



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee

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

Monday, April 13, 2026

9:00 AM

**District 1 Office: 11780 San Pablo Ave.
Suite D, El Cerrito, CA 94530 |**

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AGENDA ITEMS

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Gioia called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

Staff Present: Ryan Hernandez | CCRS Staff

Attendees: Raquel De La Torre; Emily Groth; Nicole Shimizu; John
Kopchik; Alyson Greenlee-Escarza; Jill Ray; Juliana Gonzalez;
Michael Burger; Naama Raz-Yaseef; Jody London, Annie
King-Meredith; Andrea Baily; Blue Point Planning; District 3
Brentwood

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 December 8, 2025, of the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee.

Attachments: [3a. 12.8.25 Minutes DRAFT](#)

The Committee APPROVED the meeting record.

Chair Gioia confirmed with Vice Chair Burgis that the December 8, 2025 meeting record was acceptable as presented.

4. RECEIVE presentation on the Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

Attachments: [4a. Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy Update](#)
The Committee RECEIVED the report.

Staff introduced Emily Groth, Planner with the Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) on the Sea Level Rise team, who splits her time between Water Agency/Delta-related work and sustainability, to present an update on the Shoreline Leadership Academy.

Committee members noted having each visited the Academy in session, including a recent tour of oyster balls at Point Pinole, and commented on the strong turnout, diversity of participants, and high level of interest and engagement countywide.

Ms. Groth reported that the Shoreline Leadership Academy's goal is to build residents' capacity to participate in the county's sea level rise planning process, in support of the county's forthcoming Resilient Shoreline Plan. The project team selected 23 paid participants, who have been meeting for four hours every other Saturday over a six-month period beginning January 10, 2026. The program is funded by the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) through a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) grant, with a project team consisting of The Watershed Project, Contra Costa Resource Conservation District, BCDC, the Delta Stewardship Council, and the Exploratorium.

Ms. Groth summarized sessions held to date: an introductory session on January 10 covering Sea Level Rise 101 and BCDC's Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (RSAP); a January 24 session in Bethel Island on the Delta and levees; a February 7 session on critical infrastructure, including tours of Wildcat Marsh, the West County Wastewater treatment facility, and the North Richmond Living Levee project; a February 21 visit to Big Break Regional Shoreline in Oakley to discuss public access, recreation, and environmental justice in the Delta; a March 7 tour of Pacheco Marsh covering project history, flood management, interagency coordination, and an introduction to permitting; a March 21 virtual session on shoreline contamination and remediation methods; and a session on April 4 at Point Pinole with a guest presenter reviewing oyster reef nature-based shoreline adaptation.

Ms. Groth stated that five sessions remain, with the next session that Saturday, and that participants are developing final projects, including community surveys, social media campaigns, tabling events, and community presentations, to be shared at a graduation ceremony at the program's final session in June.

In response to a question from Chair Gioia regarding the program timeline, Ms. Groth confirmed the Academy runs January through June, meeting every other Saturday, with

graduation anticipated on June 13, 2026. She noted staff were seeking a shoreline-area venue able to accommodate approximately 50 participants and family members, and that Rosie the Riveter and the Exploratorium had been considered but were unavailable.

Vice Chair Burgis suggested the Martinez Yacht Club and the County's own administration building, and Chair Gioia suggested the former Shell clubhouse in Martinez, as possible graduation venues, noting Martinez's central, convenient location within the county. Staff indicated a formal request from a Committee member would be needed to consider use of the administration building.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

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

Attachments: 5a. Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan Update

The Committee RECEIVED the report.

Staff presented an update on the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan, prepared under a grant agreement with the Ocean Protection Council (OPC). The consultant team, consisting of The Watershed Project and BluePoint Planning (community engagement) and Environmental Science Associates (technical lead), is under contract and meeting biweekly with the County. Staff reported approximately \$1.5 million in OPC funding supports three phases: community visioning, data and information gathering, and adaptation pathways, with an equity assessment addressing both scientific and social vulnerability throughout.

Staff reviewed a working draft map of four proposed shoreline segments covering the county's unincorporated areas, noting Richmond and Pittsburg are preparing their own separately funded plans, and that a Notice of Intent for the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan had been accepted by the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), with an initial consultation meeting scheduled the following Wednesday.

In response to questions from Chair Gioia, staff clarified that, absent multi-jurisdictional agreements, the plan currently covers unincorporated areas only, though developing MOUs with interested cities lacking their own funding remains a goal. Chair Gioia offered to work with cities in his district toward that end. Staff noted Pinole and Hercules had since secured their own OPC funding and intend to prepare a joint plan, and confirmed no unincorporated area lies between them. Staff added that extending adaptation planning into other city jurisdictions would require additional funding, and that city planning capacity remains a concern.

In response to a question from Vice Chair Burgis, staff confirmed the equity assessment addresses both scientific and social vulnerability, noting social impacts are harder to mitigate and that "vulnerable communities" can be defined differently by region.

Staff presented the proposed community engagement plan, focused on four cohorts of 10 to 20 participants per shoreline segment, with engagement including tailored outreach, cohort meetings, standing committee presentations, and countywide meetings. Vice Chair Burgis and Chair Gioia both expressed support for segmenting the shoreline as a way to tailor planning to each area's characteristics.

Staff noted strong interest in the related Shoreline Leadership Academy, which received about 100 applications for 20 spots, and intends to build on that momentum. Staff indicated no further direction was needed at this time, noting the plan will be refined following BCDC's initial consultation, and thanked The Watershed Project, BluePoint Planning, and ESA for their work. Vice Chair Burgis offered continued availability to support the effort.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

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

Attachments: [6a. CC Resilient Shoreline Staff Report](#)

The Committee RECEIVED the report.

Staff reported this is a standing item intended to keep the Committee and public informed of ongoing work. Staff noted recent developments not yet reflected in the plan, including coordination with the National Park Service and with the Navy and Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Military Ocean Terminal Concord, with a meeting being arranged between the respective vulnerability assessment teams to ensure consistent mapping and data. Staff also reported a meeting with PG&E, which is separately conducting a vulnerability assessment of its shoreline assets, and noted that BCDC's RSAP Atlas, which maps regional shoreline assets, ends at BCDC's jurisdictional boundary; staff has asked PG&E whether comparable data exists for the rest of the county and how it might be obtained.

In response to a question from Vice Chair Burgis regarding rail infrastructure near the shoreline, staff indicated rail will be a challenge, noting outreach to rail contacts has not yet yielded a response, and that a more discrete, specific request may be more effective. Vice Chair Burgis and Chair Gioia identified two rail lines in the area, likely BNSF and Union Pacific. Vice Chair Burgis noted her periodic contact with Union Pacific and asked that Committee members flag relevant rail concerns as they arise so they can be raised in future conversations. Staff indicated it will reach out to the railroads when appropriate, and Chair Gioia and Vice Chair Burgis both offered to assist with that outreach.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

7. **ADJOURN** until the next Contra Costa County Resilient Shoreline Committee meeting to be held on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 9:00am.

Chair Gioia ADJOURNED the meeting at 9:47am.

GENERAL INFORMATION

HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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