



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

## AGENDA

### Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee

Supervisor Diane Burgis, Chair, District III  
Supervisor John Gioia, Vice Chair, District I

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**Monday, December 8, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**District 1 Office: 11780 San Pablo Ave.  
Suite D, El Cerrito, CA 94530 |**

**District 3 Office: 3361 Walnut Blvd.  
Suite 140, Brentwood, CA 94513**

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#### AGENDA ITEMS

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

##### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

Call to order and roll call.

##### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two (2) minutes).

3. RECEIVE and APPROVE Meeting Record of Action from September 8, 2025, of [25-5027](#)  
the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee.

**Attachments:** [09.08.25 Minutes DRAFT](#)

4. RECEIVE presentation on the development of the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan as it pertains to Climate Action and Adaptation Plan implementation and provide direction to staff as appropriate. [25-5028](#)  
**Attachments:** [Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan 2025 CAAP Implementation Update](#)
5. RECEIVE presentation on the Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy and provide direction to staff as appropriate. [25-5029](#)  
**Attachments:** [Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy Update](#)
6. ACCEPT the report on Staff Activities supporting the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee. [25-5030](#)  
**Attachments:** [CC Resilient Shoreline Staff Report\\_v2](#)
7. **ADJOURN until the next Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee meeting to be held TBD in 2026.**

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**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET  
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

## Staff Report

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**File #:** 25-5027

**Agenda Date:** 12/8/2025

**Agenda #:** 3.

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### **CONTRA COSTA RESILIENT SHORELINE COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Date:** December 8, 2025

**Subject:** RECEIVE and APPROVE Meeting Record of Action from September 8, 2025, of the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee

**Submitted For:** John Kopchik || Director | DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

**Department:** DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

**Presenter:** Ryan Hernandez || Assistant Deputy Director | DCD

**Contact:** Ryan Hernandez | (925) 655-2919

#### **Referral History:**

County ordinance requires that each County body keep a record of its meetings. Though the record need not be verbatim, it must accurately reflect the agenda, and the decisions made in the meeting.

#### **Referral Update:**

Attached is the Record of Action for September 8, 2025, of the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee meeting.

#### **Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

APPROVE the Record of Action for September 8, 2025, Committee meeting with any necessary provisions.

#### **Fiscal Impact (if any):**

None.



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

## Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee

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#### AGENDA ITEMS

##### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

*Chair Burgis called the meeting to order at 9:01am.*

**Staff:** Ryan Hernandez - DCD | Asst. Dept. Director || CCRS Staff  
**Attendees:** Raquel De La Torre - DCD | Secretary || CCRS Admin. Support  
John Kopchik - DCD | Director  
Jody London - DCD | Sustainability Coordinator  
Nicole Shimizu - DCD | Planner  
District 3 - Brentwood  
Jill Ray - District 2 | District Representative  
Jaclyn Perrin-Martinez - BCDC | Climate Action Planning Mgr.  
Naama Raz-Yaseef - The Watershed Project  
Juliana Gonzalez - The Watershed Project  
Ann B. Spaulding - Consultant  
Aaron Pope  
Bruce "Ole" Ohlson - East County Mr. Bicycle  
Charles Gardiner  
Chris Toler  
Jan Warren  
Susan Psara

Tanya  
**Present:** District I Supervisor John Gioia and District III Supervisor Diane Burgis

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

### ***NO PUBLIC COMMENT.***

3. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the February 18, 2025, Committee Meeting with any necessary provisions.

**Attachments:** [2.18.25\\_DRAFT Minutes](#)

***The Committee unanimously APPROVED the Record of Action from the February 18, 2025, meeting with no changes.***

4. RECEIVE presentation on Accelerating Local Adaptation Through the Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (RSAP) and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

**Attachments:** [BCDC Accelerating Local Adaptation Through RSAP](#)

***The Committee DIRECTED Staff to continue pursuing a coordinated sub-regional shoreline resilience planning approach with the cities legally required to prepare shoreline adaptation plans; to assist those cities in securing funding; to continue applying for state and federal grants to address funding gaps; and to collaborate with BCDC and regional partners to utilize the shoreline tracking tool and related resources while engaging additional shoreline communities and special districts where feasible.***

***Vice Chair Gioia thanked BCDC staff and noted that many Bay Area jurisdictions are already moving ahead of the 2034 requirement to begin adaptation planning. He asked Staff to clarify how much funding the County currently has, the additional funding needed to complete a compliant plan, and how the County's work aligns with the cities legally required to develop their own shoreline plans, including Richmond, Hercules, Pinole, and Martinez. He also emphasized the benefits of developing one unified sub-regional plan rather than multiple standalone plans. Staff explained that the County has secured \$1.5 million from the Ocean Protection Council, with allocations for plan development, community engagement, staff time, and vulnerability assessment updates. Staff clarified that Richmond is developing its own plan with its own funding, while other shoreline cities are funded to participate in the County's planning process but are not required under the MOU to join a single sub-regional plan. Staff stated that a full cost estimate for producing one combined plan is not yet available and will require further work. Staff also noted that the County continues to apply for additional funding, including a recent application for a \$750,000 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant, and is prepared to provide letters of support to cities and special districts seeking their own funding. Chair Burgis expressed interest in understanding state and federal funding streams, particularly for monitoring shoreline conditions over time. She requested clarification regarding the availability of the BCDC adaptation tracking tool. BCDC staff confirmed the tool is live on the BCDC website, though many required jurisdictions currently appear as "not initiated" due to typical administrative timelines associated with funding, procurement, and project start-up. BCDC staff reiterated their availability to provide technical support throughout the process.***

***PUBLIC COMMENT***

*Jan Warren expressed appreciation for the County's leadership in supporting smaller shoreline communities with limited staffing and funding capacity. She raised concerns about the long-term reliability of State funding given ongoing budget deficits and expressed interest in understanding the legislative framework governing future funding availability.*

5. RECEIVE presentation on the Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

**Attachments:**      [Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy Update](#)

*The Committee DIRECTED Staff to continue developing the Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy; to prioritize broad and inclusive outreach across all shoreline communities; to ensure the cohort reflects the county's geographic, cultural, racial, ethnic, economic, and experiential diversity; and to provide outreach materials promptly so Supervisors may distribute them through their community networks and upcoming public events, including Coastal Cleanup Day.*

*Nicole Shimizu provided an update on the development of the Shoreline Leadership Academy, noting that the program aims to build residents' capacity to participate in sea level rise planning through a six-month academy beginning in early 2026. She outlined the project team, curriculum development, recruitment timeline, and how the Academy will run in parallel with the Resilient Shoreline Plan's community engagement efforts. Participants will apply the skills they gain directly to the development of the Resilient Shoreline Plan and will graduate equipped to serve as long-term local shoreline resilience advisors.*

*Vice Chair Gioia emphasized the importance of countywide recruitment and asked Staff to provide a flyer immediately so that he and Chair Burgis can share it widely, including at Coastal Cleanup Day. Chair Burgis encouraged drawing inspiration from the Delta Protection Commission's award-winning Delta Leadership Program, highlighting the value of recruiting participants with varied professional and cultural backgrounds-such as farmers, engineers, advocates, cultural stewards, reclamation district members, and small water suppliers-to ensure a diversity of lived experience and perspectives. Both Supervisors underscored the importance of including residents from shoreline communities both within and outside BCDC's jurisdiction, including areas like North Richmond.*

*The Committee also discussed the Academy's paid participation model, noting its purpose in making participation accessible for community members who might otherwise be unable to engage. Staff highlighted that the Academy seeks to cultivate a long-term advisory cohort and will include government-focused curriculum, field visits, and opportunities for participants to develop small community-based projects.*

***PUBLIC COMMENT***

*Naama Raz-Yaseef (The Watershed Project) expressed strong support for the Academy and clarified that the program is intended for community members without professional shoreline backgrounds, with emphasis on diversity and community-level leadership development. She also supported efforts toward greater regional coordination.*

*Jan Warren encouraged inclusion of youth participants, noting their long-term stake in sea level rise impacts.*

6. RECEIVE the report on Staff Activities supporting the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee.

**Attachments:**                    [CC Resilient Shoreline Staff Report](#)

*The Committee ACCEPTED the report on staff activities supporting the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee.*

*Staff provided an overview of recent work, noting that the attached written report summarizes the team's activities over the past six months. Staff highlighted the extensive behind-the-scenes coordination required to manage the Ocean Protection Council grant, including work with shoreline cities, County accounting staff, and internal departmental divisions to establish the administrative and reporting structures necessary for grant compliance. Staff reported that the County now has a signed agreement with the State and an executed MOU with all shoreline cities, demonstrating continued momentum. Staff also referenced earlier updates on the Shoreline Leadership Academy and described recent outreach efforts through the Resilient Shoreline Coalition, including presentations at the Bay Point Community Resource Fair, the East Bay Leadership Council, and an upcoming regional panel with BCDC. Staff added that grant applications remain ongoing, including a recent application to the National Coastal Resilience Fund.*

*Vice Chair Gioia had no questions. Chair Burgis expressed appreciation for Staff's consistent communication and leadership, noting that even during months without Committee meetings, Staff provided regular updates and continued making substantial progress. She thanked Staff for their diligence and dedication.*

### ***PUBLIC COMMENT***

*No public comment was received on this item.*

7. ADJOURN until the next Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee meeting to be held on October 13, 2025, at 9:00am.

*Chair Burgis ADJOURNED the meeting at 9:54am.*

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

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## Staff Report

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**File #:** 25-5028

**Agenda Date:** 12/8/2025

**Agenda #:** 4.

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### **CONTRA COSTA RESILIENT SHORELINE COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Date:** December 8, 2025

**Subject:** RECEIVE Presentation on Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan Updates Related to Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Implementation

**Submitted For:** CONTRA COSTA RESILIENT SHORELINE COMMITTEE

**Department:** DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

**Presenter:** Nicole Shimizu || Planner | DCD

**Contact:** Nicole Shimizu | (925) 655-2916

#### **Referral History:**

On November 4, 2024, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2024 Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) Update. The CAAP includes climate mitigation and adaptation goals and strategies, including Strategy NI-1, protect against and adapt to changes in sea levels and other shoreline flooding conditions.

#### **Referral Update:**

This presentation provides an update on progress the County has made on Strategy NI-1 pertaining to sea level rise resilience and adaptation planning since the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan was adopted in 2024.

#### **Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

RECEIVE presentation on the development of the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan as it pertains to Climate Action and Adaptation Plan implementation and PROVIDE DIRECTION to staff as appropriate.

#### **Fiscal Impact (if any):**

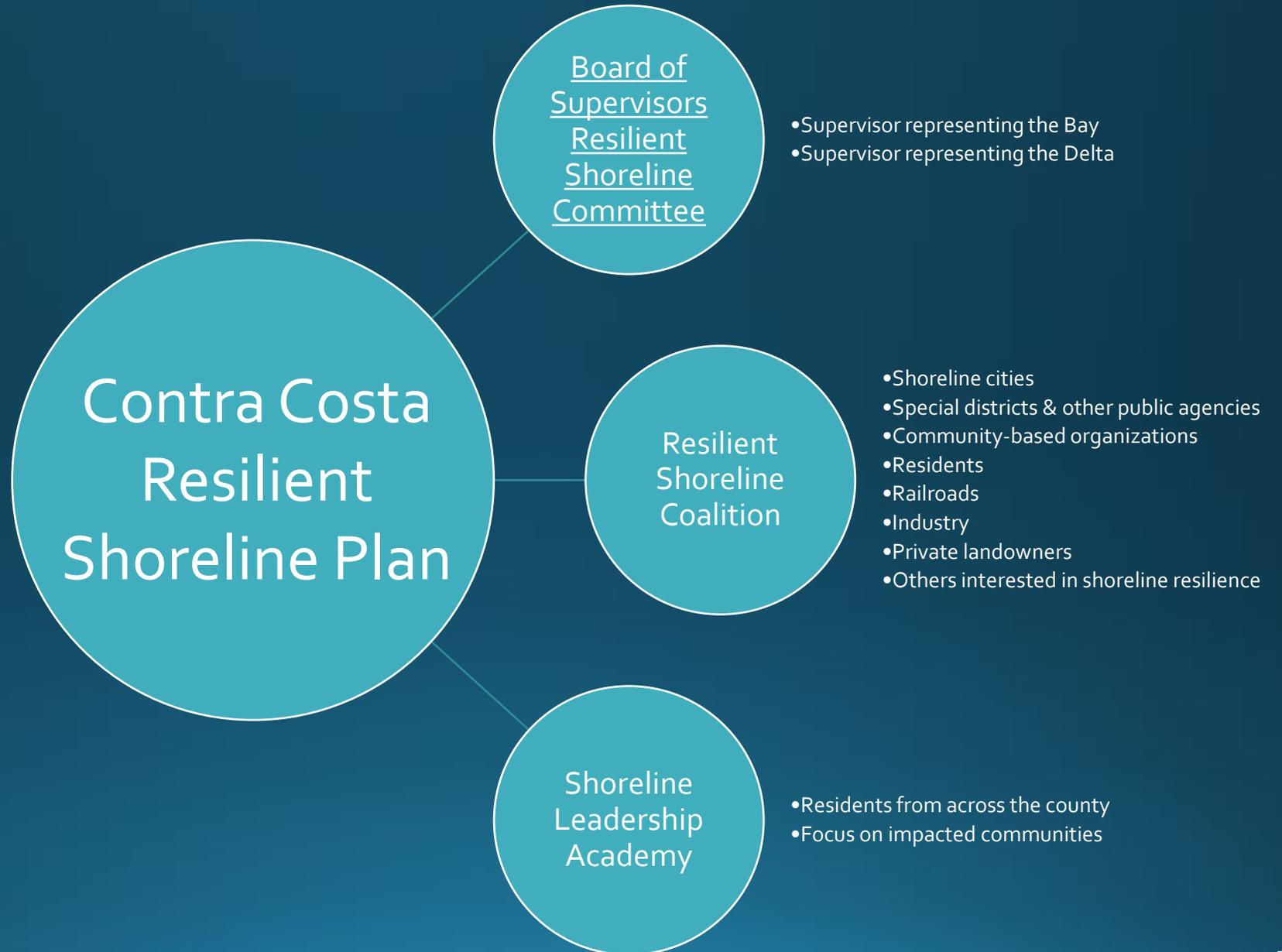
The costs in staff time and materials for the Department of Conservation and Development's work activities associated with the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee are funded by the Measure X - Climate Equity and Resilience Investment allocation administered by the department. The Department continues to pursue opportunities for grant and other funding mechanisms to support this effort.

# 2025 Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan Progress

Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Implementation Update:  
Resilient Communities and Natural Infrastructure Section

Nicole Shimizu, Department of Conservation and Development  
December 8, 2025

# The County as a Convener and Facilitator



# Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan

County Awarded \$1,499,285 through Ocean Protection Council SB 1 Grant Program

## Plan covers entire 90-mile shoreline from Bay to Delta

- Focus on impacted communities
- Coordinating and organizational role for local plans in alignment with BCDC Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan guidelines
- Explores natural and constructed infrastructure

### Phase 1: Community Visioning

- Participatory community engagement campaign
- Visioning workshop series
- Inventories of shoreline parcels and existing planning efforts

### Phase 2: Data/Information Gathering

- Strategic update to County's existing vulnerability assessments

### Phase 3: San Francisco Bay Shoreline Adaptation Plans

- Adaptation pathways and Plan review workshop series
- Plan will include adaptation pathways, implementation actions, partnership needs, financing strategies, and metrics

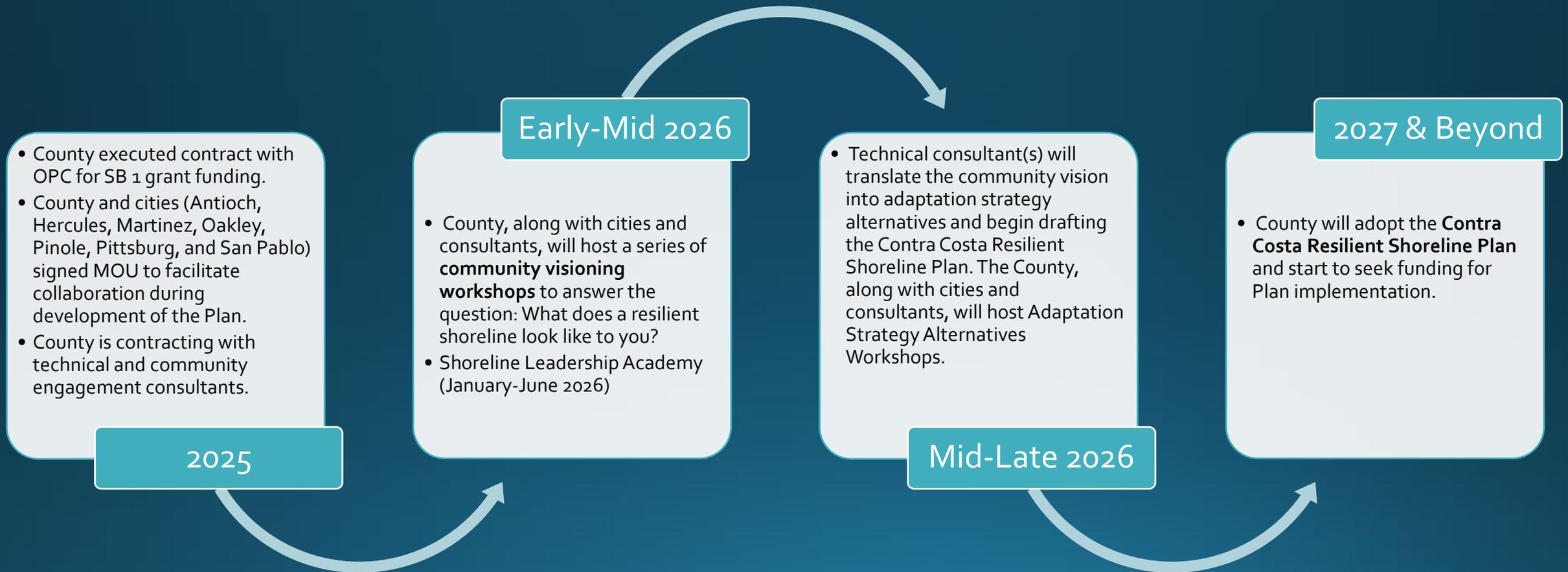
# Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan's Alignment with Regional Sea Level Planning Efforts

- Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan is due by 2034 (SB 272, 2023)
- Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan Topic Areas



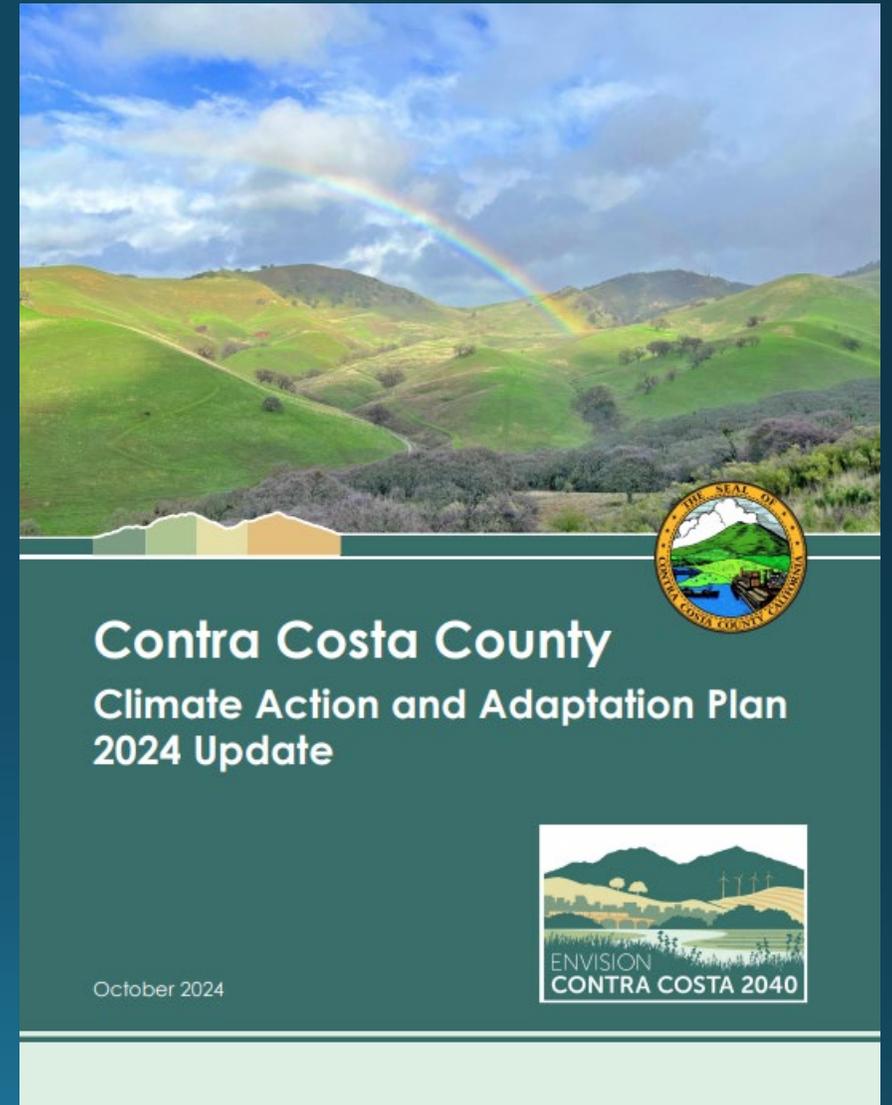
# Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan

## Key Milestones



# Resilient Communities and Natural Infrastructure (NI)

Contra Costa County will increase resilience to climate hazards and foster community health.



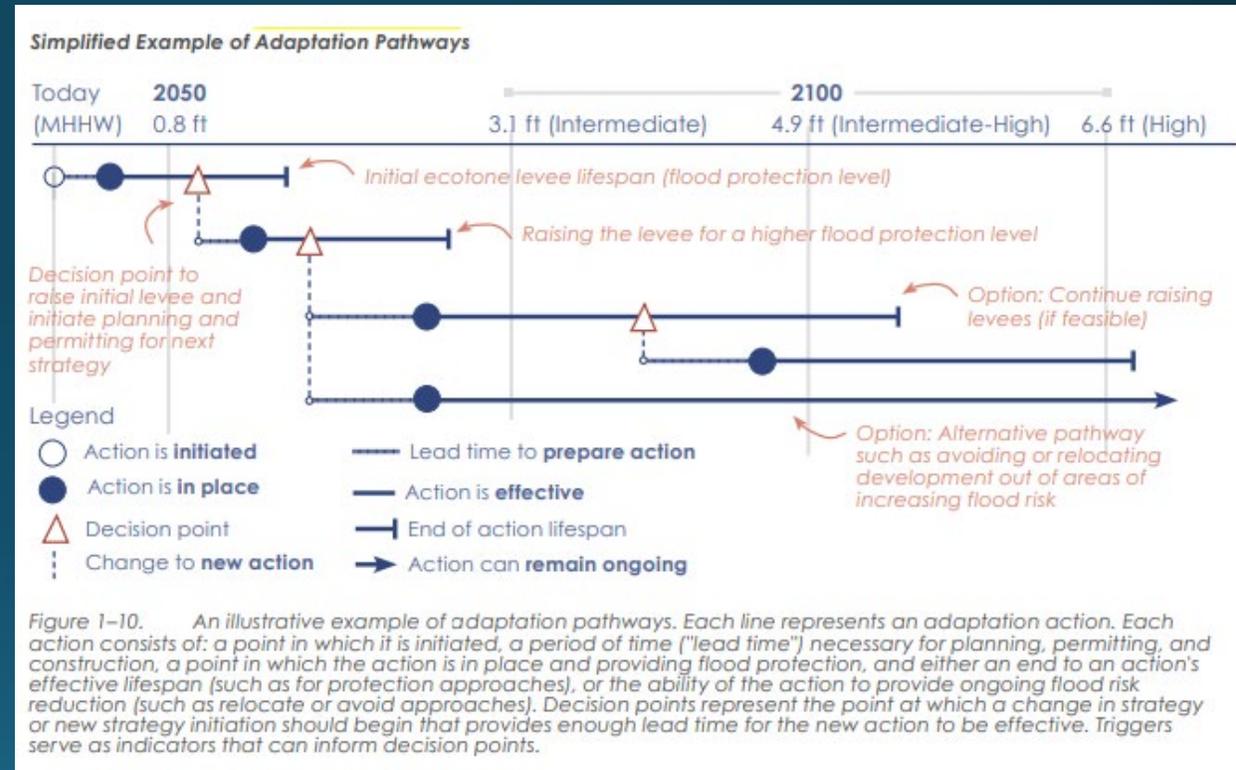
# NI-1: Protect against and adapt to changes in sea levels and other shoreline flooding conditions.

Action: Require new development to locate habitable areas of buildings above the highest water level expected accounting for sea level rise and other changes in flood conditions, or construct natural and nature-based features, or a levee, if necessary, adequately designed to protect the project for its expected life.

- Update: Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan will include adaptation strategies and pathways which will inform new development practices.

Action: Support the use of natural infrastructure, including ecosystem restoration and green infrastructure, to protect against sea level rise and associated shoreline flooding.

- Update: Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan will build upon work that's already been done including San Francisco Estuary Institute's Adaptation Atlas and Baylands Resilience Framework to use natural infrastructure where feasible along the shoreline.



Example Adaptation Pathway from BCDC Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (p. 32)

# NI-1: Protect against and adapt to changes in sea levels and other shoreline flooding conditions.

## Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy

Harness Your Local Experience to Advise on Shoreline Resilience

The Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy is a **6-month training program meeting every other Saturday** for Contra Costa County residents interested in becoming local shoreline resilience experts and advisors. Participants will tour parts of the Contra Costa County shoreline and be trained by subject matter experts on topics including:

Community Health & Well-Being

Ecosystem Health & Resilience

Transportation & Transit

Development, Housing & Land Use

Critical Infrastructure & Services

Shoreline Contamination

Public Access & Recreation

Collaborative Governance, Flood Management & Funding

Upon completion of the Academy, each participant will receive a \$1,800 stipend and have the opportunity to advise the County on the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan.

This program will include both in-person and online sessions. In-person locations to be announced. Extensive travel within Contra Costa County is anticipated.

Participants are required to be 18 years or older. No previous experience or knowledge is necessary!

**Apply Now!**



**Session Schedule:** Every other Saturday 10 am-2 pm

**Dates:** January 10, 2026 - June 13, 2026

**Application Due Date:** October 15, 2025

**Food and travel stipends included!**

Action: Coordinate with State and regional agencies, neighboring jurisdictions, property owners, utilities, and others to prepare a sea level rise adaptation plan.

- Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee
- Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Coalition
- Memorandum of Understanding with shoreline cities in support of County's OPC SB 1 Grant: Antioch, Hercules, Martinez, Oakley, Pinole, Pittsburg, and San Pablo
- Coordination with BCDC for consistency with Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan
- Coordination with Delta Stewardship Council through efforts like Shoreline Leadership Academy

Action: Seek funding and pursue implementation of wetland restoration and other adaptation efforts for sea level rise.

- OPC SB 1 Grant: \$1,499,285 awarded
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation National Coastal Resilience Fund: \$748,114.22 requested



Delta  
Stewardship  
Council



exploratorium



CONTRA COSTA  
RESOURCE  
CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT



the  
watershed  
project

# Resilient Shoreline Coalition

Goal: Coordinate and align efforts to advance Contra Costa shoreline resilience

## Involvement Based on Capacity



Level 1

Stay informed via email and meetings as needed/requested.



Level 2

Engage in the development of Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan (meetings, workshops, curriculum development). Provide input on impact of Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan to own organization.



Level 3

Incorporate Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan into organization's own work.



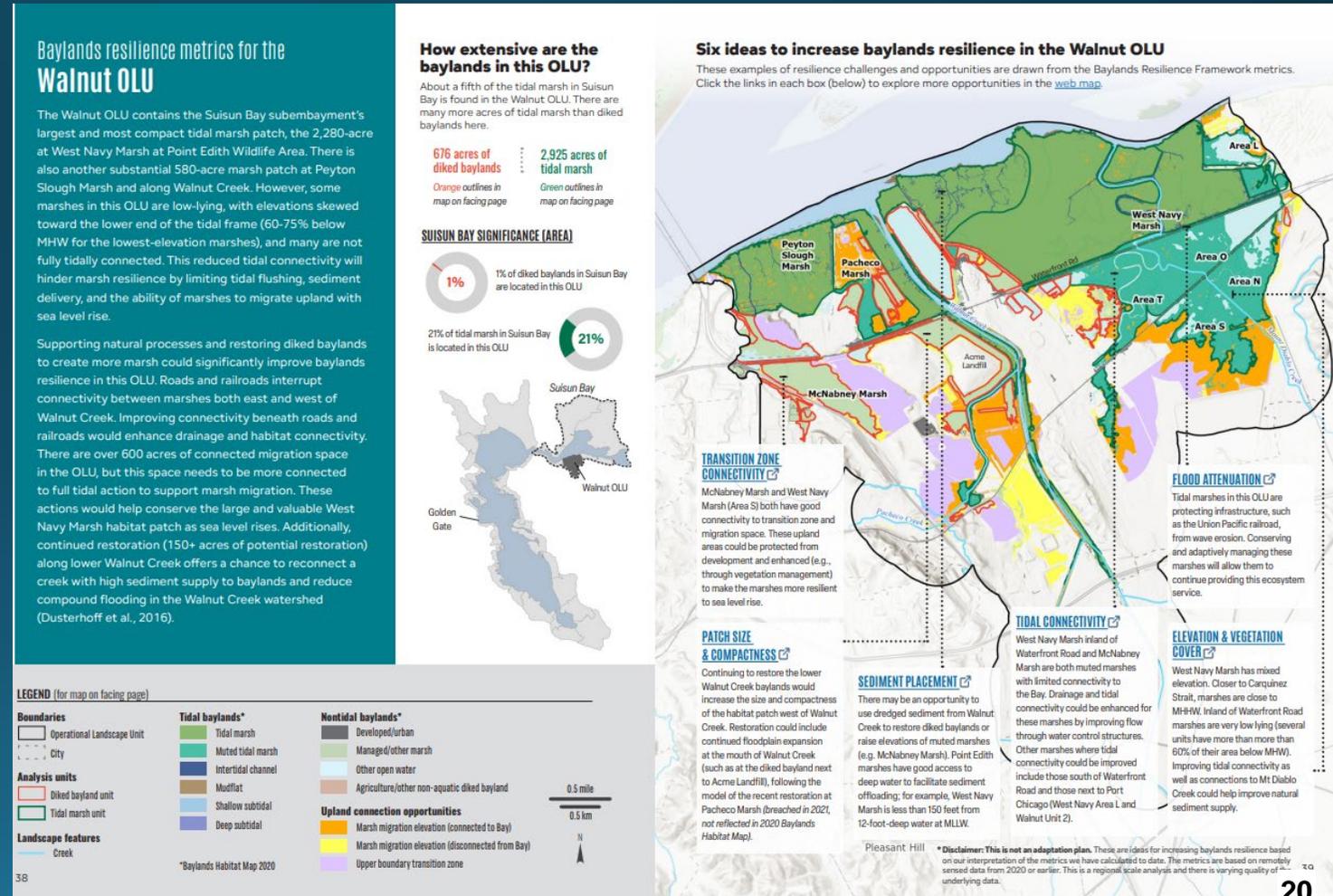
# NI-1: Protect against and adapt to changes in sea levels and other shoreline flooding conditions.

Action: Convene a working group that includes local jurisdictions, local shoreline communities, community-based organizations, property owners, businesses, and other stakeholders to collaborate on shoreline flooding adaptation strategies.

- Update: Resilient Shoreline Coalition

Action: Identify opportunities for employing natural areas as buffers against rising sea levels

- Update: Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan will identify high priority areas, building upon existing work like San Francisco Estuary Institute's Adaptation Atlas and Baylands Resilience Framework to use natural infrastructure where feasible along the shoreline



# Coordination Effort Highlights for 2025



BCDC staff helped review and provide feedback on technical and community engagement subconsultant solicitations to ensure they aligned with the Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan



County staff participated in San Francisco Estuary Institute's shallow groundwater mapping analysis of Contra Costa County ([Addendum A](#))



County staff continue to meet with San Francisco Estuary Partnership on quarterly basis about complementary sea level rise resilience and adaptation planning effort of the East Bay Crescent Operational Landscape Unit



County staff coordinates with and continues to have dialogue with Solano County's [Solano Bayshore Resilience Roundtable](#) as it relates to Delta sea level rise considerations



County staff coordinated with cities of Pittsburg and Pinole on their independent OPC SB 1 grant applications



County staff continue to actively engage County departments and divisions on the topic of sea level rise resilience and adaptation (Public Works Flood Control District, Sustainability Team, Transportation Planning)



County staff presented about Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan at conferences and workshops (American Planning Association Northern California Conference, East Bay Leadership Council Water & Energy Task Force, Bay Planning Coalition Spring Summit)



Pacheco Marsh on September 26, 2025

# Thank you!

If you have any questions, please email Nicole Shimizu at [Nicole.Shimizu@dcd.cccounty.us](mailto:Nicole.Shimizu@dcd.cccounty.us).

Sign up for Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan email updates:

<https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/9981/Contra-Costa-Resilient-Shoreline-Plan>.



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**File #:** 25-5029

**Agenda Date:** 12/8/2025

**Agenda #:** 5.

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### **CONTRA COSTA RESILIENT SHORELINE COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Date:** December 8, 2025

**Subject:** RECEIVE Presentation on Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy Updates

**Submitted For:** CONTRA COSTA RESILIENT SHORELINE COMMITTEE

**Department:** DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

**Presenter:** Emily Groth || Planner | DCD

**Contact:** Emily Groth | (925) 655-2784

#### **Referral History:**

Phoenix Armenta, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission Senior Manager for Climate Equity and Community Engagement, provided a presentation on the Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy to the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee on June 13, 2024. County staff gave an update on the Shoreline Leadership Academy at the September 8, 2025, Committee meeting.

The Contra Costa Shoreline Leadership Academy is an opportunity to build capacity in the communities along the County's shoreline by offering a six-month long training to participants focused on learning about the shoreline, climate change, sea level rise, and related planning processes. The Shoreline Leadership Academy curriculum is based on the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission's One Bay Vision and tailored to fit the local context.

#### **Referral Update:**

Since the last time the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee received an update on the Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy, the application period for the program closed. The project team is in the process of selecting the cohort of participants and developing the curriculum for the Shoreline Leadership Academy. The Shoreline Leadership Academy is expected to begin in January 2026.

#### **Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

RECEIVE presentation on the Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

#### **Fiscal Impact (if any):**

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# Contra Costa Shoreline Leadership Academy

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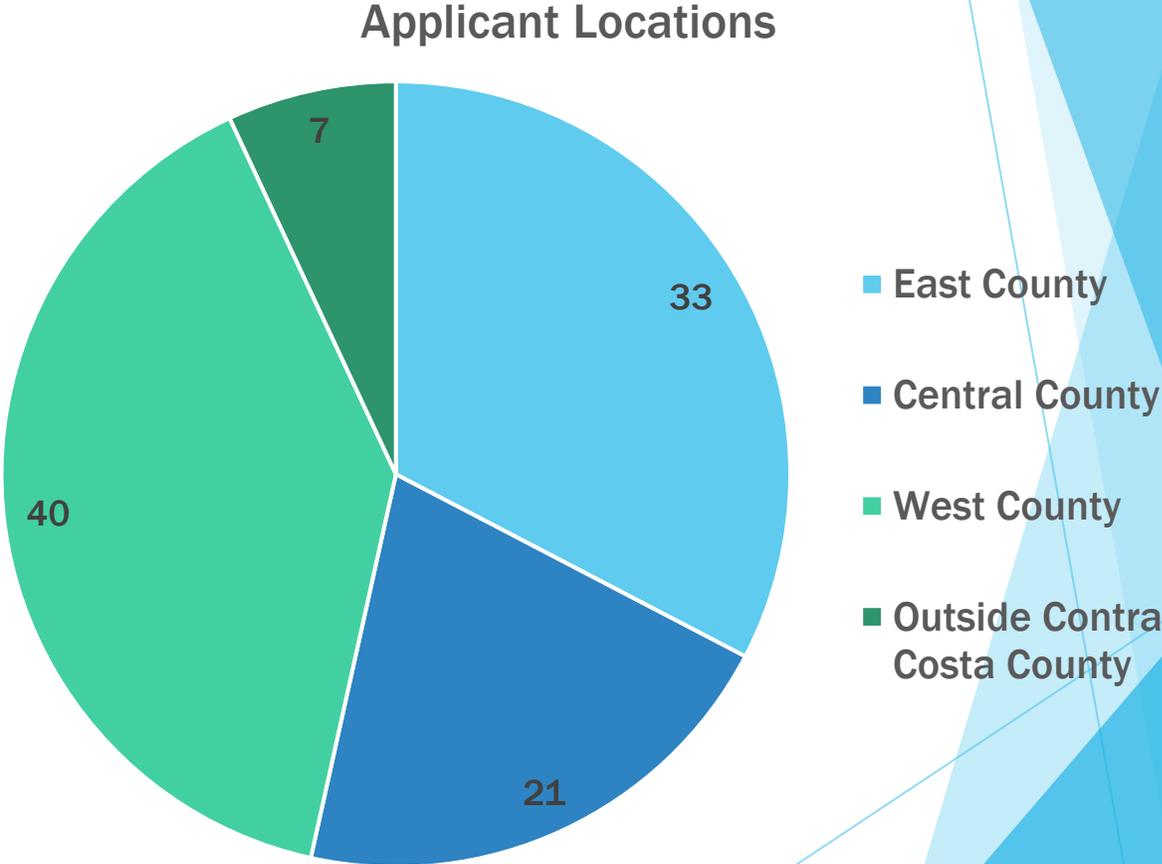
# Shoreline Leadership Academy

- Goal: Build residents' capacity to participate in sea level rise planning processes.
  - Approx. 20 paid participants from across Contra Costa County
  - 4 hours every other Saturday for 6 months
  - Expected to start January 2026
- Funded by San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) through National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration grant
- Project Team
  - Community Based Organization Partners: The Watershed Project, Contra Costa Resource Conservation District
  - Agency Partners: Delta Stewardship Council, BCDC, Exploratorium



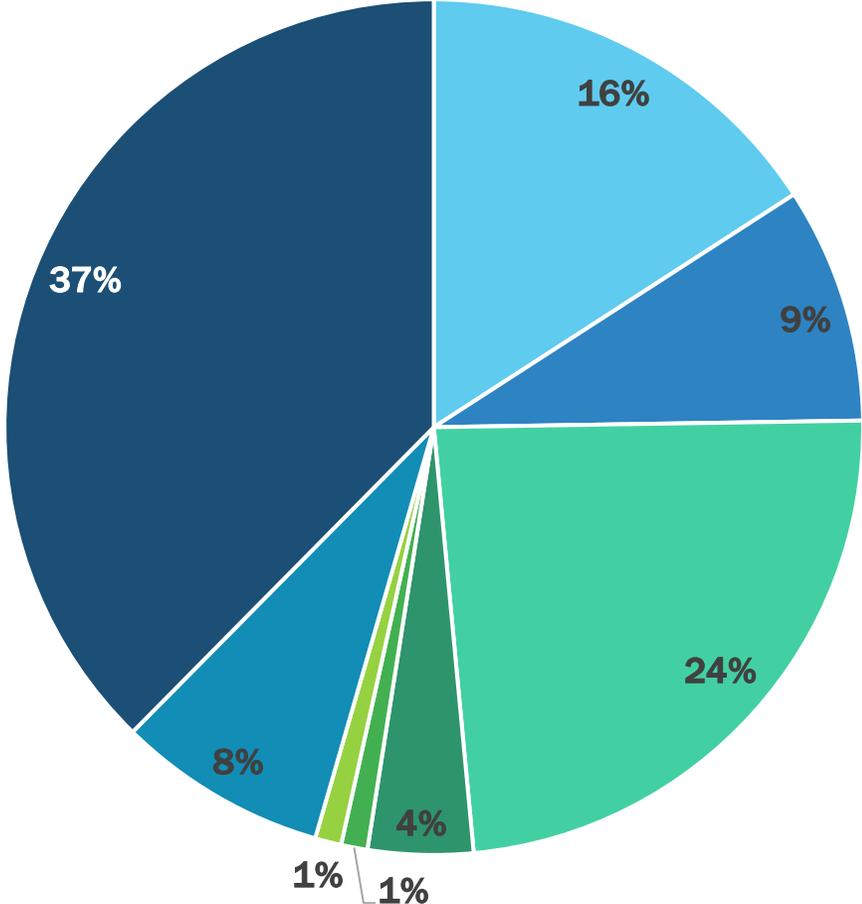
# Recruitment

- Application closed October 15, 2025
- 101 applications received
- Project team is currently conducting interviews to select the cohort of approximately 20.
- Applicants who were not selected will have other opportunities to be involved in the development of the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan.



# Recruitment

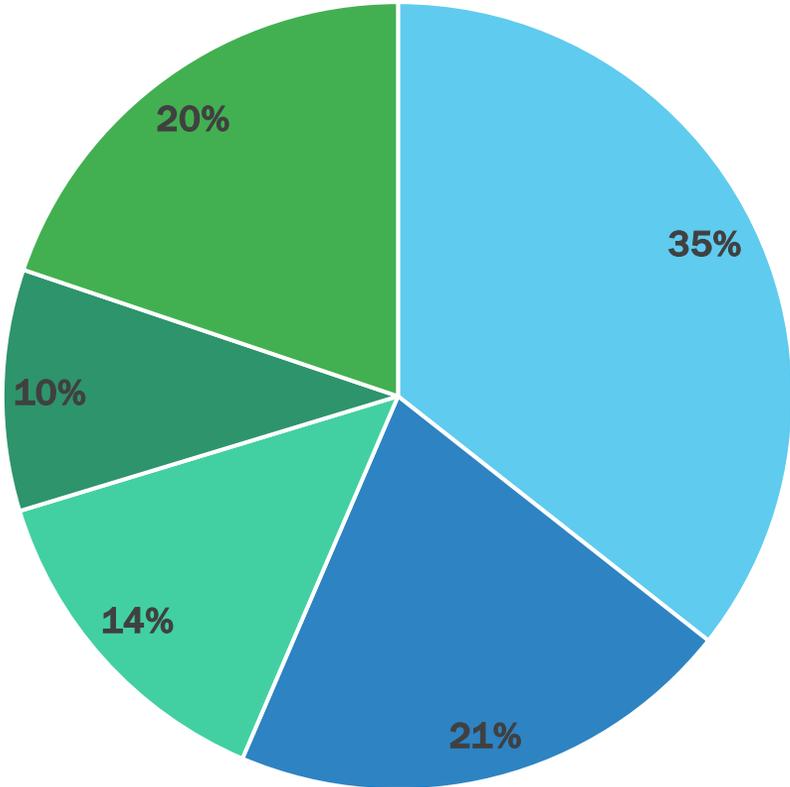
Applicant Race



- Asian / Asiático
- Black or African American / Negro o afroamericano
- Hispanic or Latino / Hispano o latino
- Middle Eastern or North African / Oriente Medio o África del Norte
- Native American or Alaska Native / Nativo americano o nativo de Alaska
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander / Nativo hawaiano u otro isleño del Pacífico
- Two or more races / Dos o más razas
- White / Blanco

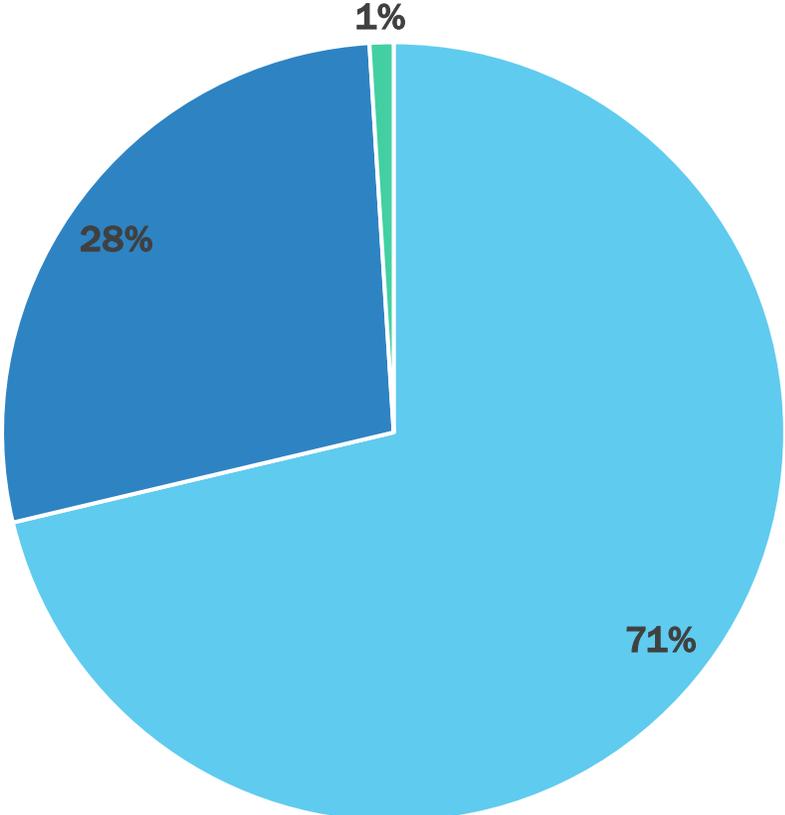
# Recruitment

Applicant Age



- 18-30
- 30-40
- 40-50
- 50-60
- 60+

Applicant Gender



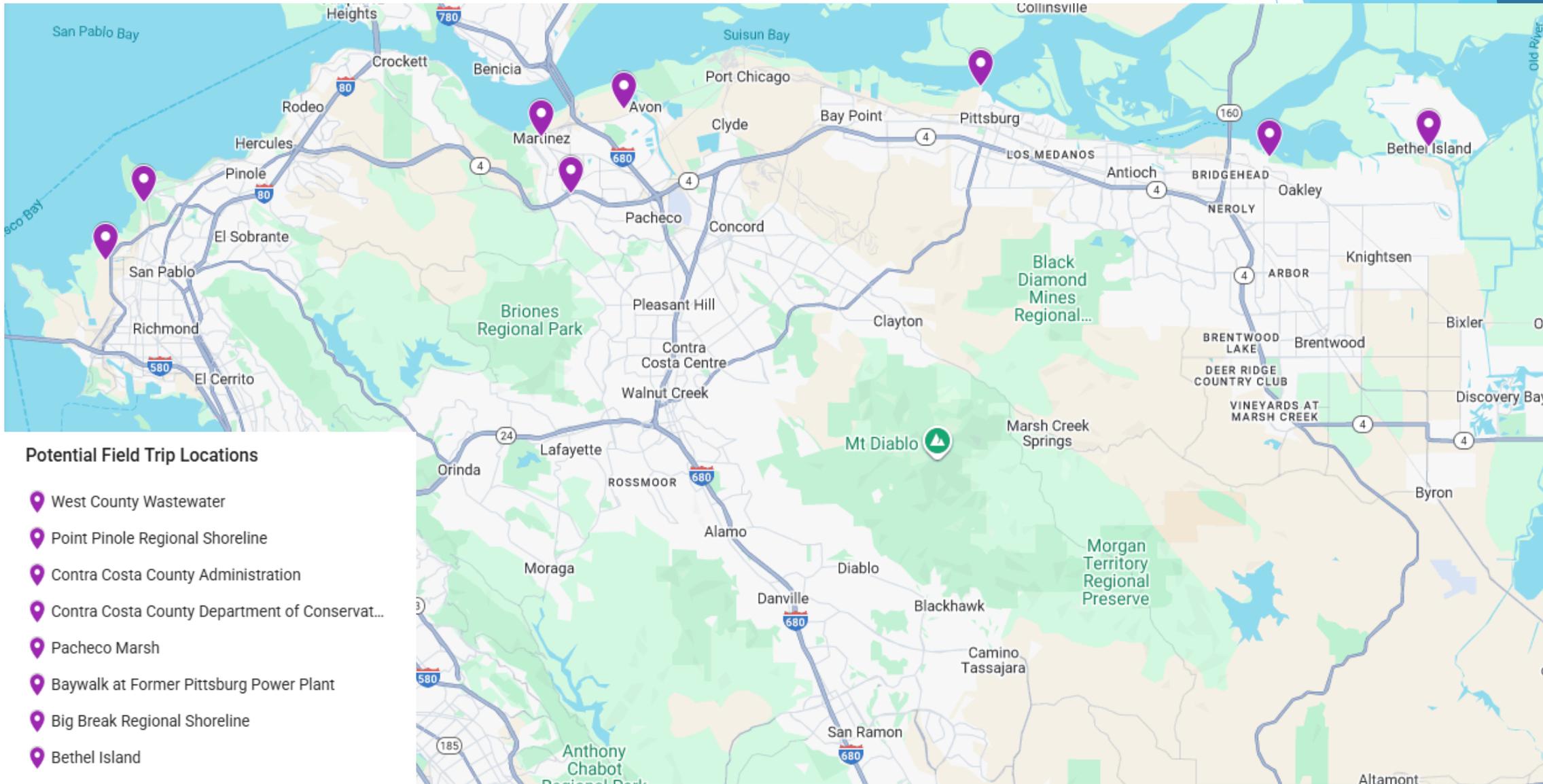
- Female / Femenina
- Male / Masculino
- Non-binary / No binario

# Curriculum

- Community Health and Well-Being
- Ecosystem Health and Resilience
- Transportation and Transit
- Development, Housing, and Land Use
- Critical Infrastructure and Services
- Shoreline Contamination
- Public Access and Recreation
- Collaborative Governance, Flood Management, and Funding

**Topic areas align with One Bay Vision in BCDC's Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan.**

# Potential Field Trip Locations



## Potential Field Trip Locations

- West County Wastewater
- Point Pinole Regional Shoreline
- Contra Costa County Administration
- Contra Costa County Department of Conservat...
- Pacheco Marsh
- Baywalk at Former Pittsburg Power Plant
- Big Break Regional Shoreline
- Bethel Island

# Thank you!

- Questions? Email Emily Groth at [Emily.Groth@dcd.cccounty.us](mailto:Emily.Groth@dcd.cccounty.us)
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## Staff Report

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**File #:** 25-5030

**Agenda Date:** 12/8/2025

**Agenda #:** 6.

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### **CONTRA COSTA RESILIENT SHORELINE COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Date:** December 8, 2025

**Subject:** RECEIVE the report on Staff Activities supporting the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee

**Submitted For:** CONTRA COSTA RESILIENT SHORELINE COMMITTEE

**Department:** DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

**Presenter:** Ryan Hernandez || Assistant Deputy Director | DCD

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#### **Referral History:**

This is a standing item of the Committee.

#### **Referral Update:**

See attached Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee Staff Report.

#### **Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

ACCEPT the report on Staff Activities supporting the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee.

#### **Fiscal Impact (if any):**

None.

**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.

<b>Senate Bill 1 Grant</b>
<p>The \$1,499,285 grant awarded by the California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) through the <a href="#">Senate Bill 1 Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Grant Program</a> (SB 1 Grant Program) will support the development of the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan (Plan).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Staff submitted the second quarterly report to OPC in October 2025.</li> </ul>
<b>Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Coalition</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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"> <li>○ Staff regularly coordinate with Solano County staff regarding progress on developing each jurisdiction’s subregional plan as required by BCDC’s Resilient Shoreline Adaptation Plan.</li> <li>○ 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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 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"> <li>○ 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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- 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.
- 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.