

**Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Staff Report for
Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee
December 8, 2025**

Key activities since the Resilient Shoreline Committee's meeting on September 8, 2025, are listed below.

Senate Bill 1 Grant
<p>The \$1,499,285 grant awarded by the California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) through the Senate Bill 1 Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Grant Program (SB 1 Grant Program) will support the development of the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan (Plan).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• County staff, as part of a review panel, selected a community engagement subconsultant and a technical subconsultant based on the responses to the two Requests for Proposals that were issued in June 2025. County staff are now in the process of finalizing the contracts with the selected subconsultants and expect to complete this process in December.• County staff have developed a stakeholder inventory of land use agencies and property owners along the shoreline to inform community outreach and analysis for the development of the Plan.• Staff submitted the second quarterly report to OPC in October 2025.
Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The project team has continued planning for the Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy (SLA), which is expected to begin in January 2026. The SLA will engage a cohort of residents from shoreline communities in a six-month process in which they will be trained by experts in sea level rise, shoreline adaptation, nature-based solutions, shoreline contamination remediation, and other topics through virtual and in-person experiences to be prepared to engage in policy, planning, and projects related to shoreline adaptation and the development of the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan. The project team has been developing SLA curriculum, including guest speakers and field trip locations.• Recruitment for the SLA closed on October 15, 2025. 101 applications were received. The project team is currently conducting interviews of applicants to select the cohort.
Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Coalition
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff continue to meet with other local and regional public agencies to coordinate sea level rise planning efforts and build the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Coalition to support the planning and development of the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Staff regularly coordinate with Solano County staff regarding progress on developing each jurisdiction's subregional plan as required by BCDP's Resilient Shoreline Adaptation Plan.○ On November 5, 2025, staff attended the Lower Rheem Creek Vision Workshop, which focused on highlighting restoration opportunities and developing a restoration vision for lower Rheem Creek and the surrounding area.• Staff continue to participate in regional sea level rise planning to raise awareness of the County's adaptation and resilience planning efforts and to ensure the Plan is consistent with regional guidelines.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ In October, staff attended the State of the San Francisco Estuary Conference hosted by the San Francisco Estuary Partnership. The conference highlighted the region's work related to the management and ecological health of the Bay-Delta estuary.

- o Ryan Hernandez presented on the County's sea level rise work during the Catalyzing A New Wave of Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning with SB 272 panel at the American Planning Association's Northern California Conference in September. The panel also included staff from the California Coastal Commission, City of Alameda, OneShoreline, and City/County of San Francisco and was moderated by San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) staff.
- o On September 15, 2025, staff attended Rising Together: The Bay Adapt Summit hosted by BCDC. The Summit brought together climate practitioners, scientists, advocates, and community members to celebrate regional progress on sea level rise adaptation and highlight the latest on-the-ground actions taking place across the Bay Area.

Other Grant Opportunities

- **National Coastal Resilience Fund 2025 – Project was not selected.** On December 3, 2025, staff learned that the Contra Costa proposal for the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) 2025 National Coastal Resilience Fund will not be advancing in the application process.
- Staff continue to monitor state and federal grant opportunities and prepare to apply for funding to support the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan. The Plan will create focused adaptation strategies and implementation actions for the communities along Contra Costa County's shoreline.