

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

April 13, 2026

Key activities since the Resilient Shoreline Committee's meeting on December 8, 2025, 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).

- County staff completed the contract process with the community engagement subconsultants and technical subconsultant to provide services to support the development of the Plan. Following a Request for Proposals process, the Watershed Project and BluePoint Planning were selected as the community engagement subconsultants, and Environmental Science Associates (ESA) was selected as the technical subconsultant.
- The Watershed Project and BluePoint Planning have begun developing a Community Education and Engagement Plan to inform equitable shoreline resilience planning and ensuring the Plan is grounded in community need.
- ESA and County staff have begun compiling data on existing plans and policies; physical and ecological conditions of the landscape; and existing local populations, land uses, assets, and services within the Plan area to develop Element B: Existing Conditions.
- Staff submitted the third quarterly report to OPC in January 2026.

- The County submitted its Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Subregional Shoreline Adaptation Plan to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC). The NOI was determined to be complete on March 25, 2026. The project team will meet with BCDC in April for an initial consultation.

Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy

- The project team selected a cohort of 23 residents to participate in the Contra Costa County Shoreline Leadership Academy (SLA).
- The SLA began on January 10, 2026, and is currently just over halfway complete. Over seven sessions, participants have learned from experts in sea level rise and shoreline issues, visited locations across the entirety of the county shoreline, and worked on final projects that will be presented at the SLA graduation. The program will conclude in June 2026.

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.
- 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.

Other Grant Opportunities

- **National Coastal Resilience Fund 2026 – Pre-Proposal submitted.** On March 31, 2026, staff submitted 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.