

## April Newsletter



### State Legislative Update

#### Our Bill to Improve Permitting Efficiency Advances!



We are pleased to share that our co-sponsored bill with the Bay Area Council, [AB 2051](#), was advanced out of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on March 23rd on a 12-1 vote. Since the bill is double-referred, it will next go to the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee and will be heard on April 14th.

AB 2051 directs the California Natural Resources Agency, in consultation with the California Environmental Protection Agency, to convene an interagency Coastal Resilience Permitting Working Group. The Working Group would identify administrative actions and legislative recommendations to help streamline and accelerate permitting for coastal resilience and sea level rise adaptation projects across the state.

Stay up to date on AB 2051, other bills BPC is tracking, and the latest Sacramento updates by signing up for our members-only Legislative Outlook below.

If your organization is interested in supporting AB 2051 or would like to discuss the bill further, please contact BPC staff.

[Read the Fact Sheet Here](#)

[Sign up for BPC's Legislative Outlook Here](#)

*Only available for BPC members.*

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## Upcoming Events

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### Government Affairs Committee Meeting



Join Bay Planning Coalition's Government Affairs Committee for our first meeting of the year on **Thursday, April 2, from 12:00 to 1:00pm via Zoom.**

We will kick off the year with a comprehensive legislative update, including insights on BPC's co-sponsored bill, an overview of key California bills we are actively tracking, and the latest state budget developments impacting our members. We will also provide an update on our WRDA 2026 priorities and ongoing federal advocacy efforts.

This meeting is an opportunity to engage directly in shaping the committee's work for the year ahead. Members will be invited to share perspectives, raise emerging issues, and

help guide the committee's priorities and direction for 2026. We look forward to a productive and collaborative discussion.

[Register Here](#)

## Water Resources Committee Meeting

A banner for the Water Resources Committee Meeting. The background is a photograph of a stream flowing over rocks in a lush, green landscape. In the upper right, there is a circular logo with three curved segments in blue, green, and brown. The text is overlaid on the image.

**Water Resources  
Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, April 9 | 1:00–2:00 P.M. | Via Zoom**

**Featuring:**

**Kelly Rodman**  
State Water Resources  
Control Board

**Statewide Urban Stormwater  
Infiltration Policy**

*Risk-Based Approach to Stormwater  
Capture & Groundwater Protection*

Join BPC's Water Resources Committee for its first meeting of the year on **Thursday, April 9, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.** via Zoom. The meeting will feature Kelly Rodman of the State Water Resources Control Board, who will provide an overview of the Statewide Urban Stormwater Infiltration Policy and its risk-based framework for advancing stormwater capture while protecting groundwater quality. The meeting will also include committee updates and discussion on key issues shaping water policy in California.

[Register Here](#)

[Read More About the Policy Here](#)

## Implementing Resilience Briefing on Funding and Financing

## Briefing Series

# IMPLEMENTING RESILIENCE

*Funding and Financing Resiliency in the Bay Area*



April 29,  
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm



Hybrid:  
Marsh Risk Insurance +  
Zoom

**For additional information, visit:**

<https://bayplanningcoalition.org/2025-RSAP-Briefing>



BPC's next Implementing Resilience briefing will focus on funding and financing strategies for climate adaptation projects, exploring how cities, counties, special districts, and the private sector can pay for resilience efforts.

The program will feature perspectives across all levels of government:

- **Brian Strong** (City and County of San Francisco) will provide a local perspective on how cities are approaching funding and financing for resilience projects.
- **Jessica Davenport** (State Coastal Conservancy) will discuss state funding and how programs are leveraging Proposition 4 dollars to advance resilience projects.
- **Kathleen Schaefer** (former FEMA) will share insights on federal funding opportunities and the role of insurance and FEMA programs in supporting both pre- and post-disaster investments.

The event will be held on **Wednesday, April 29, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.** and will be offered in a hybrid format. In-person attendance will be hosted at Marsh Risk Insurance's office at Four Embarcadero in San Francisco. Space will be limited and prioritized for BPC members, with any remaining spots opened to others.

This series has seen strong interest in past sessions, with in-person seating filling up quickly, so we encourage you to register early to secure a spot.

[Register Here](#)

**2026 Spring Summit**

# 2026



# SPRING SUMMIT

*Building the Bay Area's Economic Future:  
Industry, Infrastructure, and Innovation*

Join the Bay Planning Coalition on **Wednesday, May 20**, for our 2026 Spring Summit, Building the Bay Area's Economic Future: Industry, Infrastructure, and Innovation.

Set along the waterfront at Jack London Square, this year's Summit will bring together leaders from across the public and private sectors for a day of forward-looking conversations on the forces shaping our region.

Through engaging panel discussions and a keynote from a leading voice on economic policy, the program will explore:

- The transition of the Bay Area's energy landscape
- Opportunities to revitalize the maritime industry and shipbuilding
- The role of waterfront development and transit in connecting communities and supporting growth

The Summit will also offer valuable opportunities to connect with colleagues and regional leaders. Additional program details and speaker announcements will be shared soon. Registration will open on Monday, April 6.


[Visit the Event Page Here](#)

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## Regional Developments

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**AQPI System Goes Fully Operational in the Bay Area**



# AQPI

## Advanced Quantitative Precipitation Information

The Advanced Quantitative Precipitation Information (AQPI) system has reached a major milestone in the Bay Area, transitioning from a long-running collaborative project into full operations after more than a decade of development.

Designed to improve predictions of atmospheric rivers and heavy rainfall, AQPI uses a network of specialized radars to capture low-elevation precipitation that traditional systems often miss. The system provides highly detailed, near real-time data, helping agencies better anticipate where the heaviest rain will fall and prepare for potential flooding and runoff impacts.

This enhanced forecasting capability supports emergency response, infrastructure operations, and water management, while also helping agencies maximize reservoir storage during major storm events in a drought-prone region.

BPC was pleased to support this effort and played a key role in overseeing the Local Partner Agency Committee (LPAC), which brought together regional stakeholders to guide collaboration and implementation of the system.

With AQPI now fully operational, agencies across the Bay Area are better equipped with the tools and data needed to respond to extreme weather and strengthen regional resilience.

[Read More Here](#)

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## General Information

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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](#)

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## 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](#)

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

To ensure you receive our announcements, please complete the sign-up form or bookmark BPC's events calendar. Both resources are linked below.


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