

1. INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting commenced at 1:33PM. There were 20 attendees.

Representatives of the following BAFPAA agencies and additional organizations were in attendance:

- Alameda County Flood Control & Water Conservation District
- Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
- Marin County
- One Shoreline: San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District
- Santa Cruz County
- Sonoma County Water Agency
- Valley Water: Santa Clara Valley Water District
- SFCJPA
- US Army Corps of Engineers

2. ADMIN UPDATES / DISCUSSION

Antonella Gentile, BAFPAA Chair, made the following announcements:

- **T 6/9 1-2:30 PM Annual Meeting Planning meeting: ALL ATTENDEES WELCOME**
- **JOB OPENING:** Napa County Deputy Director of Public Works, Flood Control and Water Resources to replace Richard Thomasser.
- **AB2051 Proposed Legislation Hearing Update and Bay Planning Coalition Fact Sheet**
Summer Bundy, One Shoreline, shared information on AB2051 which aims to streamline coastal resilience project permitting. The bill has broad support, including from the Bay Area Council, Bay Planning Coalition, One Shoreline, and Valley Water. BAFPAA members discussed forming a potential subcommittee to consolidate inputs and leverage their designated seat on the workgroup..
<https://awpw.assembly.ca.gov/system/files/2026-04/ab-2051-wicks.pdf>

Nick Mascarello shared the *Bay Planning Coalition Fact Sheet.*, workgroup Guidance suggestions on self-mitigation provisions:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/o7w8mot3m8exdr1cu6rny/Bill-Sponsor-Fact-Sheet-AB-2051-Wicks.pdf?rlkey=ljfa077b8guvtc2ipog4bww6&st=57dvaava&dl=0>

- The California Financing Coordinating Committee is hosting two infrastructure funding fairs with presentations from several agencies on their funding opportunities. Join breakout sessions to ask agencies questions following the presentations.

Thursday, May 21, 2026: Presentation 9AM-11AM; Virtual Booth 11AM-12PM Registration

<https://waterboards.zoom.us/meeting/register/aWNxAOmFTWW4VHMzE6wrQw#/registration>

Wednesday, June 3, 2026: Presentation 9AM-11AM; Virtual Booth 11AM-12PM Registration

https://waterboards.zoom.us/meeting/register/lbpGd_qRQuuECTccmyAR5w#/registration

- **ADAPT Act**
The ADAPT Act is proposed federal legislation \$10 billion over 5 years for nature-based infrastructure projects.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Katie Muller, Treasurer, reported the following BAFPAA account balances:

\$88,021.82 Checking, \$147,806.32 Savings, \$235,828.14 Total (\$91,997.00 CHARG)

4. FEATURED SPEAKER:

Stuart Siegel, PhD, Society of Wetland Scientists Senior Professional Wetland Scientist certification (SPWS)

[Nature-Based Solutions used in the Completed Sears Point Tidal Flood Protection Project, Sonoma County and the Proposed Design of Strip Marsh East along Highway 37](#)

Dr. Siegel is the coastal resilience specialist with the SF Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) located at the SFSU Estuary and Ocean Science (EOS) Center in Tiburon, Adjunct Professor at the SFSU School of the Environment, and President of Siegel Environmental.

Dr. Siegel presented on two projects along Highway 37 demonstrating how nature-based solutions can effectively reduce flood and erosion risk to shorelines and transportation infrastructure. He focused on the development of “living shorelines” and tidal marsh restoration that adapt to changing climate and bay conditions. He demonstrated that restored marshes can simultaneously dampen wave energy, reduce shoreline erosion, trap sediment, provide flood attenuation, and improve habitat. Adaptive management approaches were key to the success of the projects.

5. COMMITTEE UPDATES AND REPORTS ON OTHER GROUPS

- **San Francisco Estuary Partnership Implementation Committee (IC)**

Tess Byler gave updates on several **San Francisco Estuary Partnership Implementation Committee** topics:

- **San Francisco Estuary Partnership Implementation Committee Vacancy**

Seeking a volunteer to replace Tess Byler as the BAFPAA representative on the San Francisco Estuary Project Implementation Committee (SFEP IC). There are four (4) three (3) hour meetings a year, and there is a Zoom attendance option.

The IC is made up of representatives from all levels of government, business, non-profits, and advocacy organizations (current roster can be found on our website). As the Operating Procedures for the IC state, the IC works with SFEP to coordinate the implementation of the **Estuary Blueprint**, our regional collaborative road map for the next five years. The IC also helps set priorities for SFEP’s work, including approving the yearly workplan and budget.

The IC meets quarterly, in March, May, August, and November. The meetings are generally 3 hours. As much of the IC’s responsibility is to help implement the Blueprint, the agenda for the IC meetings is strongly focused on the Blueprint - celebrating successes and tackling challenges to implementation. SFEP staff undertake an in-depth tracking of Blueprint progress twice a year which is provided to the IC at the March and August meetings.

- **Reminder of what SFEP IC is:**

SFEP is one of 20 National Estuaries across the US, funded by USEPA.

IC tasks are to track progress on the Estuary Blueprint and approve SFEP budget.

SFEP leverages USEPA funding with other grant funding.

Major activities are State of the Estuary Conference and partner on SF Climate Week

<https://www.sfestuary.org/governance-and-committees/>

As committee member, we get to learn about activities that relate to the Bay and Delta, The 5/6/2026 meeting had a presentation on “North Bay: Bridging Resilience and Ecological Restoration”, which is now posted on SFEP’s [meetings webpage](#).

- **Adapt Assets Act**

<https://garamendi.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-garamendi-and-thompson-introduce-bill-protecting-critical-infrastructure>

- **BCDC Bay Plan Amendment on Beneficial Reuse of Sediment, Public Workshop on 6/4**

<https://www.bcdc.ca.gov/programs/sediment-management/sediment-for-wetland-adaptation/>

- **-Spring Summit Bay Planning Coalition on 5/20**
<https://bayplanningcoalition.org/2026-spring-summit/>
- **AB2216** a 2026 bill that would change definition of Delta and include Contra Costa and Solano Counties <https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB2216/id/3369118>
- **USEPA9 Water Quality Improvement Fund**- 20 projects selected for award, notices to all out, contracting June-July
- **DWR Prop 4 Funding available**
<https://water.ca.gov/News/Public-Notices/2025/Jul-25/Prop-4-Grant-Funding-Update>
- **San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Advisory Committee (AC)**
Paul Detjens shared a written update of the 5/8/2026 AC Meeting, which was shared via email, and covered:
 - Measure AA Grant Funding Recommendations
 - Measure AA Round 10 solicitation announcement in July 2026
 - SFBRA Tribal Engagement and Consultation Policy,
 - Performance Measures in the Annual Report,
 - Communication on Measure AA's 10th Anniversary
 - Update on the Bay Restoration Regulatory Integration Team (BRRIT)
- **BAIRWMP**
Sara Duckler announced that the next BAIRWMP Quarterly Meeting will be held on M 5/18. They will be voting on 3 projects. Reach out to Brian Mendenhall with requests for an agenda.
- **Environmental Permitting Committee**
Gretchen Hayes gave an update on the 5/1 BAFPAW RWQCB Meeting and the 5/5 Environmental Planning Committee Meetings. BAFPAW continues to present case studies of systemic permitting challenges to the RWQCB in a cooperative effort to streamline cost-effective and environmentally responsible project permitting.
- **CHARG**
There was no update on CHARG.
- **AQPI**
There will be an AQPI Annual Meeting in September.
- **Peer Support Requests/ Offers (Open Call)**
- **USACE / Silver Jackets California Levee Maintenance Inter-Agency Workshop Series**
Hosted by USACE California Silver Jackets Team with DWR and Partners;
Feedback is invited to tailor content for workshops and increase BAFPAW participation and understanding of levee maintenance requirements.
 - **4/9 9-11AM: Long-Term Issues, Environmental Changes & Adaptive Levee Management**
 - **5/14 9-11AM: Information Sharing and Risk Communication**
 - **6/11 9-11AM: Technical Assistance and Approaches to Levee Maintenance**
 - **7/9 9-11AM: Public Assistance to States Case Studies**

6. FUTURE MONTHLY MEETING TOPIC IDEAS

- **Funding**
 - Prop 4
 - Other
- **Climate Change Resilience**
 - Beneficial Reuse of Sediment
 - Nature Based Solutions
- **Permit Streamlining**
 - Stream Maintenance
 - Capital Improvement Projects
- **Agency Spotlight (Wins/ Challenges/ New Initiatives)**

7. UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monthly Meetings**

M 6/8 1:30PM June Monthly Meeting

CANCELLED

T 6/9 1-2:30 PM Annual Meeting Planning meeting: ALL ATTENDEES WELCOME

M 7/13 1:30PM July Monthly Meeting

TBD

M 8/10 1:30PM August Monthly Meeting

- Richard Thomasser Retirement Announcement
- Strategic Plan Primer Session Announcement
- BCDC Speakers

M 9/14 1:30PM September Monthly Meeting

Strategic Plan Update Primer

M 10/19 1:30PM October Monthly Meeting (Delayed One Week)

Follow up on Strategic Plan Planning Session

M 11/9 1:30PM November Monthly Meeting: Leadership Nominees

TBD

M 12/14 1:30PM December Monthly Meeting: Leadership Elections

TBD

- **Environmental Permitting Committee Meetings**

T 8/4 10AM August Quarterly Meeting

T 11/3 10AM November Quarterly Meeting

- **RWQCB Quarterly Meetings**

W 7/29 11AM July RWQCB Quarterly Meeting

W 10/28 11AM October RWQCB Quarterly Meeting

- **Annual Meeting**

W 9/30 8:30AM – 5:00PM Annual Meeting (IN PERSON)

Napa County Library 1195 Third Street

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:54PM