



Meeting Minutes - Draft

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Ad Hoc Committee

Supervisor John Gioia, District 1, Chair
Supervisor Diane Burgis, District 3, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

2:00 PM

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AGENDA ITEMS

Staff Present: Ryan Hernandez | CC Resilient Shoreline Ad Hoc Committee Staff

Attendees Present: Raquel Caicedo, Nicole Shimizu, Emily Groth, Graham Laird-Prentice, Mithun, Naama Raz-Yaseef, Jaclyn Mandoske, Dana Brechwald, Peter Meyers, John Kopchik, Michael Kent, Wade Finlinson, Sarah Duckler, Deanna Sereno, Aundi Mevoli, Paul Seger, Mariah Padilla, C Yote, Joe Neugebauer, Justin Lovell, Juliana González

Present John Gioia, and Diane Burgis

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting called to order at 2:01:00PM PST.

The Committee ACCEPTED the nomination of Supervisor John Gioia to resume as the Resilient Shoreline Chair for the 2024 Calendar year.

The Committee ACCEPTED the nomination of Supervisor Diane Burgis to resume as the Resilient Shoreline Vice Chair for the 2024 Calendar year.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the October 12, 2023 Contra Costa

Resilient Shoreline Ad Hoc Committee Meeting.

Attachments: [2023-10-12 CC Resilient Shoreline Ad Hoc Committee Draft Minutes](#)
[2023_10_12 CCC Ad Hoc BCDC Presentation](#)
[2023_10_12 SLR Grants DCD Presentation](#)

The Committee unanimously ACCEPTED the February 21, 2024, Record of Action.

No public comment.

4. RECEIVE Presentation on the North Richmond Living Levee Project

Attachments: [North Richmond CSAP & Living Levee - CCC SLR Ad Hoc 2_21_2024](#)

The Committee expressed gratitude for the collaborative effort and extensive planning invested in various projects, particularly highlighting the Resilient by Design initiative; adding emphasis to the health benefits and community pride associated with projects like trails, while raising concerns about the accuracy of climate change modeling and the adequacy of current infrastructure plans.

Staff provided updates on sea level rise modeling and mentioned the ongoing review of the Draft Ocean Protection Council guidance and discussed the design of the Lower Walnut Creek project to withstand sea level rise for the next 100 years, emphasizing the importance of long-term planning and adaptation.

The Committee commended the team's effort and encouraged continued collaboration and dedication to ongoing projects and stressed the importance of accurate climate change modeling and DIRECTED staff to ensure thorough review and consideration of future projections in infrastructure planning.

The Committee ACCEPTED the report and DIRECTED staff to monitor updates in sea level rise modeling and coordinating with relevant agencies to incorporate the latest guidance into ongoing projects, emphasizing the need for proactive planning to address long-term resilience while also considering cost-effectiveness.

PUBLIC COMMENTS include expressed gratitude for the collaborative efforts and highlighted the potential of multi-benefit projects along the shorelines of Contra Costa County, emphasizing the importance of considering public access and employment opportunities in shoreline adaptation projects. Additionally, stressing the need to connect these projects to immediate community benefits as well as future stewardship and employment opportunities and noted the challenges of integrating various funding sources and emphasized the importance of collaboration with organizations such as nonprofits and local community colleges to create a workforce capable of maintaining and expanding these spaces; highlighted the significance of making projects relevant to the communities being served to enhance community engagement.

Side DISCUSSIONS provided by the Committee include the need for a dedicated section on the county website regarding sea level rise. The Committee proposed the creation of a webpage where presentations and related materials on sea level rise can be posted for public access. The Committee recognized the importance of transparency and public

engagement, suggesting to have separate pages for the Resilient Shoreline Ad Hoc Committee and sea level rise information.

The Committee expressed enthusiasm for the idea of creating a central hub for information on sea level rise in Contra Costa County.

The Committee DIRECTED staff to gather suggestions for website content, to explore the technical feasibility and resources required to create, implement, and maintain the proposed website pages (i.e. the "What's going on in Contra Costa" webpage, the Resilient Shoreline Ad Hoc Committee page, and dedicated page for sea level rise information), while ensuring communication with relevant stakeholders and the public regarding the availability of these website resources.

5. RECEIVE Presentation on the Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan's "One Bay Vision".

Attachments: [RSAP_ContraCostaCounty_Presentation_2.21.2024_Final](#)

The Committee expressed the importance of ensuring community preparedness, avoiding redundancy in efforts and highlighted the unique relationships with water and sea level rise, and announced plans for a future presentation on long-term planning. They proposed the formation of a larger elected officials work group in Contra Costa County to focus on shoreline issues, involving representatives from each shoreline city and emphasized the need for action by cities along the bay and suggested a Contra Costa-specific group to inform and coordinate efforts.

The Committee agreed with the proposal and noted the varying levels of engagement from different cities in addressing sea level rise and suggested bringing in city managers and staff from shoreline cities to actively participate in the work group.

Staff expressed support for the idea and confirmed ongoing efforts to connect with city managers and public works directors in shoreline cities.

The Committee suggested including representatives from unincorporated areas, such as the MAC, in the work group, recognizing the significance of waterfront areas in those regions, echoing the importance of involving both incorporated and unincorporated areas in the work group, emphasizing potential partnership opportunities to support communities with limited capacity.

PUBLIC COMMENTS include expressed appreciation for the presentation and highlighted the importance of funding and stakeholder engagement in project success and inquired about how the presented work could support projects like the North Richmond Living Levee Project, in securing funding and addressing polluted areas.

Jaclyn Mandoske from BCDC addressed the concerns regarding funding, explaining the various funding sources available and the eligibility criteria for accessing funds and highlighted the role of BCDC guidelines in determining eligibility for certain funding opportunities.

Dana Brechwald from BCDC added to the discussion on funding, emphasizing the need

for a regional funding structure and criteria to prioritize projects and minimize competition among cities and counties.

Jaclyn Mandoske also addressed the concern of enforcement, acknowledging the challenge and discussing BCDC's efforts to promote collaboration and partnership with other agencies to address issues of pollution and enforcement.

The Committee emphasized the importance of collaboration and partnership among cities and counties to maximize funding opportunities and project success. They discussed the regulatory authority of BCDC and the need for greater regional authority to address sea level rise issues effectively.

The Committee expressed support for extending BCDC's jurisdiction to address sea level rise issues.

The Committee ACCEPTED the report and DIRECTED staff to establish a Contra Costa-specific elected officials work group to address shoreline issues, conduct outreach to relevant stakeholders, coordinate efforts between cities and unincorporated areas, and explore partnership opportunities to support communities with limited capacity to address shoreline challenges.

6. RECEIVE Presentation on Adapting to Rising Tides Vulnerability Assessment in Contra Costa County.

Attachments: [2024_02_21_W_E County ART Studies Summary](#)

The Committee commended the presentation for its comprehensive approach and suggested posting all presentations, including maps, on the county's sea level rise website for public access.

Staff confirmed the availability of the maps from Dana's October twelfth presentation and agreed to post all presentations from the October and current meetings on the website.

The Committee emphasized the importance of visual aids like maps for public understanding and accessibility and

PUBLIC COMMENT included interest in whether BCDC provides assistance to non-jurisdictional shoreline areas.

Dana Brechwald from BCDC clarified BCDC's planning and regulatory functions, highlighting their engagement beyond regulatory boundaries in shoreline planning.

Staff acknowledged BCDC's support in the East County Adapting to Rising Tides study and expressed gratitude for their expertise.

The Committee ACCEPTED the report and DIRECTED staff to post all presentations, including maps, from both the current meeting and the October meeting on county's sea level rise website for public access.

7. RECEIVE report on Staff Activities that support the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline.

Attachments: [2024_02_21_CC_Resilient_Shoreline_Staff_Report](#)

The Committee emphasized the need to form a public-private shoreline work group, similar to BCDC, involving various jurisdictions, public agencies, and private stakeholders.

Staff confirmed having a list of stakeholders to engage with and proposed considering different outreach methods, including in-person forums or letters.

The Committee ACCEPTED the report and DIRECTED staff to form a public-private shoreline work group, akin to BCDC, to engage various stakeholders, including jurisdictions, public agencies, and private entities, in efforts to enhance shoreline resilience.

No public comment.

8. ADJOURN until the next Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Ad Hoc Committee meeting to be held on March 20, 2024, at 10:00am.

Meeting ADJOURNED at 3:58:58PM PST.