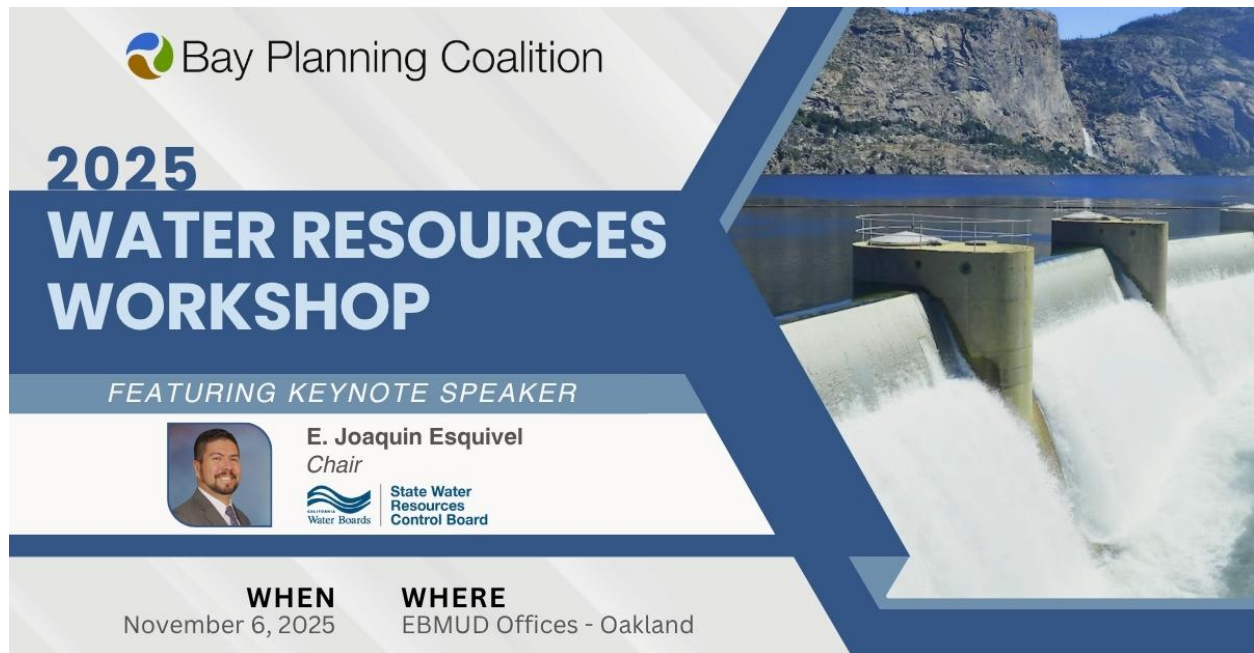


November Newsletter



November Events & Meetings

Water Resources Workshop *November 6th*



Bay Planning Coalition

**2025
WATER RESOURCES
WORKSHOP**

FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

 **E. Joaquin Esquivel**
Chair

 State Water
Resources
Control Board

WHEN
November 6, 2025

WHERE
EBMUD Offices - Oakland

Join BPC for our 2025 Water Resources Workshop in-person at East Bay Municipal Utility District's administrative offices in Oakland for an event bringing together water leaders and experts. Discussions will focus on sea level rise, groundwater, long-term resilience, and the strategies shaping our region's sustainable water future.

BPC is honored to welcome **E. Joaquin Esquivel**, Chair of the California State Water Resources Control Board, as this year's keynote speaker. A leading voice in California water policy, Chair Esquivel will share insights on advancing statewide goals of resilience, equity, and sustainability.

This workshop will have two segments:

Navigating Rising Waters: Sea Level and Groundwater in the Bay Area

This segment will explore the science behind sea level and groundwater rise, examine infrastructure vulnerabilities, and highlight how these changes can mobilize toxins from historic and industrial sites.

Moderator: **Scott Warner** | BBJ Group and BPC Water Resources Committee Co-Chair

Speakers:

- **Dr. Meredith Williams**, Policy Strategist | Advising Impact
- **Alyx Karpowicz**, Engineering Geologist | SF Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
- **Daniel Hamilton**, Chief Resilience Officer | City of Oakland

Water Agency Perspectives

Regional leaders will share how their agencies are adapting to a changing climate and an evolving regulatory landscape to ensure water reliability and infrastructure resilience.

Moderator: **John Bourgeois** | Valley Water and BPC Water Resources Committee Co-Chair

Speakers:

- **Kyle Ochendusko**, Assistant General Manager of Water Resources and Operations and Maintenance | Contra Costa Water District
- **Brad Sherwood**, Assistant General Manager for Business Affairs and External Services | Sonoma Water
- **Alice Towey**, Director of Natural Resources | East Bay Municipal Utility District

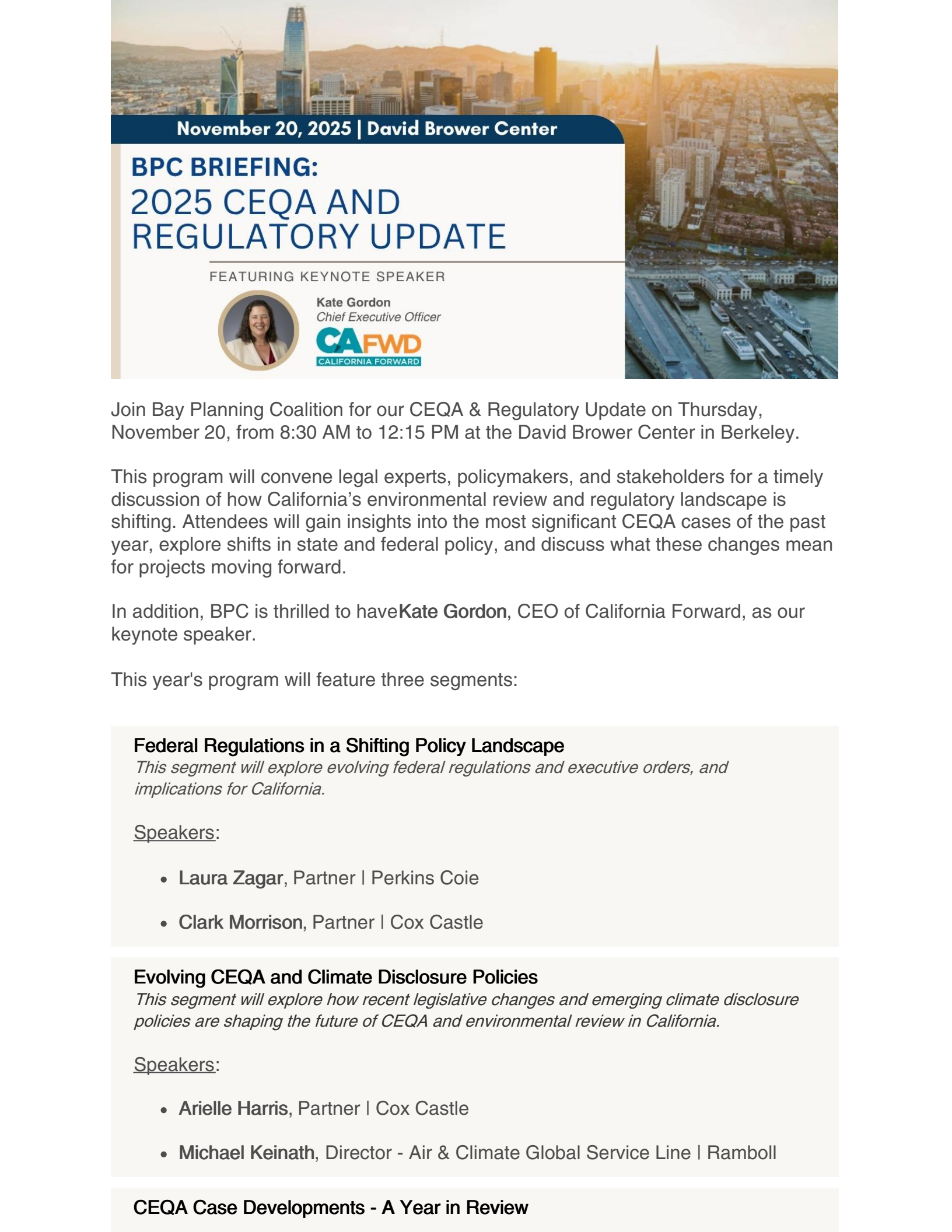
Space is limited for this in-person event, so make sure to register today!

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CEQA and Regulatory Update
November 20th



November 20, 2025 | David Brower Center

BPC BRIEFING: 2025 CEQA AND REGULATORY UPDATE

FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Kate Gordon
Chief Executive Officer



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 program will convene legal experts, policymakers, and stakeholders for a timely discussion of how California's environmental review and regulatory landscape is shifting. Attendees will gain insights into the most significant CEQA cases of the past year, explore shifts in state and federal policy, and discuss what these changes mean for projects moving forward.

In addition, BPC is thrilled to have **Kate Gordon**, CEO of California Forward, as our keynote speaker.

This year's program will feature three segments:

Federal Regulations in a Shifting Policy Landscape

This segment will explore evolving federal regulations and executive orders, and implications for California.

Speakers:

- **Laura Zagar**, Partner | Perkins Coie
- **Clark Morrison**, Partner | Cox Castle

Evolving CEQA and Climate Disclosure Policies

This segment will explore how recent legislative changes and emerging climate disclosure policies are shaping the future of CEQA and environmental review in California.

Speakers:

- **Arielle Harris**, Partner | Cox Castle
- **Michael Keinath**, Director - Air & Climate Global Service Line | Ramboll

CEQA Case Developments - A Year in Review

This segment will provide an overview of key CEQA cases in 2025, followed by a discussion on the implications.

Speakers:

- **Todd Williams**, Director | Fennemore
- **Jennifer Jeffers**, Partner | Allen Matkins
- **Christian Marsh**, Partner | Stoel Rives

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October Engagements

Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Workshop



On October 20th, we held our annual Dredging and Beneficial Reuse Workshop a half-day program that featured three engaging segments that brought together experts and regional leaders to discuss:

- Regulatory Priorities & Policy Updates
- Sediment to Solutions: Restoration Sites and Innovative Approaches
- From Planning to Placement: Regional Project Insights

We were honored to welcome **Dr. Todd Bridges**, Professor of Practice in Resilient and Sustainable Systems at the University of Georgia College of Engineering; Senior Scientist with Environmental Science Associates (ESA); and Founder of USACE's Engineering with Nature program, as our keynote speaker.

Below you can view the full event program and presentation materials shared by speakers.

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Thank you to our generous sponsors for supporting this event!

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BPC Advocacy Efforts



San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

Earlier this month, Bay Planning Coalition's Ad Hoc Committee on Permitting Efficiency received a presentation from the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) on its proposed rulemaking to update and modernize its permitting regulations.

As part of this process, BPC's committee had the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft proposal and share insights from the regulated community's perspective. The proposed rulemaking represents a significant step in BCDC's ongoing effort to streamline and clarify its permitting program to make it more efficient, transparent, and accessible to applicants.

Among the proposed updates, BCDC is seeking to:

- Streamline and improve the regionwide permit program
- Reduce permitting burdens for straightforward and routine activities
- Make other targeted updates to clarify and improve permitting rules

BPC will continue to monitor this rulemaking and engage with BCDC as the process advances to ensure that the proposed changes support both environmental protection and efficient project delivery around the Bay.

[Read More
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2025 BPC Fall Events

2025 Annual Event *December 12th*



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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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.

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.

Meeting Request

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

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