

## February Newsletter



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### 2026 Advocacy Efforts

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#### BPC Advocates for Key Bay Area Priorities



This month, BPC advanced its priorities across three key areas through public comment and written engagement.

First, BPC spoke in support of USACE's proposed dredging program at a recent BCDC meeting, where commissioners were considering approval of the plan. We emphasized the importance of expanded federal funding for beneficial reuse of sediment and highlighted how reuse is critical to protecting marshes, beaches, habitat, and flood protection as sea levels rise. We also underscored the need to meet the 70 percent beneficial reuse goal by 2030 and encouraged continued evaluation of regulatory constraints, in-Bay disposal capacity, and new placement sites to ensure the program's success.

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Second, BPC supported the SF Bay Ferry/WETA Berkeley terminal project, which will replace aging infrastructure, restore public waterfront access, and add a zero-emission

transit option. The project improves regional connectivity, supports local businesses, strengthens emergency response capacity, and represents a smart investment in Berkeley's waterfront and regional transportation network.

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Third, BPC submitted a letter of support to the Bay Area Air District for its annual planning retreat, emphasizing the importance of broad community engagement and transparent rulemaking in 2026. Given that a number of air district rulemakings are anticipated in the coming year, we stressed the value of early, inclusive stakeholder involvement to support effective and durable outcomes.

## BPC Supports AB 35 to Streamline Vital Funding



With the 2026 legislative session underway, BPC has joined a broad coalition supporting [AB 35](#) (Alvarez), which exempts the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Bond Act of 2024 (Proposition 4) from the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). This exemption would allow funds to be used more quickly and efficiently, helping avoid delays for important community projects. It does not reduce transparency or public engagement, and agencies will still follow all fiscal, reporting, and oversight requirements. Many programs have already gone through public review, and the exemption simply streamlines implementation, keeps programs consistent, and removes barriers to delivering funding where it's needed. The bill has passed the Assembly and will now move through the Senate.

## BPC Develops 2026 WRDA Priorities



The Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) is Congress's biennial bill for authorizing U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects and updating federal water resources policy. Building on the success of BPC's language requests in recent WRDA cycles, including in 2024, BPC developed a list of regional priorities and projects through member outreach this month to share with Bay Area Congressional offices as the WRDA 2026 process gets underway.

These priorities emphasize improving flexibility in project implementation, supporting nature-based and hybrid infrastructure, strengthening beneficial reuse of dredged material, and better accounting for climate resilience and ecosystem benefits. We look forward to keeping members updated on WRDA 2026 through our Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Committee meetings and regular announcements. View the summary of BPC's priorities through the button below.

[View Our WRDA 2026 Priorities Here](#)

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## Upcoming Events

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[Implementing Resilience Briefing Series](#)

## Briefing Series

# IMPLEMENTING RESILIENCE

*Addressing Sea Level Rise: Regional Examples*



February 3,  
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm



Hybrid:  
Consulate General of the  
Netherlands + Zoom

### Register Here:

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

We're excited to share that our upcoming Implementing Resilience briefing will now take place at a new, larger venue at the Consulate General of the Netherlands. In-person attendance is fully booked, and for those already registered to attend in person, please be sure to note the updated venue. A virtual attendance option is still available if you'd like to join us online.

The briefing will take place on February 3rd, 12:00–1:30 PM, and will feature three speakers offering regional perspectives on how communities are responding to sea level rise. Andy Sternad and Rami Diaz of Waggoner & Ball (a Moffatt & Nichol Studio) will share examples from New Orleans and Charleston, while Edgar Westerhoff of Arcadis will provide additional insights on regional strategies for adaptation and coastal resilience.

[Register and Learn More Here](https://bayplanningcoalition.org/2025-RSAP-Briefing)

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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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