



1. INTRODUCTIONS

There were twenty-two (22) attendees representing the following BAFPAA agencies and affiliates:

- Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
- Marin County
- Napa County
- One Shoreline: San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District
- Santa Cruz County
- Sonoma County Water Agency
- Vallejo Flood and Wastewater District
- Valley Water: Santa Clara Valley Water District
- Zone 7 Water Agency
- BCDC

2. ADMIN UPDATES / DISCUSSION

Antonella Gentile, BAFPAA Chair made the following announcements:

- **Retirement Announcements**

Attendees celebrated:

- Sara Duckler's retirement from Contra Costa County and as BAFPAA Vice Chair
- Rick Thomasser's retirement from Napa County

- **Annual Meeting Update**

Reserve your spot and lunch preferences today via Eventbrite today!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2026-bafpaa-annual-meeting-tickets-1996058957073>

- **What the Rescission of "Harm" Means for Project Permitting under the Federal Endangered Species Act; Environmental Science Associates Update**

<https://esa.cmail20.com/t/r-e-tuiytyn-kkhruyilv-p/>

- **BayCAN Technical Assistance Navigation Portal Climate Adaptation and Resilience Resource Database for the San Francisco Bay Area:** <https://baycanadapt.org/technical-assistance-portal/>

- **San Francisco Estuary Partnership Transforming Shoreline Collaborative: Adaptation and Resilience Technical Assistance Program**

https://www.sfestuary.org/transforming-shorelines-collaborative/#utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=08+06+2026&utm_campaign=Join+the+next+Transforming+Shorelines+Collaborative+Meeting+Ecotone+Slopes+and+Horizontal+Levees+for+Flood+Risk+Reduction

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Katie Muller, Treasurer, gave the following financial update:

- \$77,858.43 Checking; \$ 147,806.32; Savings, \$225,664.75 Total (\$1,997.00 CHARG)
- Agency Annual Dues Due by August 31, 2026

4. FEATURED SPEAKER

Jessica Finkel and Katharine Pan of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) presented on **BCDC Permitting: How to go with the Flow**, covering topics on:

- Coordination: Early and frequent communication from pre-application through application preparation, including interagency meetings, is critically important for effective efficient permitting of minor and major projects

- Jurisdiction: Updated resources, including a maps screening tool, coming in 2027
- Key Objectives: Minimizing Fill of Bay and Maximizing Public Access
- Permitting Timeline and Coordination with Other Agencies
- Emerging Issues

[Presentation slides are available for your reference.](#)

BCDC Permitting Resources: <https://www.bcdc.ca.gov/programs/permits/>

5. STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW

Antonella Gentile, BAFPAA Chair, asked members to review the goals of the BAFPAA Strategic Plan in preparation for the 2027 update starting at the October Monthly Meeting.

[2025 Strategic Plan](#)

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(Attached)

6. COMMITTEE UPDATES AND REPORTS ON OTHER GROUPS

- **AQPI** (Carlos Dias)
 - No updates
- **Environmental Permitting Committee (EPC)**
 - Elke Rank reported:
 - James Downing and Kendra Boutros of Valley Water reported at the 8/4 EPC meeting on the status of the SFBRWQCB Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (MRP4) reissuance. Several BAFPAA agencies are engaged in providing comments. Please contact him with questions.
 - **W 8/26 11AM BAFPAA RWQCB Quarterly Meeting** special focus will be on project design and permitting.
- **CHARG**
 - Roger Leventhal reported that the status of BAFPAA Agency RSAP preparation will be addressed at a later date.
- **San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (SFBRA)**
 - Summer Bundy reported:
 - The SFBRA adopted the fiscal year budget, including \$400k to fund a full-time liaison to NOAA-NFMS for BRRIT coordination
 - Grant approvals included:
 - Napa River Estuary Enhancement and Public Access Project
 - Brisbane Living Shoreline Project
 - SAFER Bay
 - W 8/19 9:30AM San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) Governance and Committee Public Meeting: [Estuary Blueprint](#) Progress Report, other agenda items TBD
- **BAIRWMP** (Brian Mendenhall, Elke Rank)
 - Sara Duckler reported that the SF Bay IRWM has been working on the redistribution of \$5,955,258 of San Francisco Bay Area Prop 1 Round 2 IRWM funding due to the withdrawal of the San Francisquito Creek Project as a result of schedule delays for that project. Interested project proponents had to submit a form by August 8, 2026 to be considered by an ad-hoc Project Selection Committee (PSC). Due to the short window of time available to reprogram these funds, the IRWM Coordinating Committee will make a funding decision, based on recommendations from the PSC, at their meeting on August 24, 2026.
 - Judd Goodman and Elke Rank will represent BAFPAA and flood control at future IRWM meetings.
 - BAFPAA will determine whether an additional BAFPAA representative is needed to replace Sara Duckler
 - **TH 8/13 10AM** WRMP Hydrogeomorphic WG meeting on El Niño Impact Monitoring via SFEI
 - Meeting Link: meet.google.com/mqc-uuhp-opi Phone: +1 402-865-0271 Pin: 944669475
- **USACE** (Jessica Ludy)
 - No updates

- **Peer Support Requests/ Offers** (Open Call)
 - No updates

7. FUTURE MONTHLY MEETING TOPIC IDEAS

Antonella Gentile, BAFPAA Chair, raised the following topics for future Monthly Meetings:

- AB2051 (Valley Water)
- Strategic Plan Update
- 2027 Leadership Nominees and Elections

8. UPCOMING EVENTS

Antonella Gentile, BAFPAA Chair, announced the following upcoming events:

- **Monthly Meetings**
 - M 9/14 1:30PM** September Monthly Meeting
CANCELLED
 - M 10/19 1:30PM** October Monthly Meeting (Delayed One Week)
 - Featured Speaker: Laura Tam, Bay Planning Coalition on [CA AB2051](#) Coastal Resilience Permitting Working Group
 - Strategic Plan Review
 - M 11/9 1:30PM** November Monthly Meeting
 - Leadership Nominees
 - Strategic Plan Update
 - Other TBD
 - M 12/14 1:30PM** December Monthly Meeting
 - Leadership Elections
 - Other TBD
- **Environmental Permitting Committee Meetings**
 - T 11/3 10AM** November Quarterly Meeting
- **RWQCB Quarterly Meetings**
 - W 8/26 11AM** October RWQCB Quarterly Meeting
 - W 10/28 11AM** October RWQCB Quarterly Meeting
- **Annual Meeting**
 - W 9/30 8:00AM – 3:00PM** Annual Meeting (IN PERSON)
 - Napa County Library 1195 Coombs Street, 5th Street Parking Garage

9. ADJOURN

BAFPAA 2025-2026 Strategic Plan

March 26, 2025

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Priorities for 2025-2026

1. Understand and engage in the development of functional regulatory frameworks
2. Pursue funding opportunities (assessments, state bond funds, grants, etc.)
3. Promote climate change resilience
4. Provide BAFPAA member education and opportunities for participation

Strategic Plan Objectives

Monthly Meetings:

1. Identify and share funding opportunities and collaborate on funding applications, as appropriate. (Priority 2)
2. Recruit BAFPAA members and guest speakers to describe relevant challenges, successes, and regional initiatives. (Priorities 3 and 4)

Resource Agency Meetings:

3. Convene and facilitate quarterly meetings with Regional Water Quality Control Board and California Department of Fish and Wildlife staff to provide input on policy development and streamline permit processing. (Priority 1)

Environmental Permitting Committee:

4. Identify, share, and track new and pending policies, regulations, and related court cases, and compare implementation strategies among BAFPAA agencies and with similar agencies Statewide. (Priority 1)
5. Compare and promote consistency between standards, monitoring requirements and reporting requirements for member agencies' project permitting, stream maintenance programs, etc. (Priority 1)
6. Arrange and promote educational training opportunities, tours, and workshops. (Priority 4)

CHARG Participation:

7. Advance the technical, scientific and engineering analysis needed for the region to implement adaptation projects and build resilience to sea level rise and climate change. (Priority 3)

AQPI Participation:

8. Identify cost-saving strategies for local radar maintenance. (Priority 3)

Advocacy:

9. Frame regional discussions on water/watershed-related issues from a flood-protection perspective. (Priorities 1 and 3)
10. Provide guidance on initiatives and comments on proposed regulations that fall under the purview and expertise of flood-protection agencies, such as sediment management and beneficial reuse, shoreline adaptation to climate change, hydrograph modification management and floodplain management. (Priority 1)
11. Support initiatives that promote beneficial reuse of flood-facility sediment to improve tidal wetland resilience. (Priority 3)