

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

AGENDA

Hazardous Materials Commission

Friday, June 13, 2025

10:00 AM

777 Arnold Dr., Martinez, CA 94553 Paramount Room
https://zoom.us/j/94027485383
Call-in: 1 (646) 900-6833
Access Code: 940 2748 5383

Operations Committee

Chair: Marielle Boortz Vice Chair: Jamin Pursell

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

- 1. Roll Call and Introductions
- 2. CONSIDER approval of the May 9, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission <u>25-2343</u> Operations Committee meeting minutes.

Attachments: HMC OPS May 9 2025 Meeting Minutes

- 3. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).
- 4. RECEIVE a presentation on sea level rise and wetland management programs from Aaron Winer of West County Wastewater.

Attachments: Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Commission - Operations

Committee Meeting 06.13.2025

OLD BUSINESS

5. DISCUSS the Hazardous Materials Commission 2025 Priorities assigned to the Operations Committee and DISCUSS potential guest speakers.

Attachments: 2025 HMC Priorities

6. DISCUSS the logistics of holding a public forum and continue developing a plan of action.

NEW BUSINESS

- 7. DEVELOP an introduction speech for the September 11, 2025 public forum to bring to the full commission for approval.
- 8. Announcements from commissioners on items of commission interest.
- 9. Plan next meeting agenda

The next meeting is currently scheduled for July 11, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

Adjourn

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For Additional Information Contact: Adam Springer at 925-655-3216



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 25-2343 Agenda Date: 6/13/2025 Agenda #: 2.

Advisory Board: Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee

Subject: Approval of May 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Presenter: Committee Chair

Information:

Attached to this agenda item is the draft meeting minutes for the May 9, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

CONSIDER approval of the May 9, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee meeting minutes.



Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Operations Committee

Chair: Marielle Boortz Vice Chair: Jamin Pursell

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM.

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Roll Call and Introductions

Commissioners Present: Fred Glueck, Marielle Boortz, Louis Flores, Maureen Brennan, Jamin Pursell

Commissioners Present Online: Madeline Kronenberg

Staff Present: Adam Springer

2. CONSIDER approval of the April 11, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee meeting minutes.

The commissioners present voted to approve the April 11, 2025 Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee meeting minutes.

Motion: Fred Glueck

Second: Maureen Brennan

3. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

There were not any comments made by members of the public.

OLD BUSINESS

4. DISCUSS the Hazardous Materials Commission 2025 Priorities assigned to the Operations Committee and DISCUSS potential guest speakers.

The commissioners requested any new data on hazardous materials transportation with the county or any new data projections about sea level rise.

Commissioner Glueck arranged a guest speaker, Aaron Winer, for June to discuss sea level rise, wetland management programs, all-season programs.

The commission will have another guest speaker, Cheryl Sudduth of West County Waste Water, in July or August.

Commissioner Brennan expressed interest in hydrogen generation and transportation (hydrogen ferry retired due to lack of access to fuel) The commission wants to better understand the barriers to utilizing hydrogen (distribution facility, permits, transport, safety requirements, storage) Considered inviting Supervisor John Gioia to discuss hydrogen generation and the county's plans for implementing.

The presentation from CCFPD on battery fires had a strong impact and the commission wants to get the word out about it through their September public forum and posting it on the HMC webpage. The commission would like more information on battery manufacturing (Moxion) and on battery recycling.

5. DISCUSS the logistics of holding a public forum and continue developing a plan of action.

The Assembly Chamber has been booked at the County Administration building for the public forum for September 11th, an additional room has been booked for table displays and interaction with the public. The commissioners discussed having a reception period from 3:30-4:00 to allow time for guests to arrive and look over the display tables, 5 minute introduction from staff, presentations from 4:05-5:15, Q&A from 5:15-5:30 and spend the remaining time mingling and viewing the display tables.

A minimum of eight commission members are needed to support the forum before staff finalizes guest speakers - establish roles for each member.

Panelists: 10-12 minutes per speaker - explain regulatory roles for CWS, Con Fire, "day in the life" CC Hazardous Materials Programs emergency response, Central San household waste disposal (do's and don'ts), Bay Area Air Quality District. Need to limit number of panelists for sake of time - prioritize information that is most useful to average citizen

Q&A will be done by submitting index cards with questions for the panelists, must limit time spent on this.

Print itinerary and provide sign in sheet upon entering.

Look into options for providing food/beverages - commissioner sign up

6. DISCUSS contaminated soil testing, remediation, and management. https://www.cbecal.org/

Commissioner Flores connected with someone from Community for a Better Environment to get more information on the work they do - will share with the full commission. He also found an article in the LA Times regarding the lack of soil testing being done after the fires. Commissioners expressed concerns around the potential for hazardous materials (soil) to be dumped with municipal waste - upcoming presentation from DTSC to learn more.

7. DISCUSS strategies for increasing public awareness and safety around lithium ion battery products.

The video recording of the presentation from CCFPD on lithium ion battery fires is posted online and available through the Commission's webpage. This topic will also be covered at the public forum to better inform the public.

8. Announcements from commissioners on items of commission interest.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for June 13, 2025.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 PM.





CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 25-2368 Agenda Date: 6/13/2025 Agenda #: 4.

Advisory Board: Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee

Subject: West County Wastewater Presentation

Presenter: Aaron Winer

Information:

Attached to this agenda item is a PowerPoint presentation from West County Wastewater.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

RECEIVE a presentation on sea level rise and wetland management programs from Aaron Winer of West County Wastewater.

CLIMATE RESILIENCY PROJECTS

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMMISSION: OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING **FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025**



Presented By: Andrew Clough, WCW. General Manager Joe Neugebauer, WCW, Environmental Services Manager **Tim Mollette-Parks. Partner. Mithun**

MEETING AGENDA



WCW & OUR COMMUNITY



VISION



CLEAN & GREEN PROJECT



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIPS



NORTH RICHMOND LIVING LEVEE & COLLABORATIVE SHORELINE PROJECT



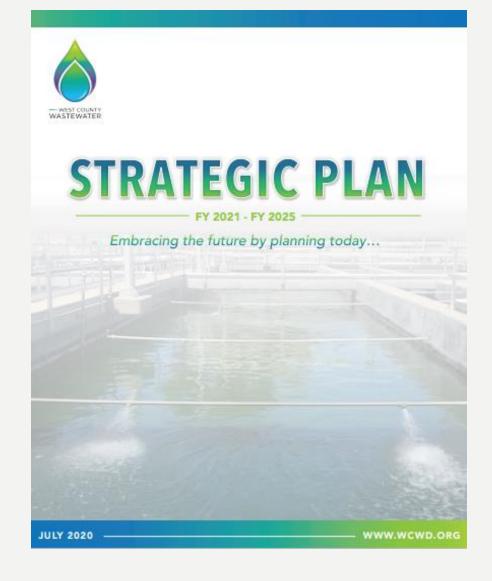
Q&A

WEST COUNTY WASTEWATER



VISION

Create a holistic plan for environmental stewardship through efficient wastewater management, extensive community engagement, inspirational leadership, and integrated partnerships

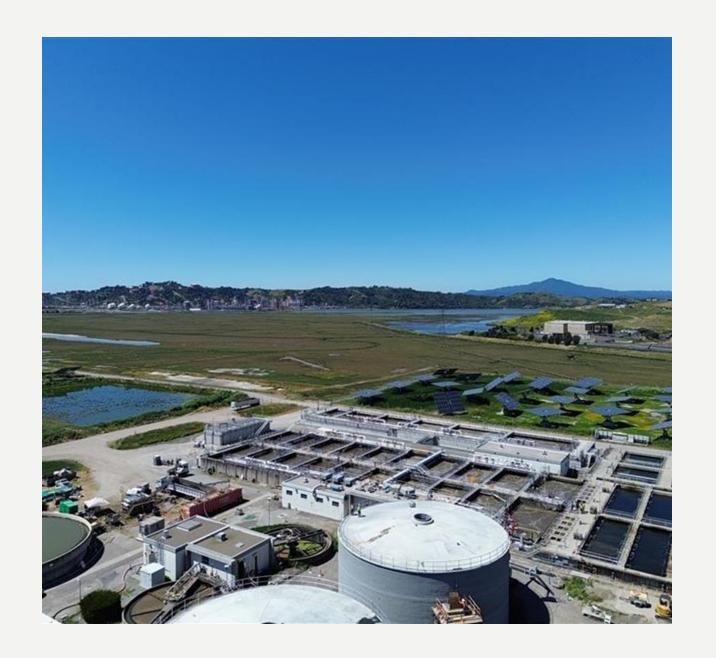






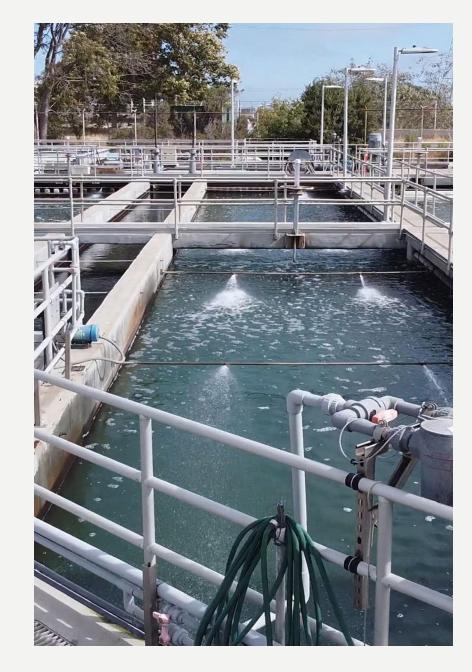
CLEAN & GREEN PROJECT

- Creating green power resiliency and reliability
- \$83 million in net program savings
- 4.2 million kWh of energy reduction per year
- 93% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions
- Internship Program
- Class A biosolids: Reduced disposal cost and new revenue stream



CLEAN & GREEN PROJECT

- I.I MW of On-Site Solar Power Generation
- 3.1 MW of Battery Storage
- Creation of Microgrid
- LED Lighting and EV Chargers
- Resource Recovery Plant Optimization
- Grit Separation System, Rotary Drum Thickeners, High Efficiency Aeration Blower, New Digesters, 450 kW Cogeneration System, Sludge Dewatering System, Sludge Thermal Dryer System
- Equalization Basin Expansion
- Produce Class A Biosolids













PROJECT HISTORY

2016

San Francisco Estuary Partnership and Watershed Project support the community in developing the North Richmond Shoreline Vision Plan

2018

RbD elevates and connects ongoing community-led work, including the shoreline resilience ideas identified in 2016



2021

Funding received from San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (SFBRA) for Community Co-creation of an adaptation plan for multi-benefit, nature-based resilience in the face of raising sea levels



2024

Design team continues supporting grant pursuits, assisting in securing additional SFBRA for further co-design, documentation and initial environmental studies.



The design team engages with North Richmond neighbors as part of Resillent by Design (RbD) furthers

2017



Design team remains engaged with the community after RbD, supporting community leaders in pursuing grant funding to advance the co-design and lang-term leadership for shoreline

2020





Potential federal construction funding for Phase 1 Living Levee is identified in the Water Resources Development Act

Completion of the Collaborative Shoreline Adaptation Plan, and concept design for the Phase 1 project: the North Richmond Living Levee

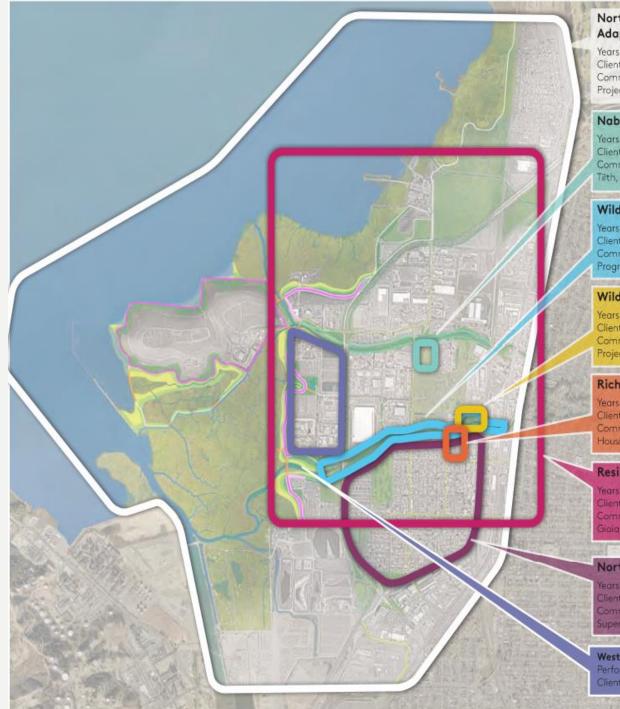
2023

NORTH RICHMOND SHORELINE LIVING LEVEE STAKEHOLDER GROUP



- Regular meetings since September 2019, with lead from San Francisco Estuary Partnership and West County Wastewater
- Position Nature-Based Adaptations for external funding opportunities
- Provide information, support to WCW
 Project Management Team throughout conceptual design process for a
 Prototype Living Levee & Shoreline
 Adaptation Planning effort

BUILDING LASTING RELATIONSHIPS THAT CONTINUE **OUTSIDE OF THE PROJECT**



North Richmond Collaborative Shoreline Adaptation Plan

Years: 2022-2024

Client: West County Wastewater

Community Connections: Creeks Councils, Watershed

Project, Shoreline Working Group

Nabeta Land Vision Richmond Our Power

Years: Present

Client: Richmond Our Power Coalition

Community Connections: Our Power Coalition, Urban

Tilth, Rich City Rides

Wildcat Creek Trail Vision Plan

Years: 2018

Client: Urban Tilth

Community Connections: Contra Costa Watersheds

Program, Urban Tilth, Verde School PTA

Wildcat Creek Sediment Basin and Fish Ladder

Client: FlowWest Engineers, County Flood Control District Community Connections: Verde School PTA, Watershed

Richmond Lands Tiny Home EcoVillage

Years: Current

Client: Richmond Lands Community Land Trust

Community Connections: NRMAC, Supervisor Gioia, County

Resilient by Design: North Richmond

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Community Connections: WCW, Urban Tilth, Supervisor

North Richmond Quality of Life Plan

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West County Wastewater Master Plan Program EIR

Performed by ESA Client: WCW

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



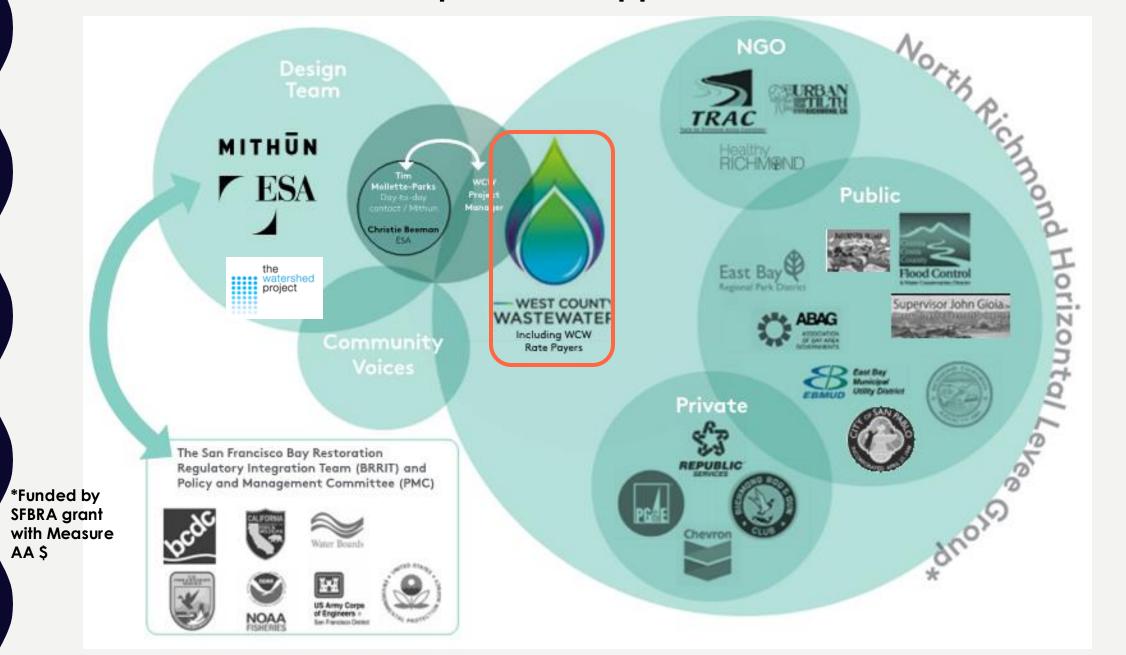








Partnerships-based Approach







Outreach --- Recruitment

Education → Workgroups

Gather community voices → Community research & co-design

Outreach

Adaptación de la costa de North Richmond:



Los miembros de la comunidad:

- -Trabajarán aproximadamente de 1 a 2 horas a la semana entre febrero y septiembre de 2022, con un receso de verano durante julio y agosto.
- Completarán tareas incluyendo: coaprendizaje, recopilación y análisis de datos, participación de la comunidad, preparación de materiales y participación y dirección de reuniones.
- -Participarán en uno de los grupos de trabajo comunitarios siguientes: Imaginando soluciones, Encuesta comunitaria, o Sostenibilidad y crecimiento.

Los miembros de la comunidad recibirán un pago máximo de \$1,000 por el proyecto (\$50 por reunión)

La fecha límite de solicitud es el 31 de enero de 2022!!!

Realizaremos un webinar para proporcionar más información y responder cualquier pregunta el lunes 24 de enero de 6 a 7 pm.

Un enlace al webinar está disponible en TheWatershedProject.org/Shoreline.

Para más información y para aplicar, visite TheWatershedProject.org/Shoreline o contacte a Eunice Quintanilla a eunice@thewatershedproject.org o 707-726-2829 (mensaje de texto o llamada).



North Richmond Shoreline Adaptation Project:



Community Members can participate by:

- -Work approximately 1-2 hours a week between February and September 2022, with a summer break during July and August.
- Complete tasks such as co-learning, gathering and analyzing data, conducting community engagement, preparing materials, and participating in and leading meetings.
- -Participate in one of the following community workgroups: Envisioning Solutions, Community Survey, or Sustainability and Growth.

Community members will receive a maximum payment of \$1,000 for the project (\$50 per meeting).

The application deadline is January 31st, 2022!!!

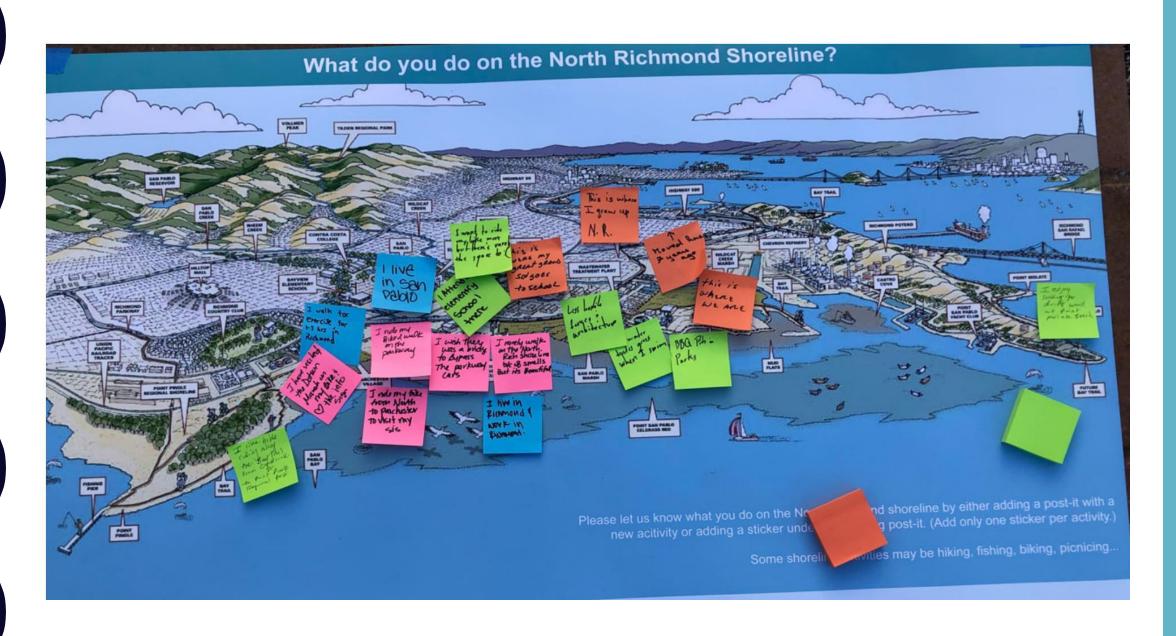
We will hold a webinar to provide more information and answer any questions on Monday, January 24th, 6-7 pm.

A link to the webinar is available at TheWatershedProject.org/Shoreline

For more information and to apply, visit TheWatershedProject.org/Shoreline or contact Eunice Quintanilla at eunice@thewatershedproject.org or 707-726-2829 (text or call).



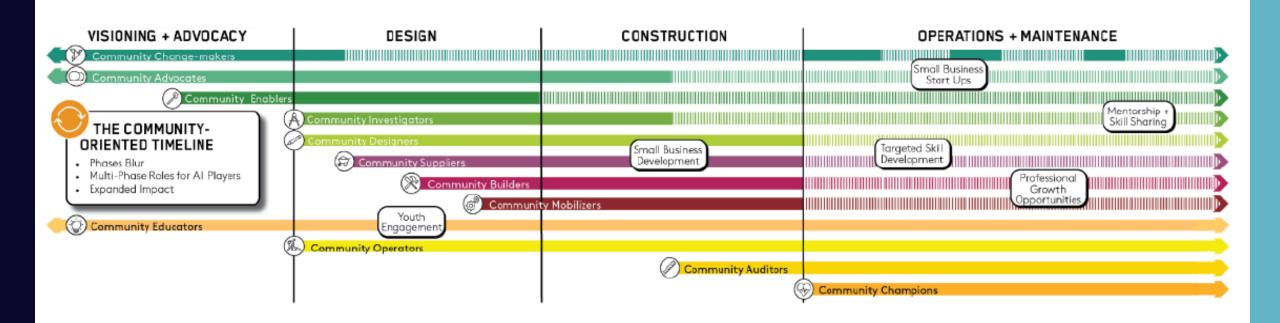




Online Workshops: Understanding Priorities for Access, Amenities, Activities & Restoration



Workforce Development: Thinking beyond construction to community stabilization and wealth-building



Tribal Engagement



TRIBAL STORIES FROM THE COAST AND WATERSHEDS OF NORTH RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA



Welcome to the showcase of the Confederated Villages of Lisjan Coastal Stories, created by The Watershed Project as part of the North Richmond Shoreline Adaptation Project.



Working with the team to develop concept designs for one or more site installation(s) to honor sites of cultural concern within the concept study area

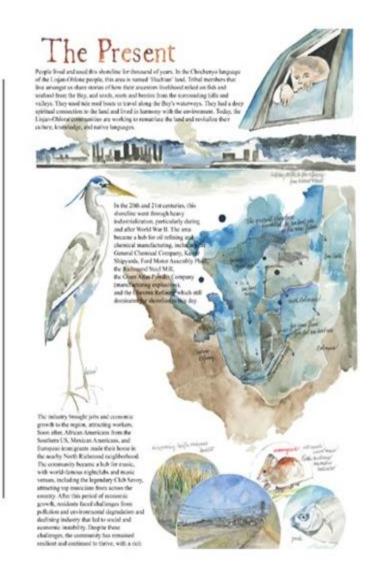
Building an indigenous storytelling website

- Two site visits with members of the Confederated Villages of Lisjan (Ohlone)
- Zoom meetings and discussions to arrive at shared understanding of role as cultural advisors on the project
- Agreement to provide feedback and help develop interpretive material, including interviews with tribal members



Education and Interpretation









THANK YOU, SAN FRANCISCO BAY RESTORATION AUTHORITY (SFBRA) FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!







"WE ARE A DISINVESTED, BUT NOT A DISINTERESTED COMMUNITY"





BUILDING ON THE LEGACY IN NORTH RICHMOND





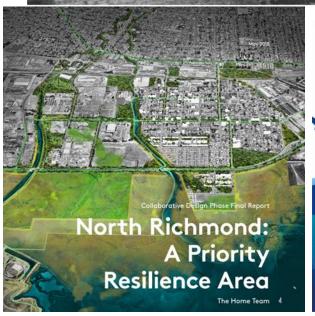




North Richmond Shoreline VISION

A community-based approach to planning for the upland transition zone

The North Richmond Shoreline should be managed, restored and protected to sustain multiple benefits including ecosystem services, community health, economic stability, local jobs, educational opportunities, safe places for recreation, vibrant natural habitat and a source of clean healthy food.







North Richmond Quality of Life Plan





PROJECT SITES



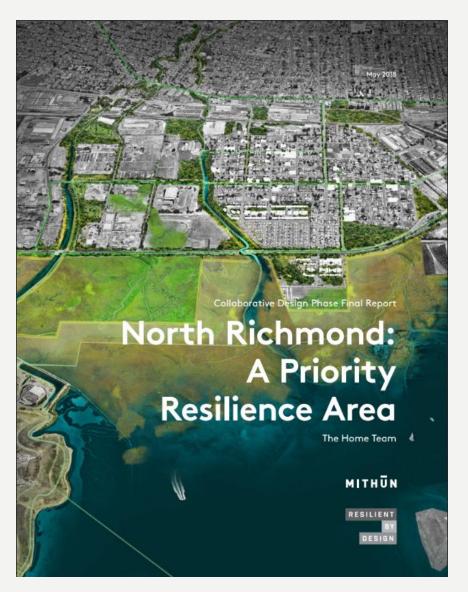


Resilient by Design

Goal: connect international expertise with local communities to inspire innovative designs and collaboration

Process (2017-2018):

- Public call for vulnerable sites
- Design Team selection
- Collaborative Research Phase
- Assign Teams to sites
- Collaborative Design Phase
- Final Designs

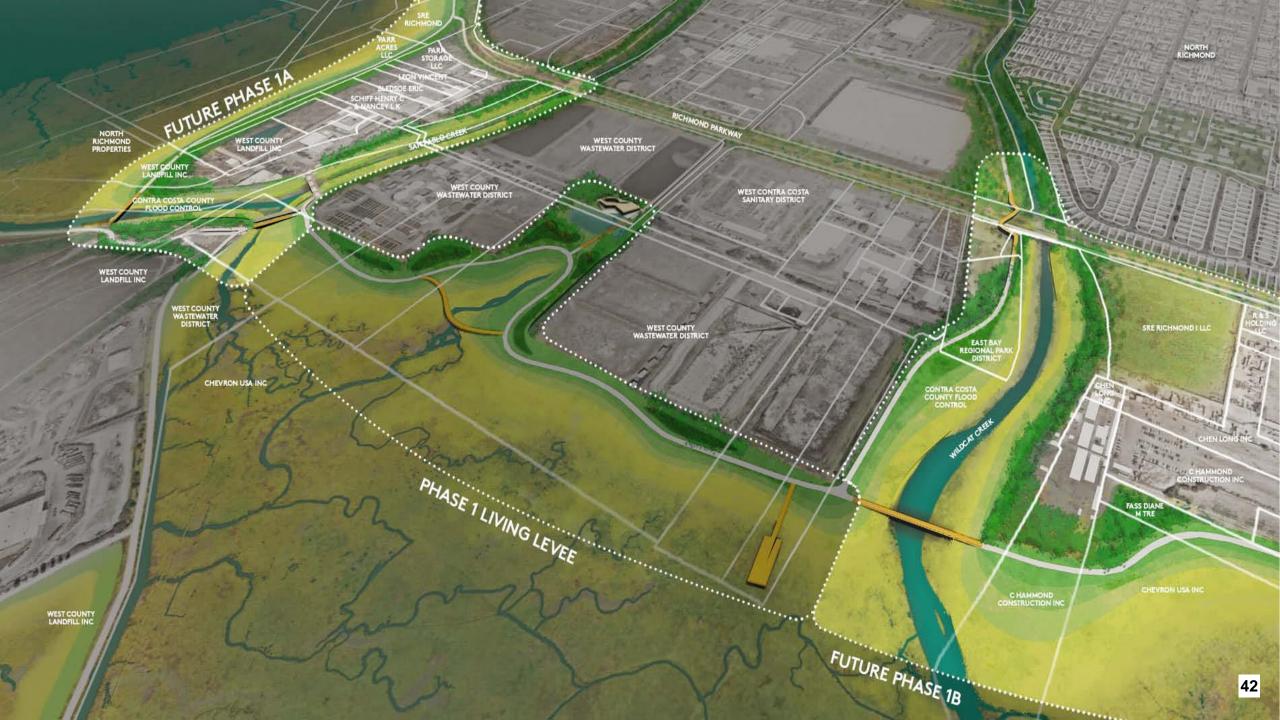


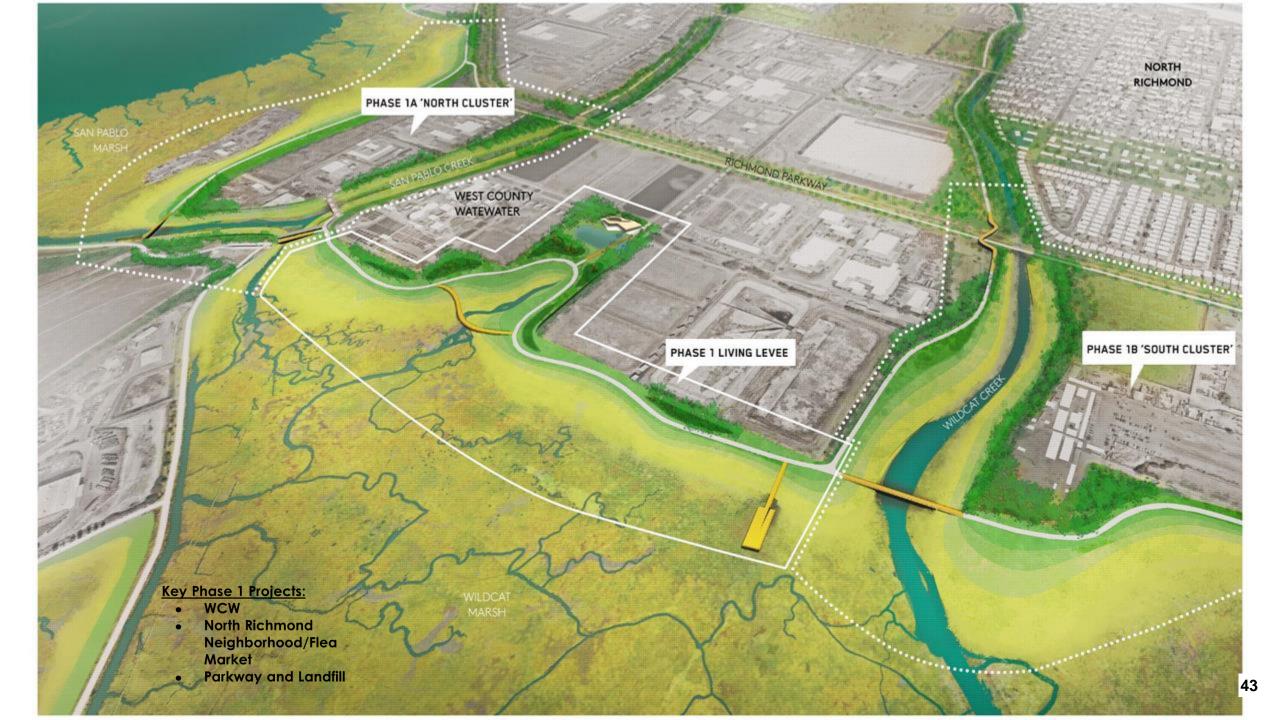


November 2023

May 2018

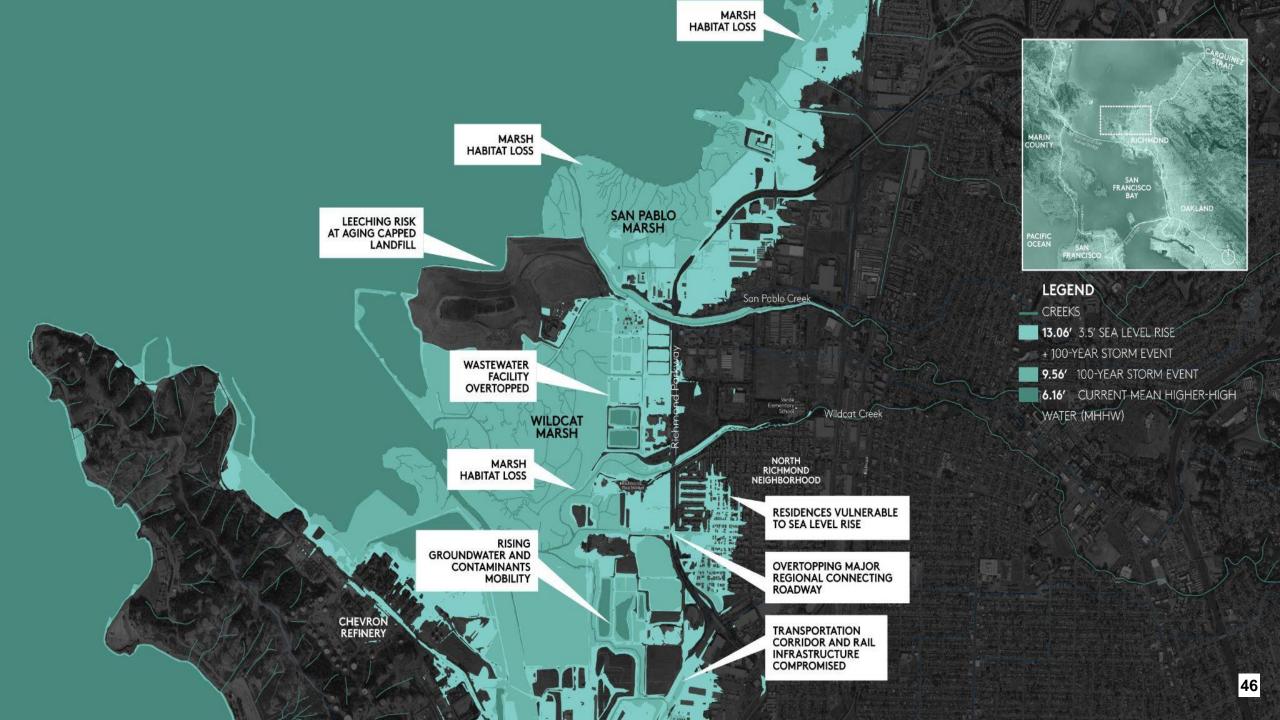


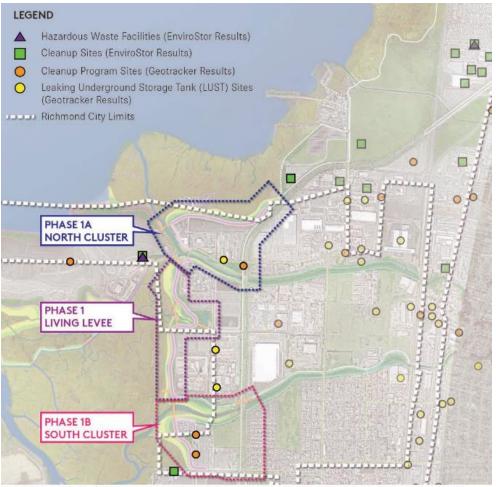




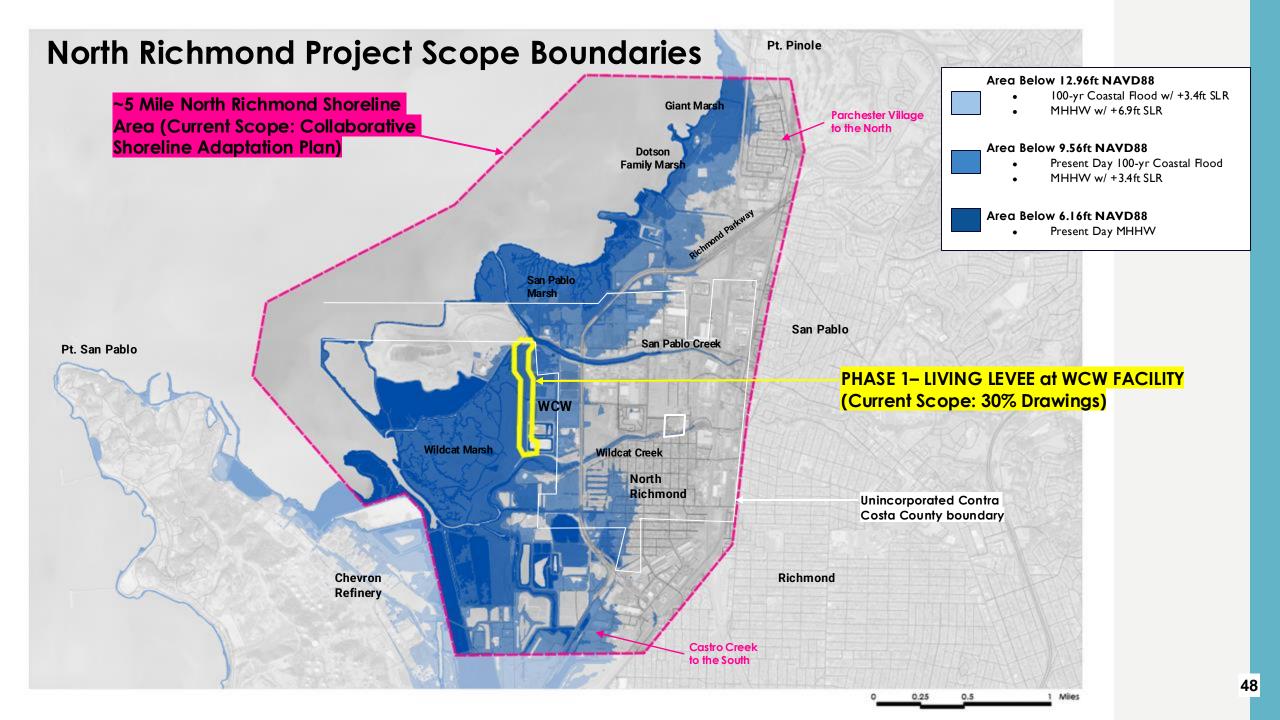




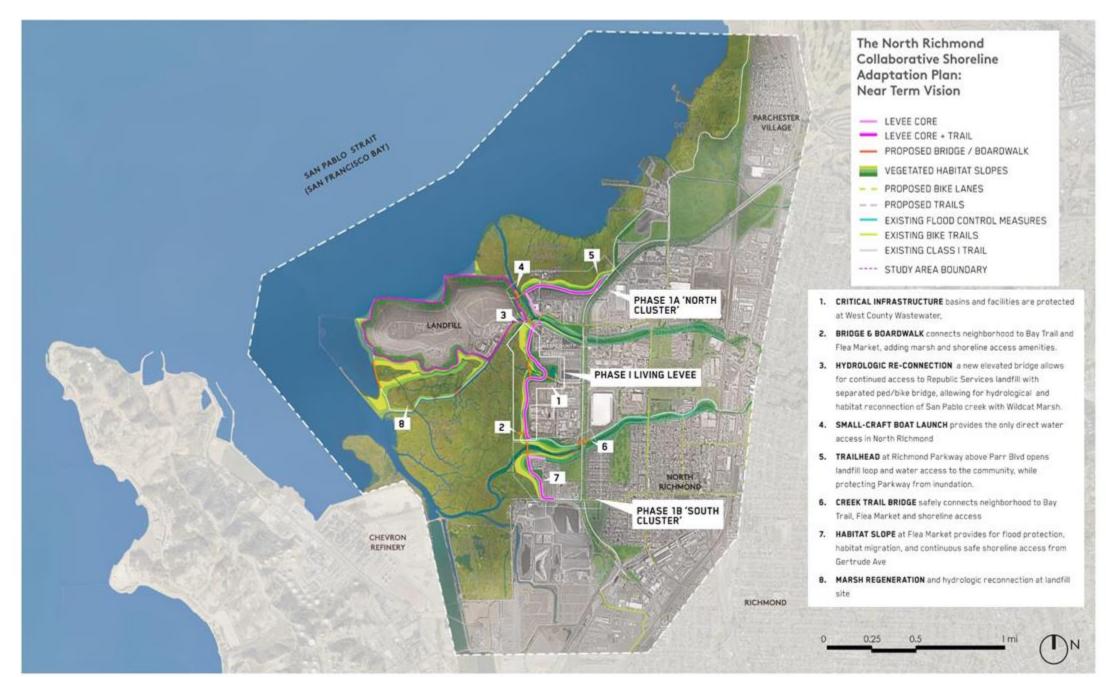


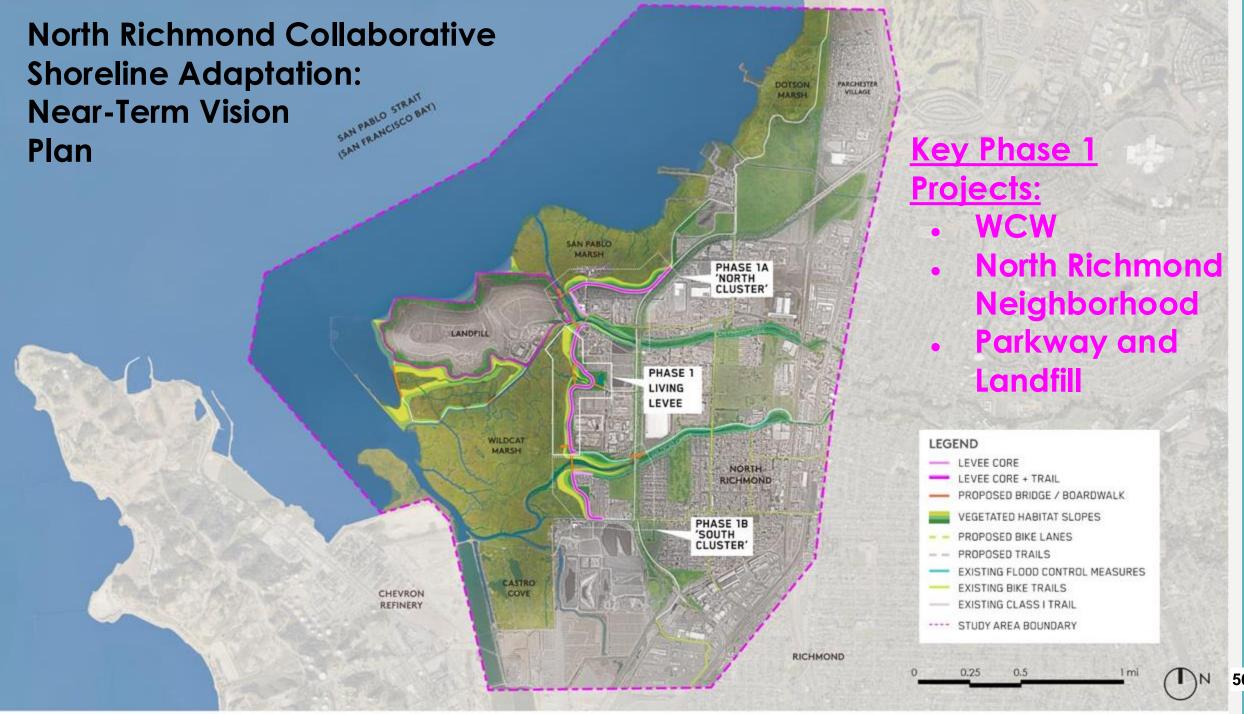


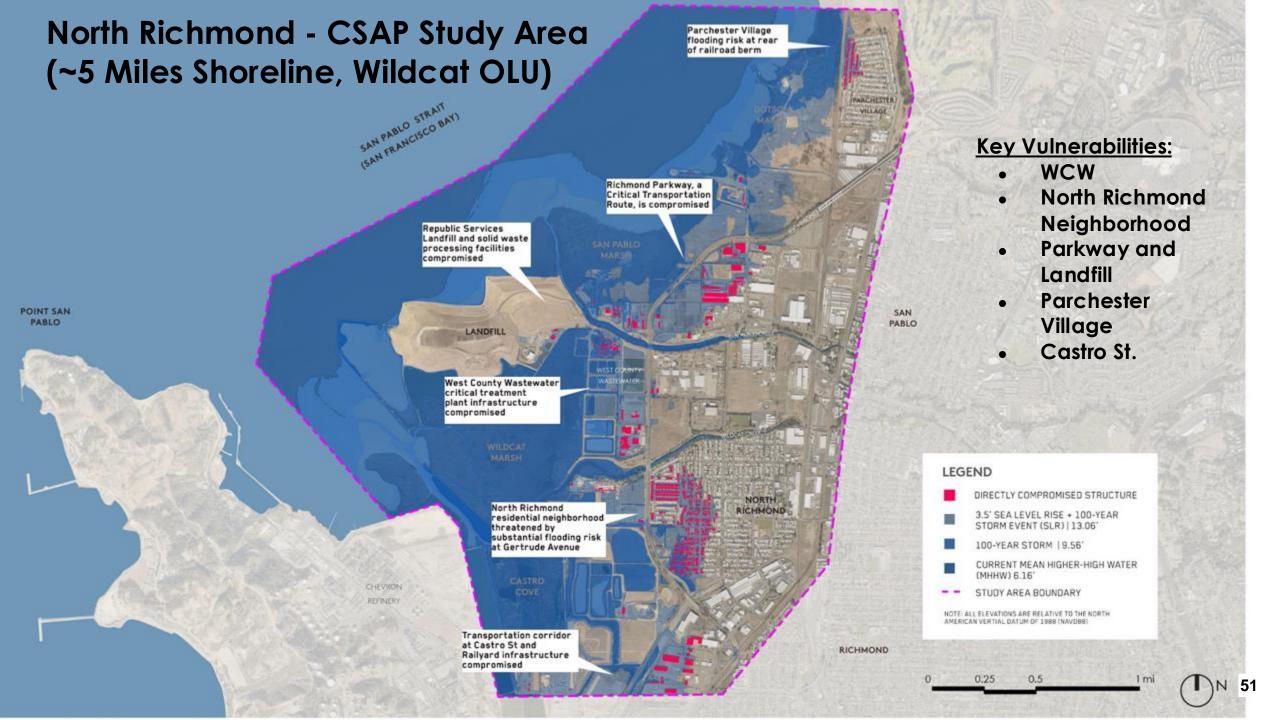
As part of this scope of work, Mithun has included Kleinfelder on our team. Their background in analysis and design for contamination concerns will add critical nuance to the approach, particularly in the Phase 1A and 1B Cluster areas, where remediation strategies were an dentified scope gap in the previous planning effort.

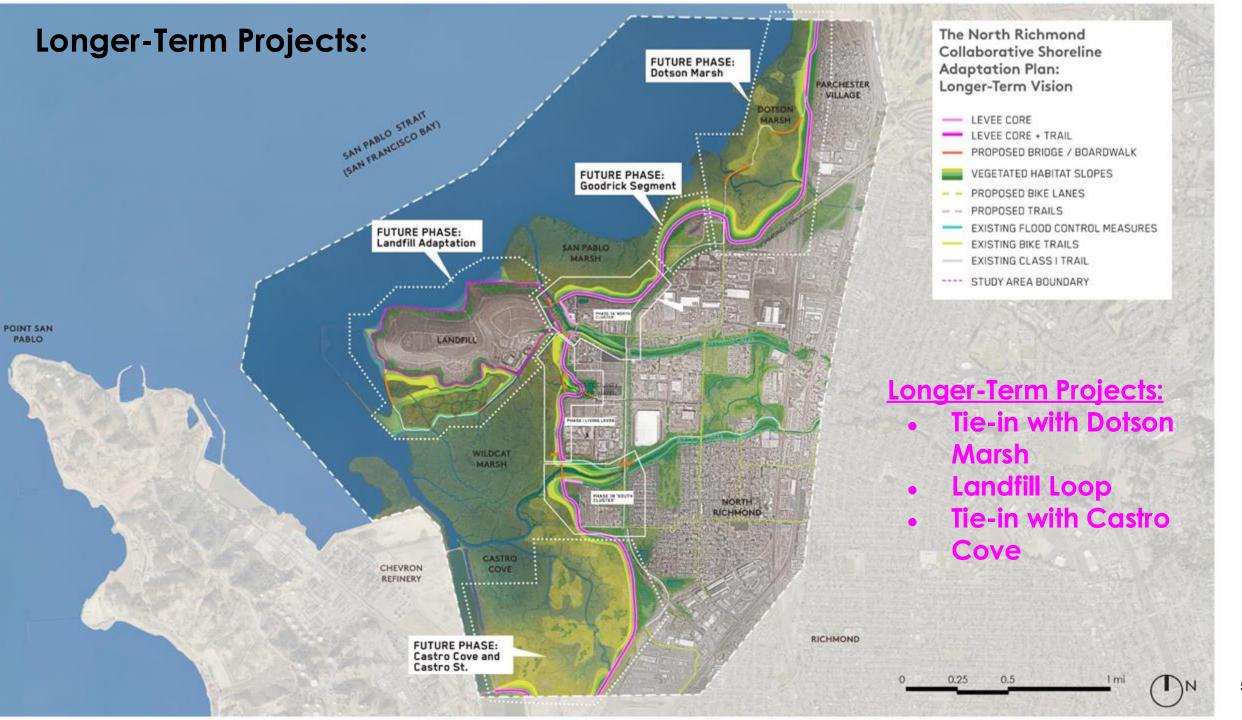


North Richmond Collaborative Shoreline Plan: Near Term Vision

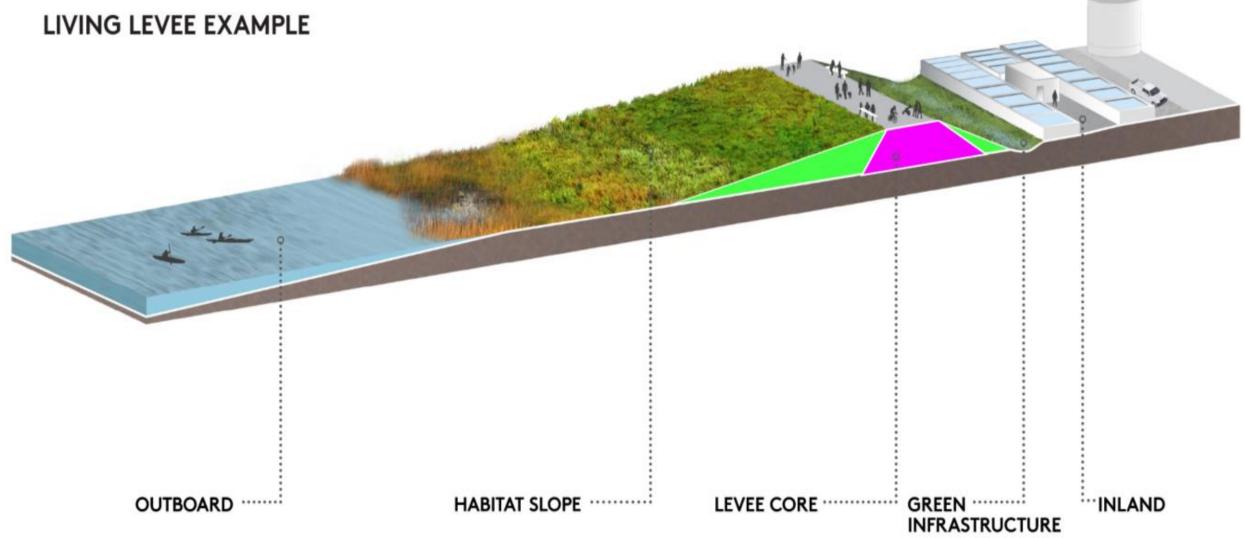












Complement existing habitat and tidal zones, in preparation for future sea level rise.

Avoid impacts to existing tidal habitats at the water's edge.

Allow for habitat restoration, protection, and migration.

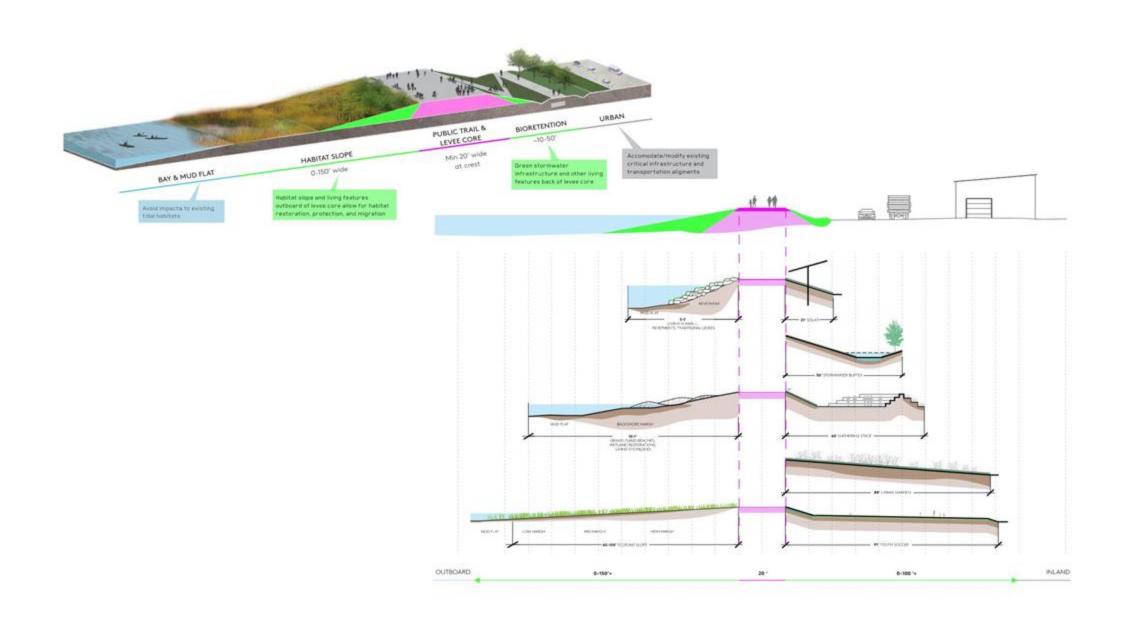
Gentler, wider slope creates more opportunities for transition zone habitats, while narrower, steeper slope might be better in some areas to protect/preserve existing tidal habitats.

Public trail on levee core.

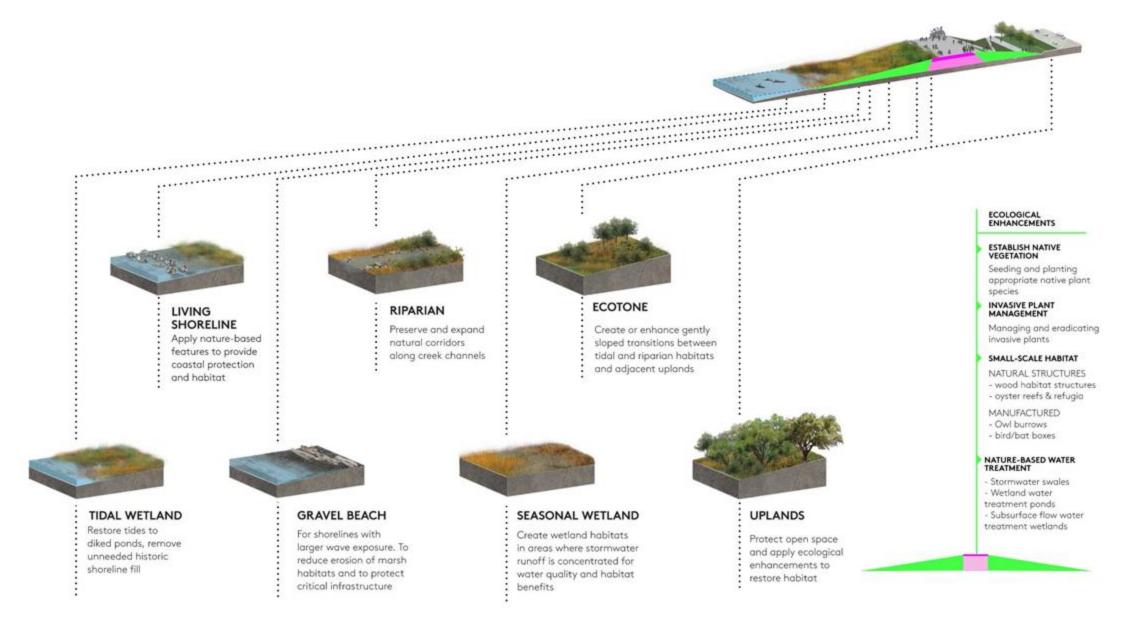
Provide access and community amenities, in combination with flood protection via calibration of levee core height and material. Green stormwater infrastructure and other 'living' features at the back of levee core manage for urban runoff such as drainage and groundwater rise.

Accommodate or modify existing critical infrastructure and transportation alignments.

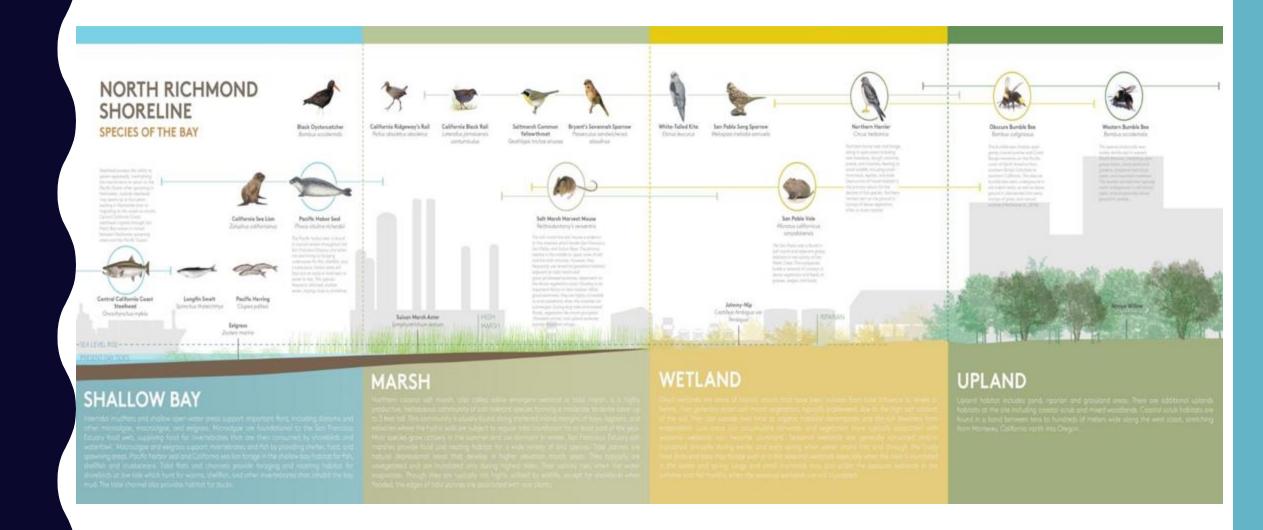
Living Levees: A Flexible Band



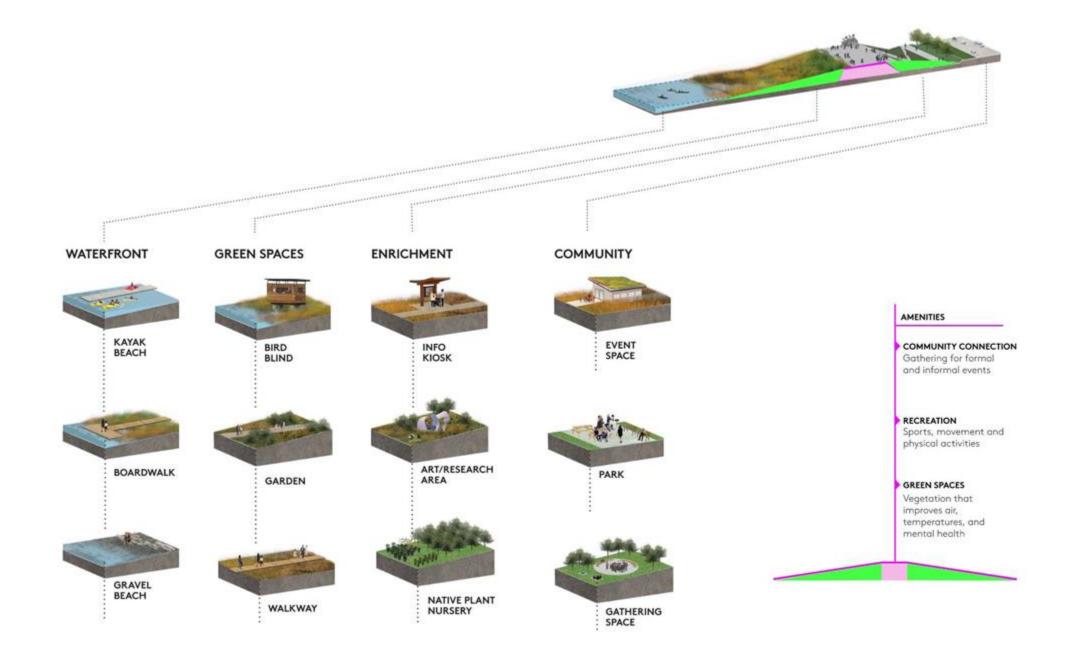
Habitats



Habitats



Amenities



PHASE I – LIVING LEVEE AT WEST COUNTY WASTEWATER

SECTION "A" WILDCAT MARSH BOARDWALK & TRAIL ACCESS

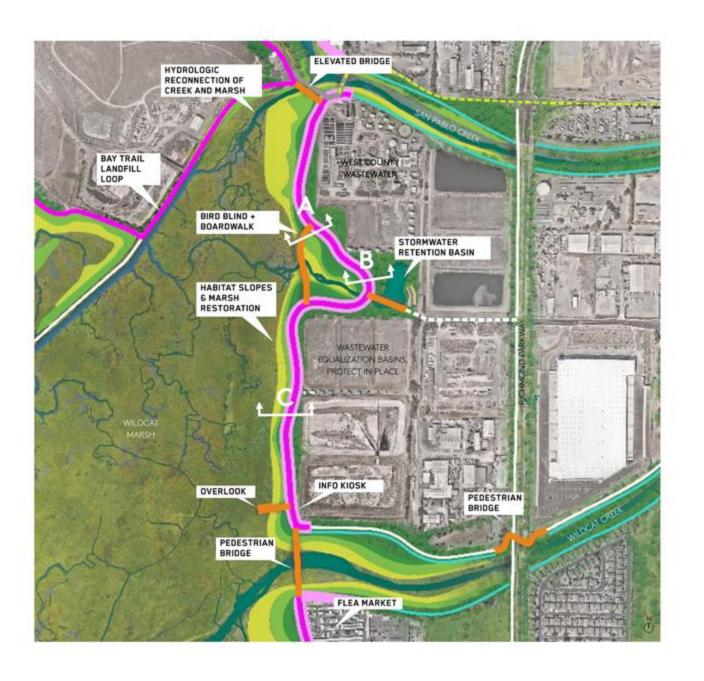
SECTION "B" STORMWATER RETENTION

SECTION "C" EQUALIZATION BASIN

SEE SECTION ENLARGED EXHIBITS ON FOLLOWING PAGES. SEE APPENDIX FOR DESIGN DETAILS.

- LEVEE CORE
- LEVEE CORE + TRAIL
- PROPOSED BRIDGE / BOARDWALK
- VEGETATED HABITAT SLOPES
- - PROPOSED BIKE LANES
- -- PROPOSED TRAILS
- EXISTING FLOOD CONTROL MEASURES
- EXISTING BIKE TRAILS
- EXISTING CLASS I TRAIL
- ---- STUDY AREA BOUNDARY

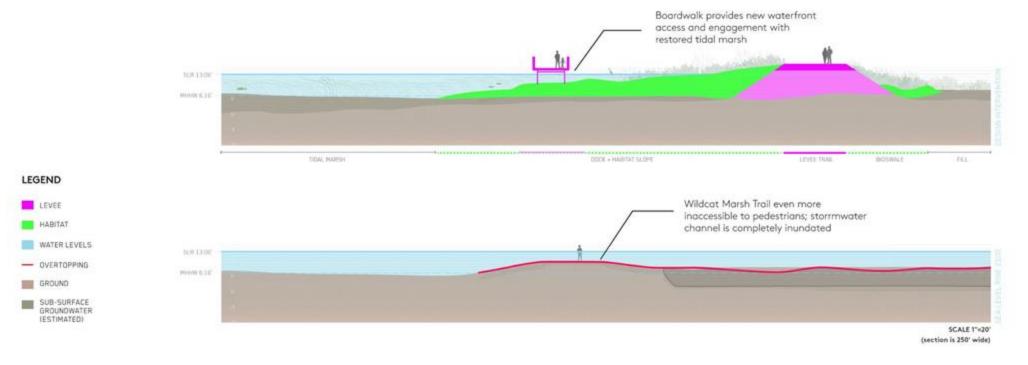




A Wildcat Marsh Boardwalk & Trail Access

OPENING THE WATERFRONT

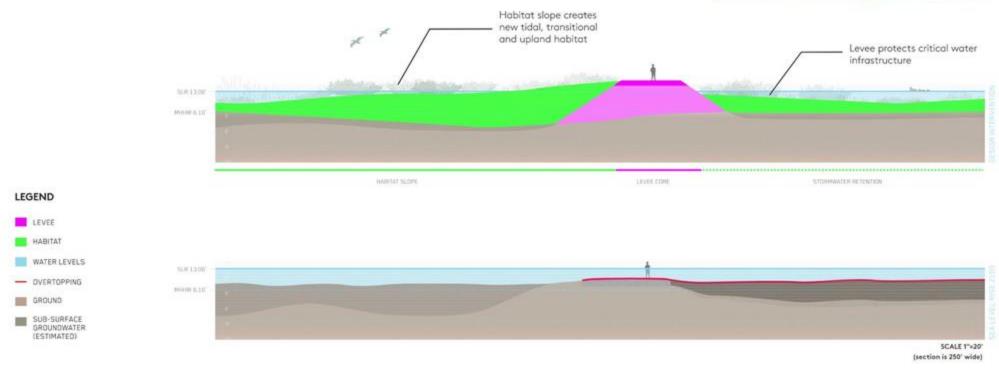




B Stormwater Retention

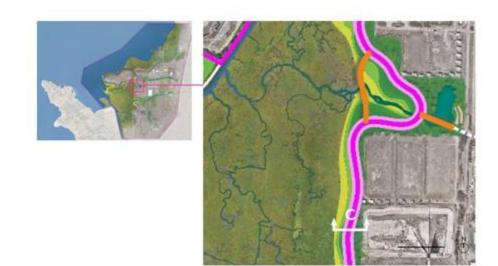
PROTECTING WATER AND ADDING HABITAT

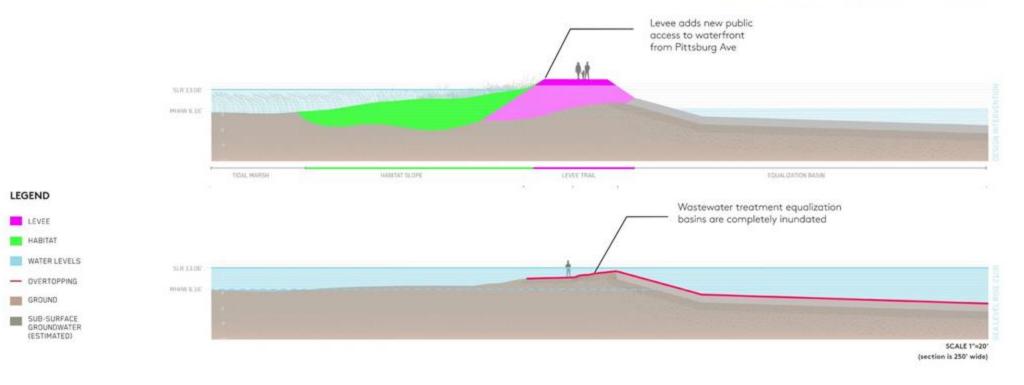




C Equalization Basin

INTEGRATING PERMANENT PUBLIC ACCESS WITH INFRASTRUCTURE





PHASE 1A: "CLUSTER NORTH" CONCEPT DESIGN

SECTION "A" REPUBLIC SERVICES
SECTION "B" SMALL-CRAFT LAUNCH
SECTION "C" MARSH RE-CONNECTION
SECTION "D" RICHMOND PARKWAY

SEE SECTION ENLARGED EXHIBITS ON FOLLOWING PAGES

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LEVEE CORE + TRAIL

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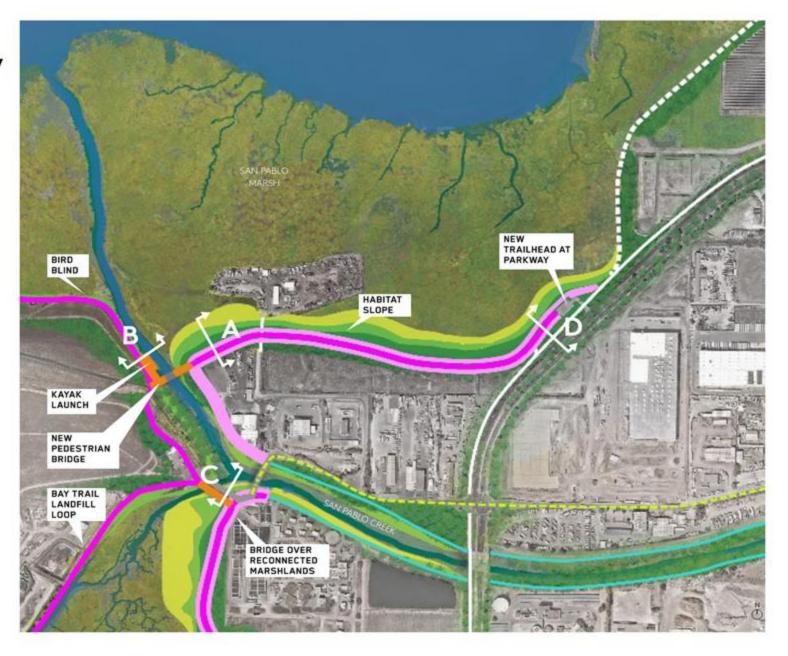
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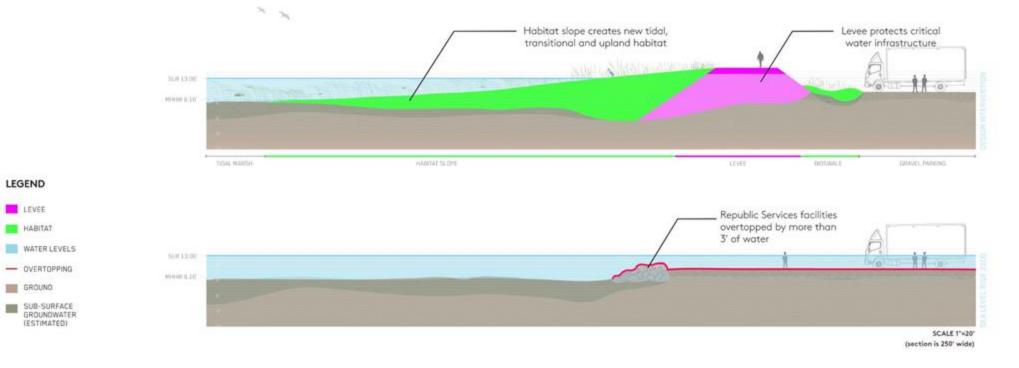




A Republic Services

INTEGRATING HABITAT ADAPTATION, PERMANENT PUBLIC ACCESS WITH CURRENT FACILITIES





B Small-Craft Launch

LEGEND LEVEE

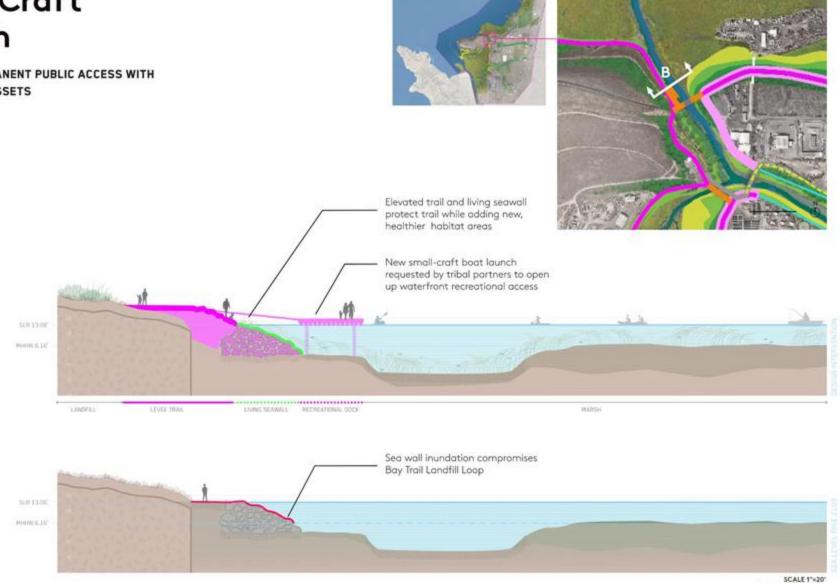
HABITAT WATER LEVELS

GROUND

- OVERTOPPING

SUB-SURFACE GROUNDWATER (ESTIMATED)

ELEVATING PERMANENT PUBLIC ACCESS WITH RECREATIONAL ASSETS



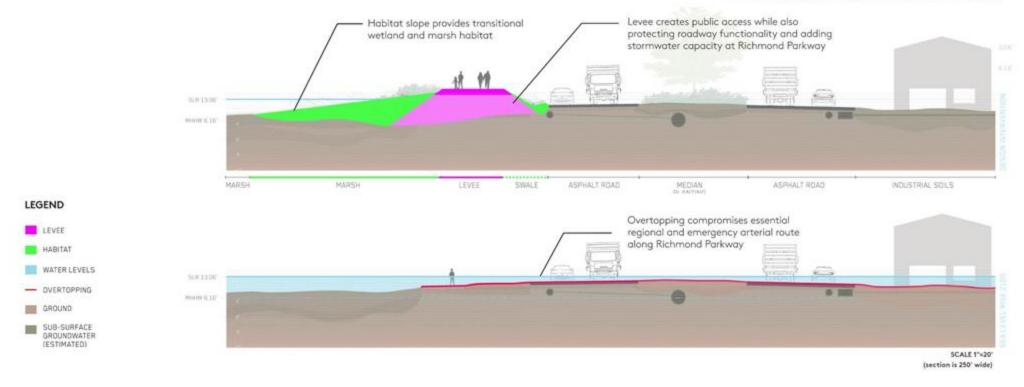
(section is 250' wide)

C Marsh Re-Connection RECONNECTING HABITAT CORRIDORS AND HYDROLOGICAL FLOWS; INSTALLING PERMANENT, SAFE PUBLIC ACCESS Elevated bridge allows for uninterrupted waste services plus simplified pedestrian, bike and vehicular access Reconnects San Pablo Creek and Wildcat Marsh hydrological systems, a crucial habitat feature and wildlife corridor SLR 13.00 MHM ETE. ELEVETED LEVEE OVER MARSH HUNESH HARSH LEGEND Compromised roadway to Republic LEVEE. Services waste transfer facility HABITAT. WATER LEVELS SURTOR - OVERTOPPING MILD WOODS GROUND SUB-SURFACE GROUNDWATER (ESTIMATED) SCALE 1"=20" (section is 250' wide)

D Richmond Parkway

PROTECTING A CRITICAL TRANSIT CORRIDOR





PHASE 1B: "CLUSTER SOUTH" CONCEPT DESIGN

SECTION "A" MARKET-TO-TRAIL CONNECTION

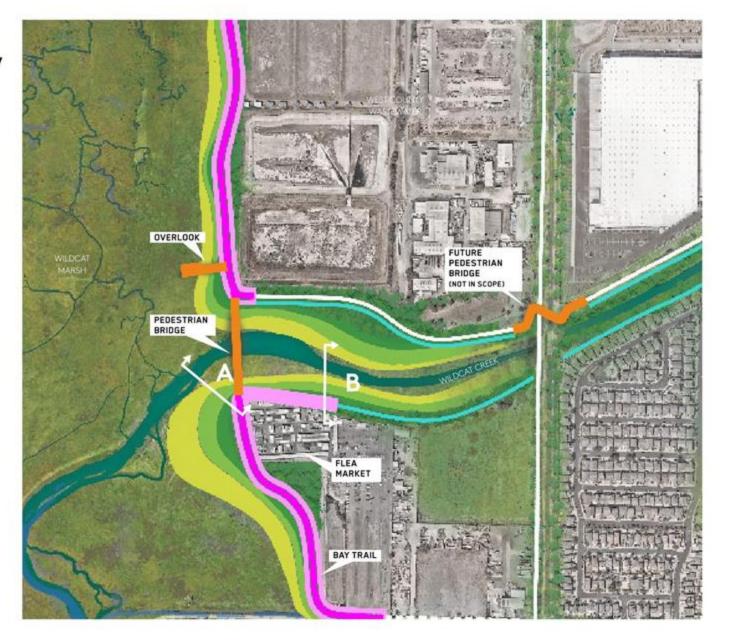
SECTION "B" RIPARIAN HABITAT

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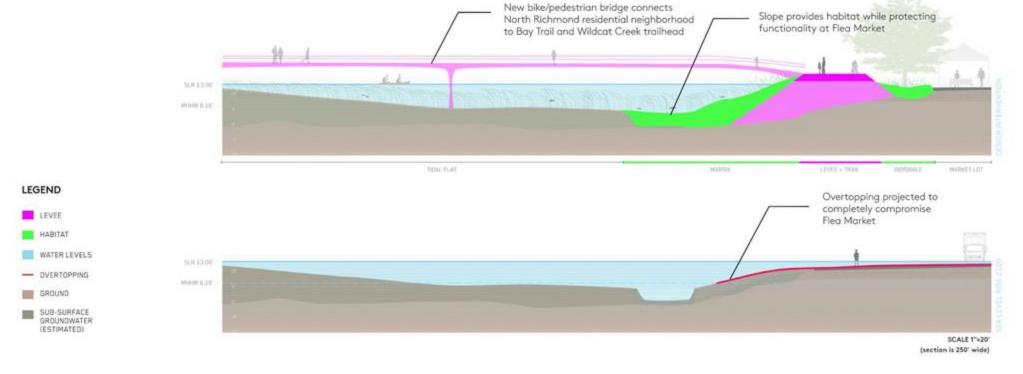
A Market-to-trail connection

INSTALLING PERMANENT, SAFE PUBLIC ACCESS;

PROTECTING AN ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY ASSET







Looking North Over WCW



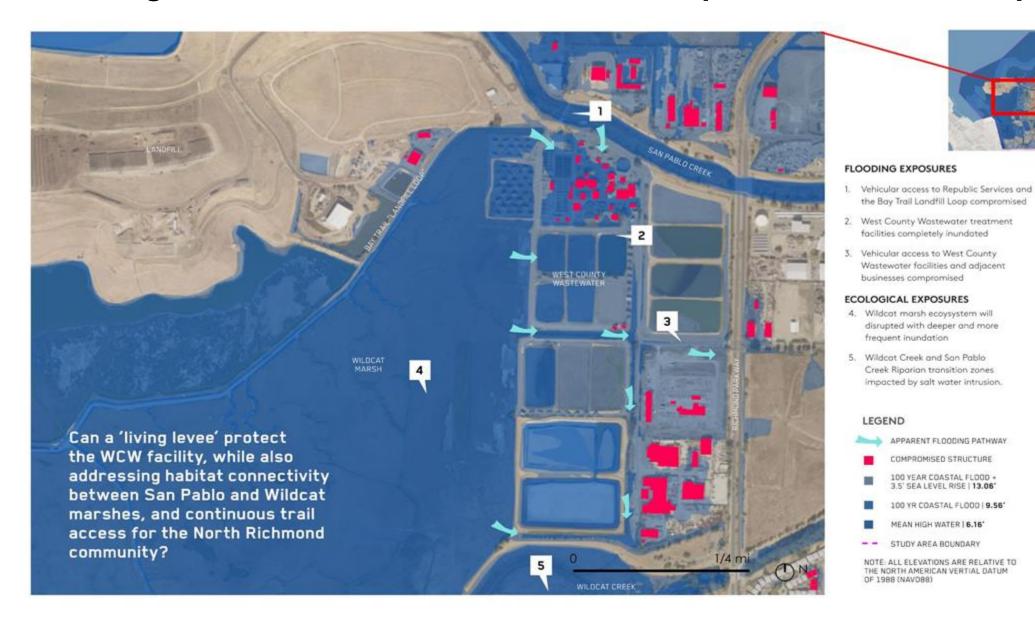
Looking South at San Pablo Marsh



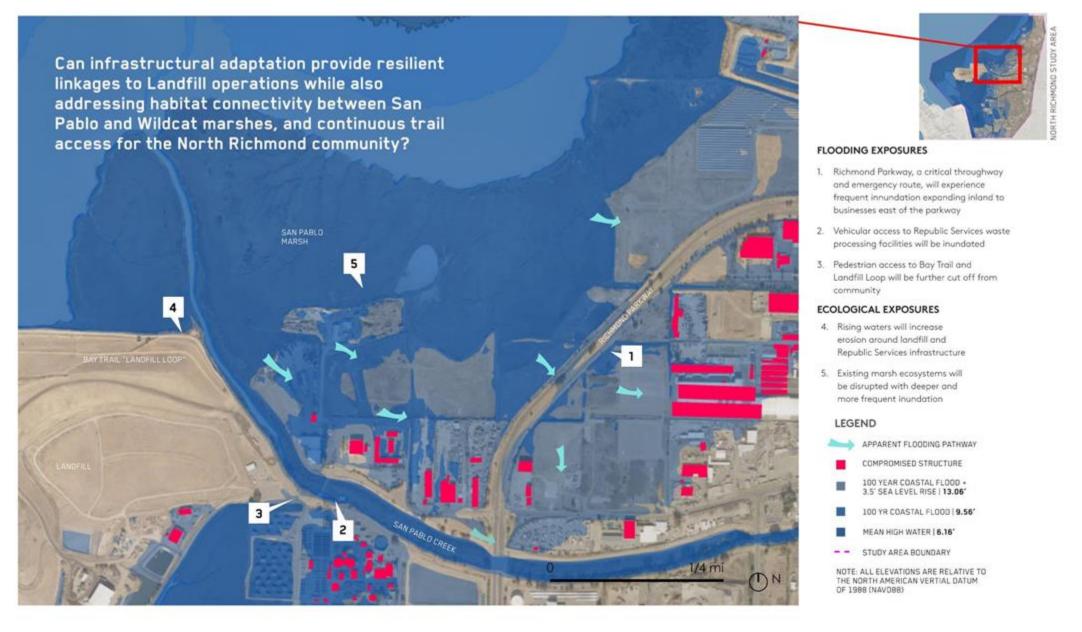
Looking West Over North Richmond



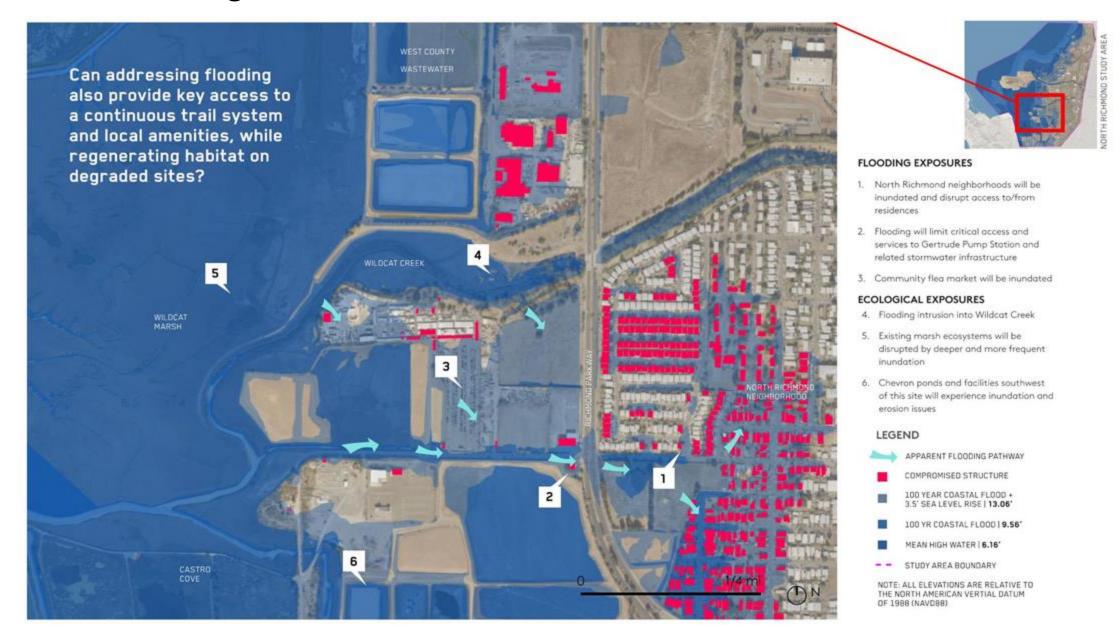
Enlarged View: Inundation at West County Wastewater Vicinity



Enlarged View: Inundation at San Pablo Marsh & Richmond Pkwy

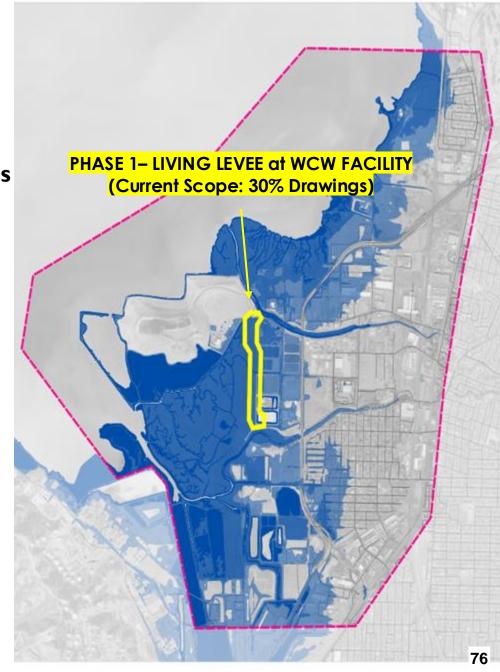


Enlarged View: Inundation at North Richmond



<u>Phase 1 Living Levee Project Deliverables</u>

- I. Habitat Assessment
- 2. Preliminary Geotechnical Recommendations
- 3. Preliminary Plumbing and Irrigation Recommendations
- 4. 30% Design Drawings
- 5. Probable Construction Costs
- 6. 30% Design Memo
 - Goals and Objectives
 - Background Info
 - o Design Criteria
 - Flood Protection
 - SLR Resilience
 - Levee Geometry
 - Stormwater
 - Description of Project Elements
 - Recommended Future Studies
 - Data Gaps, and Unresolved Questions





In Memoriam...





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1025 ESCOBAR STREET MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 25-2344 Agenda Date: 6/13/2025 Agenda #: 5.

Advisory Board: Hazardous Materials Commission Operations Committee

Subject: Operations Committee Priorities for 2025

Presenter: Committee Chairs

Information:

Attached to this agenda item are the Hazardous Materials Commission priorities for 2025 and the priorities assigned to each committee.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

DISCUSS the Hazardous Materials Commission 2025 Priorities assigned to the Operations Committee and DISCUSS potential guest speakers.

2025 HMC Priorities for Consideration

General Priorities

- Brownfield development-cleanup standards/reuses; Emerging remediation technology e.g., in situ phytoremediation, bugs/bioremediation, albino redwoods, mycelium (mushrooms)
- Soil/water contamination unhoused population impacts signage for hazardous/carcinogenic/radioactive sites
- Carbon capture technologies/ carbon sequestration
- Concerns from increased electrification byproducts, EV,
- PFAS/Forever chemical treatments (contact EPA)
- Thermographic ink used for receipts carcinogenic concerns raise public awareness AB134? Banning in CA

Assigned to Operations Committee

- Hazardous Materials transportation corridors. E.g., Railroads, impacts from Sea Level Rise DCD working on this as well)
- Battery waste management, recycling; Promote sodium batteries vs lithium batteries; emergency response/chemicals used for fires (contact EPA; Con Fire)
- Hydrogen generation

Assigned to Planning & Policy Committee

- Monitor general plan (continue)
- CWS notification
- Aviation fuel changes (2031) (Richmond company "twelve" jet fuel from CO2)