

## March Newsletter



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### 2026 Legislative Updates

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#### BPC Co-sponsored Bill is Introduced



We are pleased to share that our co-sponsored bill with Bay Area Council, [AB 2051](#), was introduced last week by Assemblymember Buffy Wicks.

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.

We look forward to advancing this important effort to improve coordination and support timely implementation of critical shoreline protection projects.

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](#)

## Governor Signs Transit and Proposition 4 Funding Bills



In February, Governor Gavin Newsom signed measures AB 107 and AB 117, advancing Proposition 4 implementation and providing near-term support for Bay Area transit operators.

AB 107 speeds up Proposition 4 grant timelines so 2025–26 funding can be distributed more quickly, but future grants will still need an Administrative Procedure Act exemption unless AB 35 creates a permanent fix.

AB 117 allows the state to loan up to \$590 million to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, which can then provide operating loans to Bay Area transit agencies such as BART, SFMTA, Caltrain, and AC Transit, and the bill took effect immediately.

BPC members interested in receiving our weekly legislative updates can sign up below for detailed tracking, budget news, and other Sacramento developments.

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*Only available for BPC members.*

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## Recent Events

## Advancing Bay Priorities in DC



Laura and Kelli met with McKenzie Fields, Legislative Director for Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, and with 11 other offices from the Bay Area's Congressional delegation

Bay Planning Coalition was proud to have our CEO, Laura Tam, in Washington, DC this week, along with Kelli McCune of the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture to support migratory bird habitat restoration programs. The group met with a dozen Bay Area Congressional offices, including Representatives Huffman and Lofgren, to highlight the importance of continued federal investment in restoration, beneficial reuse of sediment, innovation, and flood resilience.

They also attended a reception featuring remarks from the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. We are grateful for the strong support the San Francisco Bay receives from our Congressional delegation and remain committed to advancing partnership-driven restoration through our longstanding service on the Management Board of the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture.

## Implementing Resilience Briefing Series

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# 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>



On Tuesday, February 3rd, we held our second Implementing Resilience briefing at the Consulate General of the Netherlands, welcoming more than 100 participants across our in-person and virtual audiences!

The briefing featured three speakers highlighting regional approaches to sea level rise. Andy Sternad and Rami Diaz of Waggoner & Ball (a Moffatt & Nichol Studio) shared lessons from New Orleans, Norfolk and Charleston, while Edgar Westerhoff of Arcadis offered insights into how the Netherlands is addressing coastal resilience and adaptation.

Our next briefing in the Implementing Resilience will focus on funding and financing. If you're interested in receiving updates on this briefing series sign up below.

[Sign up for Series Announcements Here](#)

## Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Committee Meeting



BPC is kicking off our Dredging & Beneficial Reuse Committee work for 2026! Today, we held our first meeting of the year, which provided an opportunity to reconnect and begin identifying the committee's policy direction as programming gets underway. In addition to identifying priorities, our March 2 meeting featured discussions on BPC's Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) policy requests, takeaways from our annual Dredging Workshop, and recent regulatory developments and engagement opportunities.

The committee also welcomed guest speakers Amy Kleckner and Dr. Jay Davis of the Bay Regional Monitoring Program (RMP), for a presentation on the Program's 2026 focus areas.

To stay involved in dredging and beneficial use discussions, click the button below to register for the next committee meeting on June 2, from 12:00pm - 1:30pm.

[Register Here](#)

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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](#)

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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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