



# 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

Zoom: <https://cccouny-us.zoom.us/j/87170445129>

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Tuesday, February 18, 2025

2:00 PM

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The public may attend this meeting in person at either above locations and/or remotely via call-in or ZOOM.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

##### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

*Chair Burgis called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.*

**Staff Present:** Ryan Hernandez | CCRS Staff

**Attendees:** Emily Groth - DCD, Jody London - DCD | Sustainability Coordinator, District 3 - Brentwood, Sonia Bustamante, Naama Raz-Yaseef, Kathryn, Jan Warren (she, her), Andrea Bailey, Charles Gariner, Michael Liquori - Symbeosis, Aaron Pope, Ann B. Spaulding - Consultant, Peter Meyers, Sara Duckler (she, her) - Contra Costa Flood, Heidi Petty - CCRCD, Aaron Winer - WCW, Ellen Plane - SFEI, Zoe Siegel (she, her) - Greenbelt Alliance

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

##### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

***NO PUBLIC COMMENT.***

3. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the September 9, 2024, Committee Meeting with any necessary revisions.

**Attachments:**      [09.09.24 Minutes - DRAFT 2](#)

*The Committee unanimously APPROVED the Record of Actions from the September 9, 2024 meeting with no changes.*

***NO PUBLIC COMMENT.***

4. RECEIVE presentation on the San Francisco Estuary Institute's shallow groundwater mapping and Baylands resilience efforts in Contra Costa County and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

**Attachments:**      [Contra Costa Shallow Groundwater & SLR Resilience - Ellen Plante](#)

*The Committee ACCEPTED the presentation and expressed appreciation for SFEI's work.*

*The Committee asked clarifying questions regarding groundwater monitoring data, seasonal fluctuations, and geology's influence on groundwater rise and also raised questions about potential water quality concern. Additionally, inquiring about the relationship between groundwater rise and contaminated shoreline sites (referencing the former Zeneca site in Richmond) and how remediation may be affected by sea level rise.*

*Staff noted the County is coordinating with Solano County and exploring potential grant funding for additional Delta-focused groundwater analysis, also emphasizing the County's role in providing input on draft mapping and connecting SFEI's work with local jurisdictions.*

***PUBLIC COMMENT:***

*The public asked whether SFEI could include a map layer identifying known contaminated sites. Ellen noted existing datasets from DTSC and the Water Board and referenced UC Berkeley's past efforts. The public also expressed strong support for nature-based shoreline solutions, praised SFEI's work, and encouraged elevating public awareness of these efforts.*

5. RECEIVE presentation on the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Coalition and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

**Attachments:**      [2025\\_02\\_18 Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Coalition Overview](#)

*The Committee ACCEPTED the presentation and expressed support for building the coalition as a collaborative, inclusive effort.*

*The Committee received a presentation from staff on the proposed Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Coalition. Staff explained that the coalition will serve as an inclusive framework to support shoreline adaptation planning in compliance with BCDC's Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan requirements. The coalition will include cities, special districts, private landowners, community-based organizations, and regional partners, with participation levels tailored to organizational capacity. Staff noted the County has secured \$1.5 million in State funding to support this effort and described how coalition building may be guided by operational landscape units (OLUs) to align with watershed and shoreline geography.*

*The Committee asked clarifying questions about jurisdictional participation, specifically whether non-shoreline jurisdictions such as Concord and Oakley would be included, and confirmed they may voluntarily participate. Questions were also raised about compatibility with Delta-specific planning efforts (e.g., Delta Adapts) and how shoreline data can be aligned to ensure consistency across jurisdictions. The Committee also inquired about prioritization of shoreline areas most vulnerable to sea level rise, with particular focus on unincorporated communities such as North Richmond, Rodeo, Crockett, and Bay Point.*

*Staff responded that the County is responsible for unincorporated shoreline areas under State law, and those areas are prioritized in the County's resilient shoreline plan. Richmond is pursuing its own plan, but coordination will continue to ensure alignment. Staff emphasized that while BCDC's jurisdiction does not require plans for all communities, the County intends to include non-mandated areas such as Bethel Island and Discovery Bay for broader resiliency planning. Staff also confirmed that special districts can be incorporated into the coalition and shoreline plan.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*The public asked questions regarding the timeline for the County's shoreline plan, how coordination will occur across county lines to avoid conflicting outcomes, and how priorities will be determined to ensure the most vulnerable communities receive attention first. Members of the public expressed interest in seeing stronger prioritization of unincorporated shoreline areas such as North Richmond, and also offered to share proposals for nature-based shoreline projects to support the coalition's planning.*

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

**Attachments:**      [CC Resilient Shoreline Staff Report](#)

*The Committee ACCEPTED the staff report.*

*The Committee received a report from staff on activities supporting the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee. Staff reported that the County's updated scope of work has been reviewed and approved by the Ocean Protection Council's program manager and is now awaiting State signatures to execute the grant agreement. In anticipation of final approval, staff has drafted a memorandum of understanding to allocate grant funds to participating cities for shoreline planning activities, which is currently under review by city planning staff and their respective councils.*

*Staff also reported on preparations for a Shoreline Leadership Academy, to be launched in partnership with BCDC in September. This effort will support coalition members, cities, and community partners in advancing shoreline resiliency planning. Staff emphasized the importance of coordination between the County, cities, and special districts to maximize efficiency and ensure consistency in resiliency planning across jurisdictions.*

*The Committee acknowledged staff efforts and highlighted the importance of*

*safeguarding scientific data, particularly given recent challenges to environmental funding and grants. Members stressed the need to preserve and protect data so that resiliency work remains supported and verifiable in the future.*

***NO PUBLIC COMMENT.***

7. **ADJOURN** until the next Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee meeting to be held on March 10, 2025, at 9:00am.

***The meeting ADJOURNED at 3:25pm.***

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