Update on Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy

September 8, 2025

Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy

- Goal: Build residents' capacity to participate in sea level rise planning processes.
 - 18-20 paid participants from across Contra Costa County
 - 4 hours every other Saturday for 6 months, starting early 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



The County as a Convener and Facilitator

Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan Board of Supervisors Resilient Shoreline Committee

- Supervisor representing the Bay
- Supervisor representing the Delta

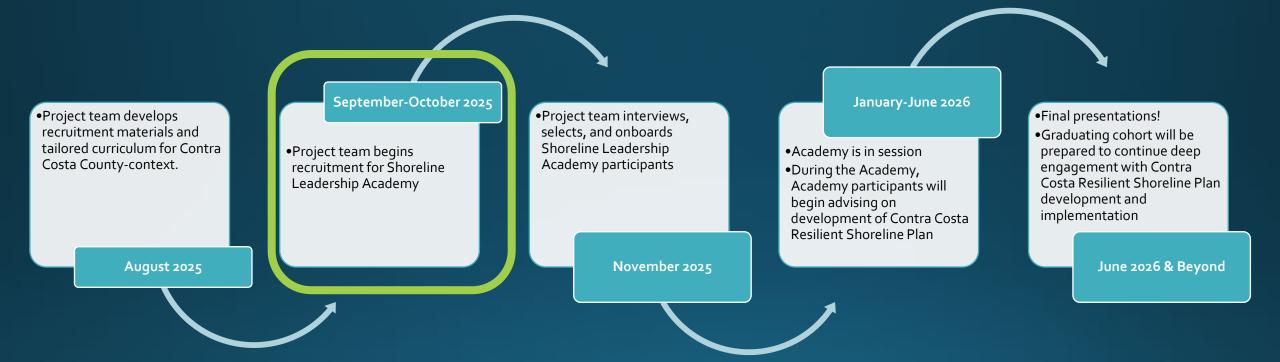
Resilient Shoreline Coalition

- Shoreline cities
- Special districts & other public agencies
- Community-based organizations
- Residents
- Railroads
- Industry
- Private landowners
- Others interested in shoreline resilience

Shoreline Leadership Academy

- Residents from across the county
- Focus on impacted communities

Shoreline Leadership Academy Timeline



Shoreline Leadership Academy Timeline will be closely coordinated with Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan Process

Fall 2025

Project team develops Shoreline Leadership Academy curriculum and recruits participants for one countywide

Winter 2025

Spring 2026

Project team leads participants through Academy from January-June 2026.

Summer 2026

Shoreline Leadership Academy

cohort.

While participating in the Academy, Academy participants attend Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan workshops and start to apply their developing skills and knowledge as local shoreline resilience experts and advisors.

Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan Community Engagement

County team works with technical and community engagement subconsultants to develop Plan-specific workshop series. Workshops will be place-based, focused on sub-geographies.



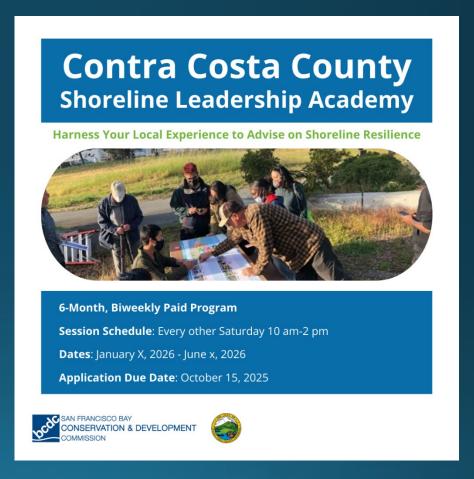
Community Education and Engagement Workshop Series



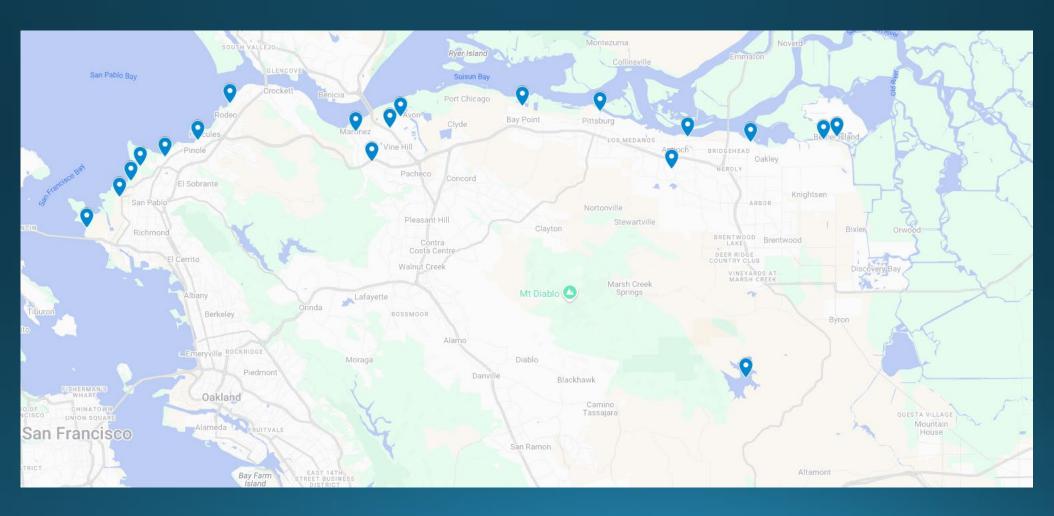
Adaptation Pathways Workshop Series

Shoreline Leadership Academy Draft Recruitment Plan

- Looking for group of participants reflecting the diversity of the County
- Outreach through existing channels between now and October 15, 2025
 - Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan email list
 - County Website Newsflash
 - Contra Costa County Sustainability Newsletter
 - Project Team social media platforms: DCD, BCDC, Delta Stewardship Council, The Watershed Project, Contra Costa Resource Conservation District
 - Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Coalition
 - Existing city channels
 - Others?



Potential Shoreline Leadership Academy In-Person Locations





Pacheco Marsh on May 3, 2025

Thank you!

If you have any questions, please email Ryan Hernandez at Ryan. Hernandez@dcd.cccounty.us.

If you are a Contra Costa County resident interested in applying to join the Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy, look out for forthcoming information here: https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/9981/Contra-Costa-Resilient-Shoreline-Plan.