

Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan Update

August 10, 2026

Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan Timeline

October 7, 2023: Senate Bill 272 signed

Senate Bill (SB) 272 requires local governments in coastal zones to develop sea level rise plans. For Bay Area jurisdictions, these subregional shoreline adaptation plans must be approved by the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC).

December 5, 2024: Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (RSAP) adopted

BCDC adopted the RSAP which includes guidelines for subregional adaptation plans as required by SB 272.

June 16, 2025: SB 1 Grant MOU signed

The County and cities of Antioch, Hercules, Martinez, Oakley, Pinole, Pittsburg, and San Pablo entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the development of the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan through the OPC SB 1 Grant Program.

April 15, 2026: BCDC Subregional Shoreline Adaptation Plan initiation meeting

The County and its consultants met with BCDC to formally kick off its subregional shoreline adaptation plan development process.

June 4, 2024: County awarded Ocean Protection Council (OPC) SB 1 grant

The County received almost \$1.5 million for the development of the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan through OPC's first round of SB 1 Grant Program funding.

May 2025: County OPC SB 1 grant award executed

County and OPC staff finalized workplan, and agreement was signed by all parties.

November 18, 2025: Consultant Contracts approved

In June 2025, the County released two Requests for Proposals, one for a technical consultant and one for a community engagement consultant. Environmental Science Associates was selected as the technical consultant. The Watershed Project was selected as the community engagement consultant with BluePoint Planning as a subconsultant.

January 1, 2034: Local Plan deadline for BCDC approval

Local governments must have sea level rise plans approved by BCDC by 2034. Local governments with approved sea level rise plans are prioritized for funding to implement sea level rise adaptation strategies and recommended projects in the local government's approved sea level rise plan.

Progress on RSAP Elements

RSAP Section 3.2 Subregional Plan Elements

Element A: Planning Process

Element B:
Existing Conditions

Document the planning process.

Element C:
Vulnerability
Assessment

Element D:
Adaptation Strategies
and Pathways

Element E:
Land Use and Policy
Plan

Element F:
Implementation Plan

Element G:
Project List

The County
received Admin
Draft of Element B
in June 2026.

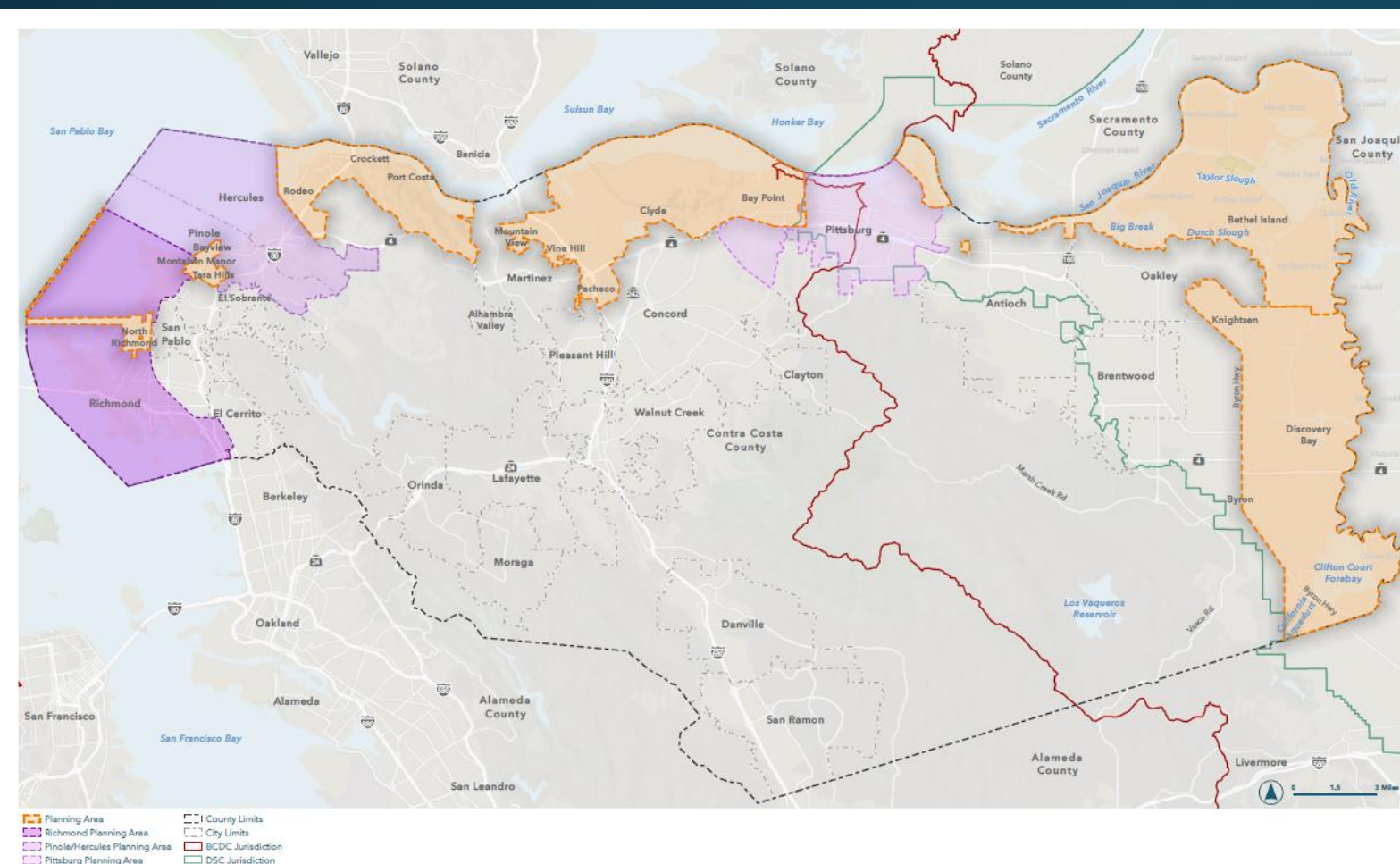
Understand the local
context and conditions of
vulnerability.

Select adaptation strategies that respond to risks and
local values; and advance strategies through
appropriate avenues.

RSAP Minimum Categories & Assets Standard

Topic Area	Number of Assets/Services	Number of Required Assets/Services for Element C (Vulnerability Assessment)	Number of Required Assets/Services for which there is data available from BCDC
Community Health & Well-being	8	8	4
Ecosystem Health & Resilience	20	16	17
Development, Housing & Land Use	12	12	4
Critical Infrastructure & Services	16	15	10
Public Access & Recreation	7	7	6
Transportation & Transit	10	10	7
Shoreline Contamination	4	3	4
Collaborative Governance, Flood Management & Funding	6	0	4
Total	83	71	56

Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan Project Area Map



Jurisdiction	Required to Comply with SB 272	Received OPC SB 1 Grant Funding
Richmond	Yes	Yes
Pinole/ Hercules	Yes	Yes
Martinez	Yes	No
Pittsburg	Yes	Yes
Antioch	No	No
Oakley	No	No

The Path to a Multijurisdictional Plan

- Next Step: County will engage SB 1 Technical Assistance Team on how to expand the County's plan to a multijurisdictional plan.
 - Provide clarity regarding **additional funding needs** that could be met by the OPC SB 1 grant program
 - Develop a realistic **adjusted timeline** for development of the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan
 - **Facilitate coordination with cities** participating in the multijurisdictional plan
- Benefits of pivoting now to a multijurisdictional plan:
 - County can provide additional capacity to shoreline cities
 - Efficiencies with plan development and community engagement efforts
 - Will set up the Contra Costa shoreline for future implementation funding



Thank you!

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