

Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Staff Report for Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee

August 10, 2026

Key activities since the Resilient Shoreline Committee's meeting on April 13, 2026, are listed below.

Senate Bill 1 Grant

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) is supporting the development of the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan (Plan).

- The project team (County, Environmental Science Associates (ESA), The Watershed Project, and BluePoint Planning) had an initial subregional shoreline adaptation plan consultation meeting with the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) on April 15, 2026. The Notice of Intent to initiate development of a subregional plan in accordance with the Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (RSAP) was posted the week following the meeting as required by BCDC.
- ESA completed the initial admin draft of Element B: Existing Conditions for the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan. County staff are in the process of reviewing the admin draft of Element B, which will then be shared with BCDC for review.
- The Watershed Project and BluePoint Planning completed an initial Community Education and Engagement Plan to inform equitable shoreline resilience planning and ensure the Plan is grounded in community need. This will be updated as outreach for the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan begins.
- The application period for the Resilient Shoreline Community Advisory Cohorts opened in June and closed in July. Recruitment flyers and an outreach toolkit were

shared with a variety of organizations in English and Spanish. The project team is in the process of reviewing the 135 applications received.

- Staff submitted the fourth and fifth quarterly reports to OPC in April and July 2026.
- In response to interest among Contra Costa cities in developing a multi-jurisdictional plan, County staff have been coordinating with OPC, BCDC, and city staff to determine a path forward for developing a multi-jurisdictional plan, including necessary budget and timeline adjustments.

Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy

- The Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy (SLA) concluded on June 13, 2026, with a graduation ceremony at Big Break Regional Shoreline in Oakley. 21 Contra Costa County residents graduated from the program, presenting their final project to the group on topics ranging from increasing permitting transparency to youth education to improving habitat for native species and more.
- Over the course of the program, participants attended 12 sessions for four hours every other Saturday from January through June 2026. The sessions included eight field trips to various locations along the Contra Costa shoreline, from the San Francisco Bay to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Coalition

- 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. Currently, coordination is focused on filling data gaps for Element B: Existing Conditions.
- 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. This included staff participation in BCDC's first

RSAP Peer Learning Community, where local government staff across the Bay Area have an opportunity to learn from each other throughout the subregional plan development process.

Other Grant Opportunities

- **National Coastal Resilience Fund 2026 – Not selected to submit a full proposal.**

On May 21, 2026, staff were notified that the County was not selected to submit a full proposal after submitting a pre-proposal for the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) 2026 National Coastal Resilience Fund to support development of the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan.

- 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.