

## May Newsletter



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### Upcoming Event

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#### 2026 Spring Summit



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, the Summit will bring together public and private sector leaders for a day of forward-looking conversations on the forces shaping our region.

We are pleased to welcome **Assemblymember Lori Wilson** (AD-11) as this year's keynote speaker. As Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee, she brings extensive experience in infrastructure, mobility, and regional economic development. She has also been a strong advocate for advancing key industries across the Bay Area, including maritime and shipbuilding, and brings a broad perspective on the region's long-term economic growth and development.



Please see below for an event overview. Confirmed speakers are listed below. We'll continue to add additional panelists as they are confirmed.

### Event Overview

## SEGMENT 1

### POWERING FORWARD: THE BAY AREA'S EVOLVING ENERGY LANDSCAPE

*As the Bay Area's energy landscape shifts, this segment explores strategies to meet growing demand, advance transition goals, and sustain jobs and investment across the region.*

Panelists:

- **Gary Link**, California Government Affairs Manager | Marathon Petroleum
- **Tim Sbranti**, Executive Director | Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council

Moderator:

- **Brian Hubinger**, Senior Manager – Public & Government Affairs | Chevron

## SEGMENT 2

### WATERFRONT REVIVAL: THE BAY AREA'S SHIPBUILDING MOMENT

*With historic federal investment on the horizon, this segment will explore how the region's shipyards, ports, workforce, and broader industrial infrastructure position the Bay Area to lead a national shipbuilding revival.*

Panelists:

- **Corey Cook**, CEO | Cal Poly Maritime Academy
- **Chris Rico**, President & CEO | Solano Economic Development Corporation
- **Joel Welter**, CEO & Chief Naval Architect | Bay Ship & Yacht

Moderator:

- **Emily Loper**, Senior Vice President of Public Policy | Bay Area Council

## SEGMENT 3

### SHAPING THE SHORELINE: TRANSIT & WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT

*As the Bay's waterfront continues to evolve, this segment will highlight how the region can better connect people, jobs, and development by leveraging shoreline assets.*

Panelists:

- **Lauren Gularte**, Government & Regulatory Affairs Manager | San Francisco Bay Ferry
- **Molly Maybrun**, Chief Development Officer | Fifth Space
- **Abby Thorne-Lyman**, Director of Base Reuse & Economic Development | City of Alameda

Moderator:

- **Lauren Gularte**, Government & Regulatory Affairs Manager | San Francisco Bay Ferry

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## State Legislative Update

Momentum Continues for our Permitting Efficiency Bill



On Tuesday, April 14th, BPC CEO Laura Tam and Len Materman of OneShoreline testified before the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee in support of our co-sponsored bill, AB 2051, highlighting how California’s coastal resilience projects face lengthy and unpredictable permitting timelines due to overlapping authorities, inconsistent requirements, and poor interagency coordination. They underscored AB 2051 as a practical, expert-driven approach to identifying targeted reforms that can streamline permitting and accelerate urgently needed climate adaptation projects. The bill advanced out of committee with strong bipartisan support on a 12-0-1 vote.

The bill was recently placed on the Appropriations suspense file and will be considered in the coming weeks.

[View the Testimony Here](#)

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## Recap of April Committee Meetings

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### Water Resources Committee Meeting

**Water Resources Committee Meeting**

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

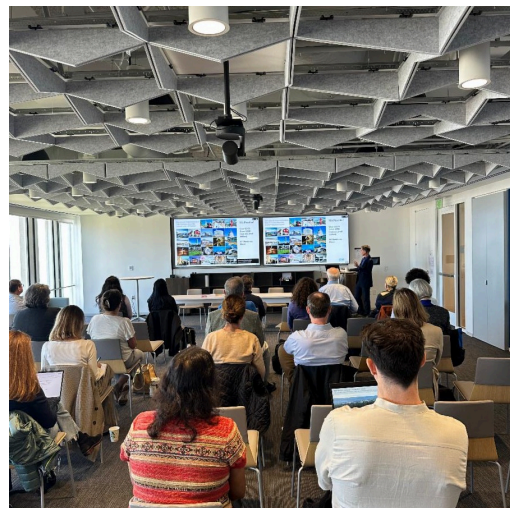
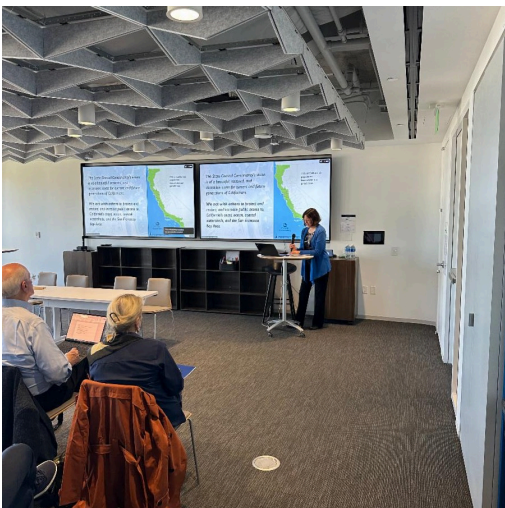
**Featuring:**

<b>Kelly Rodman</b> State Water Resources Control Board	<b>Statewide Urban Stormwater Infiltration Policy</b>
	<b>Risk-Based Approach to Stormwater Capture &amp; Groundwater Protection</b>

On April 9, our Water Resources Committee convened for its first meeting of the year. The session featured a presentation from Kelly Rodman of the State Water Resources Control Board on the Urban Stormwater Infiltration Policy, including an overview of its risk-based framework for advancing stormwater capture while safeguarding groundwater quality.

Attendees also received a legislative update on key water resources bills being tracked this session, along with an update on AB 2051, including its recent progress in the Legislature and placement on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file for consideration during the upcoming fiscal review process.

## Implementing Resilience Briefing on Funding and Financing



On April 29, we hosted our third Implementing Resilience briefing, which provided a strong and timely discussion on funding and financing strategies for climate adaptation projects, and how cities, counties, and the private sector can support resilience investments.

The program featured perspectives across multiple levels of government. Brian Strong (City and County of San Francisco) shared a local perspective on how cities are approaching funding and financing for resilience projects. Jessica Davenport (State

Coastal Conservancy) discussed state funding opportunities and how programs are leveraging Proposition 4 dollars to advance resilience efforts. Kathleen Schaefer (former FEMA) provided insights into federal funding pathways and the role of insurance and FEMA programs in supporting both pre- and post-disaster investments.

The event was held in a hybrid format, with in-person attendance hosted at Marsh Risk Insurance's office at Four Embarcadero in San Francisco. Thank you very much to everyone who was able to attend either in person or virtually!

[View the Briefing Series Page 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.*

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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.

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