



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee

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

Monday, December 8, 2025

9:00 AM

District 1 Office: 11780 San Pablo Ave.
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AGENDA ITEMS

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Burgis called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

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

Emily Groth - DCD | Planner

District 3 - Brentwood

Tania Pulido - District 1 | District Coordinator

Joanna Pulido Steen - District 1 | District Coordinator

Jill Ray - District 2 | District Representative

Naama Raz-Yaseef - The Watershed Project

Juliana Gonzalez - The Watershed Project

Ann B. Spaulding - Consultant

Charles Gardiner

Grace Silverboard - Haley & Aldrich

Duanne Hernaez
Annie King-Meredith
Michael Burger - Flood Control District

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

3. RECEIVE and APPROVE Meeting Record of Action from September 8, 2025, of the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee.

Attachments: [09.08.25 Minutes DRAFT](#)

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

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.

Attachments: [Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan 2025 CAAP Implementation Update](#)

The Committee ACCEPTED the presentation from Staff and Nicole Shimizu, Planner with the Department of Conservation and Development, regarding the development of the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan, and provided direction to Staff.

Shimizu provided an overview of the County's role as convener and facilitator, including coordination with partner agencies, cities, and community stakeholders. The presentation highlighted grant funding received through the Ocean Protection Council, the plan's alignment with regional and County climate planning efforts, and key milestones, including community engagement and anticipated plan development and adoption timelines.

The Committee emphasized the importance of completing the plan ahead of the 2034 deadline and acknowledged ongoing regional efforts to accelerate shoreline adaptation planning.

The Committee discussed jurisdictional responsibilities and coordination among cities. Vice Chair Gioia inquired about required versus voluntary participation under State law and expressed interest in advancing a multi-jurisdictional approach to improve cost-effectiveness and regional consistency. Staff clarified that the current Memorandum of Understanding facilitates collaboration but does not require a joint plan, and noted that additional coordination or structural changes could support a multi-jurisdictional effort.

The Committee discussed regional collaboration models and the potential benefits of shared planning, including cost savings and comprehensive shoreline management.

Chair Burgis raised questions regarding financial commitments and capacity constraints for participating cities. Staff clarified that current participation requires staff time only and does not obligate cities to provide funding. Chair Burgis noted challenges faced by some cities, including staffing and financial limitations, and emphasized the importance of inclusive coordination.

The Committee discussed continued outreach to cities to encourage participation in a coordinated planning effort.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

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 ACCEPTED the presentation from Staff and Emily Groth, Planner with the Department of Conservation and Development, regarding the Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy, and provided direction to Staff.

Groth provided an overview of the Shoreline Leadership Academy, a program designed to build residents' capacity to participate in sea level rise planning processes. The program will include approximately 20 participants from across Contra Costa County, meeting over a six-month period beginning in January 2026. The program is funded through the Bay Conservation and Development Commission and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and includes partnerships with community-based organizations and regional agencies.

Staff reported that the application period closed on October 15, 2025, with 101 applications received from across the County. The selection process aims to create a cohort representative of the shoreline region, with additional opportunities for non-selected applicants to participate through future community engagement efforts.

The presentation included an overview of participant demographics, curriculum topics aligned with regional planning efforts, and planned field trips to various shoreline locations to support hands-on learning.

Chair Burgis commented on the level of participation and noted trends in applicant demographics.

Vice Chair Gioia inquired about eligibility requirements and geographic representation, including whether participants must reside within shoreline jurisdictions. Staff clarified that applicants must be Contra Costa County residents, but do not need to live directly along the shoreline, and that selection prioritizes individuals with lived experience or connection to shoreline areas.

The Committee discussed the selection process, representation across regions of the County, and the timeline for finalizing the participant cohort.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

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

Attachments: [CC Resilient Shoreline Staff Report_v2](#)

The Committee ACCEPTED the report of Staff activity supporting the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee and provided direction to Staff.

Staff provided a summary of recent activities, including ongoing efforts to secure grant funding to support shoreline planning work. Staff reported that recent federal grant applications were not successful and noted that efforts to pursue additional funding opportunities will continue.

Staff highlighted continued coordination and collaboration with regional and state partners, emphasizing that shoreline adaptation planning efforts are gaining momentum across jurisdictions.

The Committee discussed changes in federal funding priorities and participation, including reduced engagement from federal agencies and evolving grant language. Staff noted the need to remain flexible and adapt to shifting funding opportunities.

Chair Burgis raised concerns regarding the reliability of data and monitoring systems used to inform sea level rise planning. Staff indicated that current efforts rely on regional data sources, including those developed by the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and acknowledged potential challenges related to reduced federal staffing supporting data collection.

The Committee discussed broader impacts of climate change on the Delta, including reduced freshwater flows, saltwater intrusion, and implications for flood management, water supply, and ecosystems.

Vice Chair Gioia inquired about the Delta Adapts initiative and its relationship to local planning efforts. Staff provided an overview of the Delta Plan and clarified that while it addresses flood management and long-term resilience, it does not impose the same sea level rise planning requirements as regional shoreline adaptation efforts.

The Committee discussed the interconnected nature of Delta and shoreline conditions and the importance of continued coordination across planning efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Naama Raz-Yassif, The Watershed Project, commented that Delta regions may be more impacted by flooding from increased storms associated with climate change.

7. **ADJOURN** until the next Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee meeting to be held TBD in 2026.

Chair Burgis ADJOURNED the meeting at 9:56am.

GENERAL INFORMATION

HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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