

Contra Costa Shoreline Leadership Academy

Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Committee
April 13, 2026

Shoreline Leadership Academy

- Goal: Build residents' capacity to participate in sea level rise planning processes.
 - 23 paid participants from across Contra Costa County
 - 4 hours every other Saturday for 6 months
 - Began January 10, 2026
- Funded by San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) through National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration grant
- Project Team
 - Community Based Organization Partners: The Watershed Project, Contra Costa Resource Conservation District
 - Agency Partners: Delta Stewardship Council, BCDC, Exploratorium



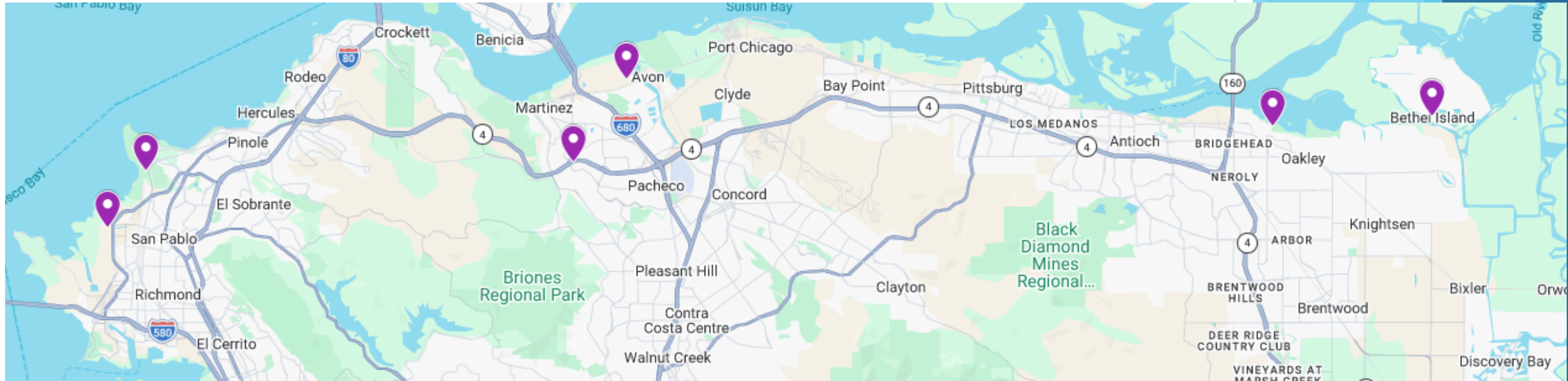
Session Topics To Date

Date	BCDC One Bay Vision Topic	Location	Activities
January 10	Community Health and Well-Being	Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development	Welcome from BCDC Executive Director; Contra Costa County 101; intro to sea level rise; intro to BCDC's Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan
January 24	Community Health and Well-Being	Bethel Island	Welcome from Supervisor Burgis; Delta and levees overview; Bethel Island Municipal Improvement District visit; visit to key levee locations
February 7	Critical Infrastructure and Services	West County Wastewater	Tour of Wildcat Marsh and West County Wastewater; North Richmond Living Levee Project overview; digital tools and games to explore sea level rise adaptation
February 21	Public Access and Recreation	Big Break Regional Shoreline	Tour of Big Break and Delta map; public access along the shoreline; environmental justice in the Delta

Session Topics To Date Continued

Date	BCDC One Bay Vision Topic	Location	Activities
March 7	Collaborative Governance, Flood Management, and Funding	Pacheco Marsh	Permitting 101; tour of Pacheco Marsh
March 21	Shoreline Contamination	Online	Remediation of contaminated sites using fungi; case study of contaminated site remediation in Oakland; California Water Boards contaminated site cleanup in the context of sea level rise
April 4	Ecosystem Health and Resilience	Point Pinole Regional Shoreline	Welcome from Supervisor Gioia; exploration of Point Pinole oyster reef balls

Field Trip Locations To Date



- West County Wastewater
- Point Pinole Regional Shoreline
- Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development
- Pacheco Marsh
- Big Break Regional Shoreline
- Bethel Island



Looking Ahead

- Five more sessions
- Shoreline Leadership Academy concludes June 13
 - Participants will present their final projects during the program graduation ceremony



Thank you!

- Questions? Email Emily Groth at Emily.Groth@dcd.cccounty.us.
- Learn more about the [Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan](#) and join our email list.

