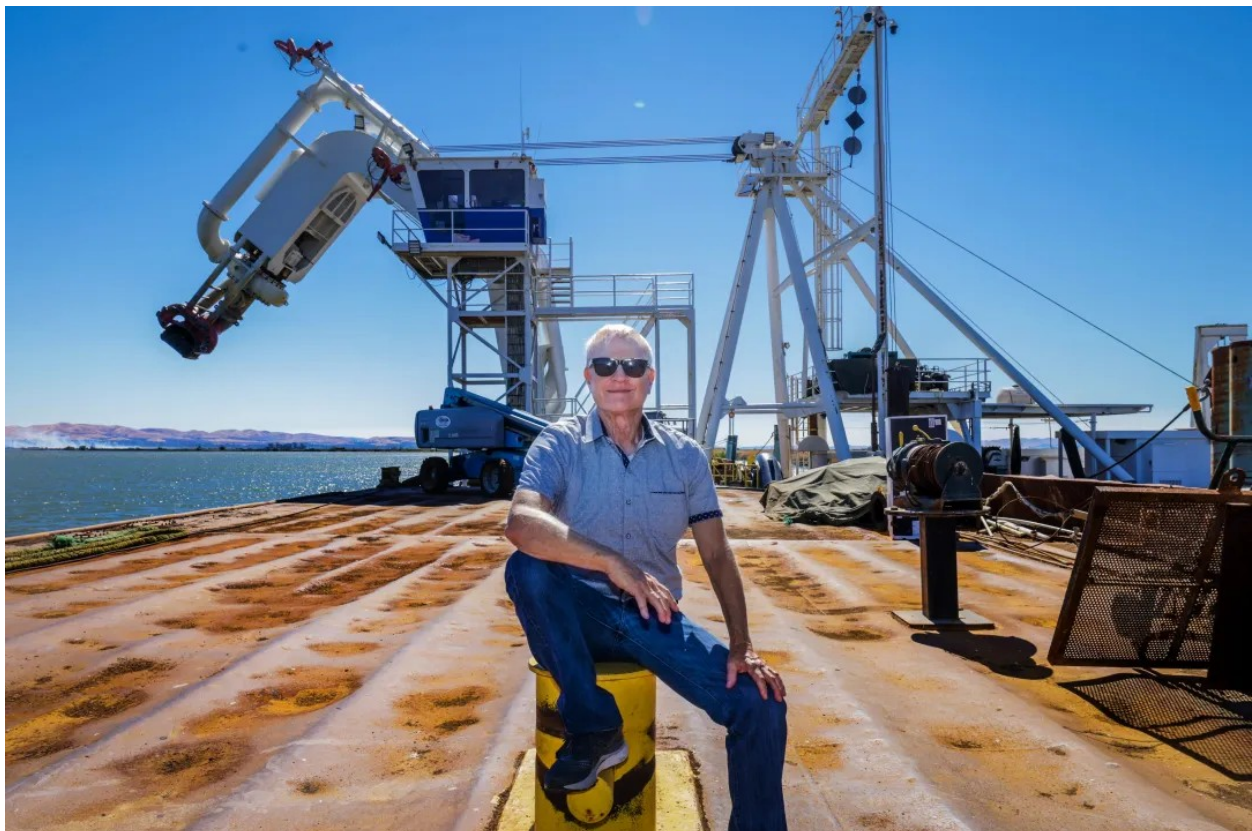


Photo via Mercury News

The Bay Planning Coalition and our broader community lost a giant in our world last week with the passing of Jim Levine. Jim joined the BPC Board of Directors in 1984, soon after the organization was founded, and remained a Board member throughout his life. “Jim was always very creative and energetic,” said fellow longtime Board member David Ivester. “He suggested proactive approaches, bringing his entrepreneurial spirit and a sense of practicality and reality to our Board discussions.”

A Cal graduate, Jim was an environmental engineer who worked for the Regional Water Board early in his career. Shortly after the passage of CERCLA (Superfund), he left the Water Board to co-found engineering consulting firm Levine-Fricke, seeing a business opportunity to support innovative, efficient environmental cleanup especially at brownfield sites around the Bay Area. In the late 1980s, Jim saw an opportunity to rehabilitate shorelines and formerly diked wetlands using sediment dredged from Bay ports, harbors, and shipping channels. In partnership with private investors and the Port of Oakland, Jim launched Montezuma Wetlands in Collinsville, pioneering the practice of beneficial reuse of dredged materials. Since 2001, Montezuma has restored 650 acres of wetlands and has accepted over 8 million cubic yards of dredged materials from sites around the Bay.

“Jim embodied the spirit of Bay Planning Coalition,” said BPC CEO Laura Tam. “He understood that creativity, collaboration, and innovation could support better environmental outcomes, while generating community benefits and business returns. We are diminished with his passing.”

“Jim was a remarkable man,” said fellow BPC Board member, Russ Barnes, in remembrance. “He was farsighted and had the tremendous energy to follow through. I was not surprised to learn that, among other things, he was an accomplished martial artist. We spoke many times, both of us enjoying the exchange of ideas, and always ending with promises to tour each others' projects. Somehow, the tours never happened. We thought there would be more time. I think my favorite memory of Jim will always be the whiskey tasting he hosted one evening in his office. We spoke of many things that night and came up with solutions to many of the world's problems. I only wish we had written them down.”

September Engagements

Government Affairs Committee Meeting

BPC’s Government Affairs Committee met on Thursday, September 11th. This meeting featured a wonderful federal policy presentation from Julie Minerva Partner at Carpi and Clay. Julie gave us an inside look at what’s happening in Washington, D.C., from executive orders and regulatory changes affecting environmental and public infrastructure, to budget and economic policies that could influence ports and waterfronts. In



addition to Julie's update, BPC staff provided highlights from our state and federal advocacy work and a sneak peek at our upcoming annual CEQA & Regulatory Update Event.

Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Committee Meeting

Bay Planning Coalition's Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Committee held its third meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 23rd. This meeting featured a meet and greet with EPA Region 9 staff, providing members the opportunity to engage directly with agency representatives and hear about their regional priorities. Additionally, the Committee received a preview of the upcoming October 9th Dredging Workshop.



Advocacy Efforts

BPC Advocacy Supports Major Wins in Sacramento



Through our advocacy, BPC supported efforts in Sacramento that resulted in major wins, including critical funding increases and the prevention of unnecessary regulatory proposals.

- We supported SB 762 (Arreguín), which eventually advanced through the budget process and secured a \$500,000 one-time disbursement plus \$55,000 in ongoing funds from BCDP's Bay Fill Clean-up and Abatement Fund. These funds will be used to launch a modern digital regulatory management system that streamlines permitting, improves tracking, and enhances enforcement and planning efficiency.
- We opposed SB 601 (Allen), which would have created duplicative “nexus waters” regulations with the state's Porter Cologne Act while undermining an ongoing State Water Board study. Thanks to strong advocacy, the bill was held in Appropriations and deferred to 2026.
- Together with partners, we successfully pushed for a larger appropriation of Proposition 4 (climate bond) funds in the final budget. The total allocation grew from \$2.7 billion to \$3.27 billion, including significant gains for coastal resilience. Funding for the State Coastal Conservancy increased from \$31 million to \$62 million, and support for the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority doubled from \$20 million to \$40 million.

We're proud of these outcomes and will continue to advocate for policies that protect the Bay, strengthen resilience, and support our region's economy.

2025 BPC Fall Events

Water Resources Event



2025 Briefing Series

WATER RESOURCES EVENT

Thursday, November 6, 2025 | 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

EBMUD – Oakland, CA.

Join Bay Planning Coalition for our Annual Water Resources Event on Thursday, November 6, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the EBMUD Administrative Offices in Downtown Oakland (375 11th Street).

The program will cover rising seas and groundwater in the Bay Area, state and federal legislative updates on climate-related water issues, and a general managers panel sharing agency perspectives and lessons from recent drought and flooding. The event agenda and speakers will be finalized soon.

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CEQA and Regulatory Update Event



CEQA & Environmental Regulations Update

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November 20, 2025 | 8:30 am – 12:10 pm

Join Bay Planning Coalition for our CEQA & Regulatory Update on Thursday, November 20, from 8:30 AM to 12:15 PM at the David Brower Center in Berkeley.

This timely program will bring together legal experts, policymakers, and stakeholders to discuss the latest developments in CEQA and environmental regulation, including federal policy shifts, new streamlining laws and legislative outcomes, and key CEQA cases from the past year. Speakers and panelists will be announced soon.

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2025 Annual Event



2025 ANNUAL EVENT



Friday, December 12th
11:30am - 1:30 pm



The City Club
Downtown San Francisco

Registration is now open! Bay Planning Coalition's 2025 Annual Event will take place on Friday, December 12th at The City Club in Downtown San Francisco. This annual luncheon is an excellent opportunity to connect with regulators, stakeholders, and industry leaders as we recognize BPC members, the region's progress, and look ahead to the challenges and opportunities on the horizon.

We look forward to welcoming you this December!

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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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