

Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan

An implementing project of **BAY ADAPT**

What is the Shoreline Plan?

Rising sea levels from climate change are already encroaching along our shorelines and will only accelerate in the coming decades. The impacts of sea level rise – and resources to plan and prepare for them – are unevenly distributed across the nine-county Bay Area. If everyone “goes it alone,” we risk *maladaptation* - catastrophic consequences such as unintentional flooding of our neighbors, leaving behind communities most at risk and with the least resources to adapt, and missing out on opportunities to find shared solutions that benefit both local communities and the region as a whole.

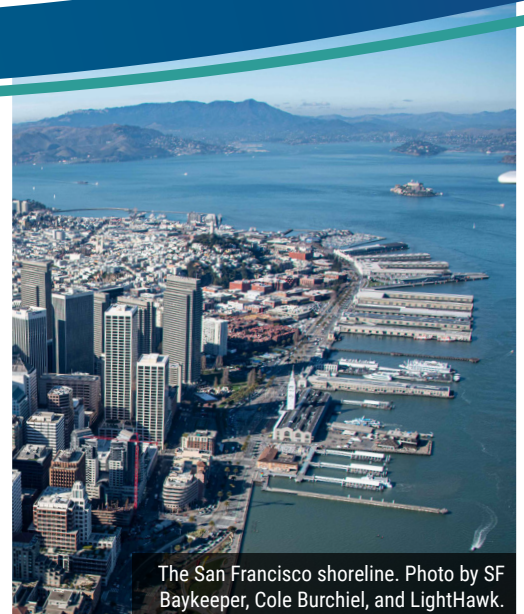
The Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (“Shoreline Plan”) will set the region on a path towards more coordinated and consistent local adaptation planning that advances the region as a whole. The Shoreline Plan will be collaboratively developed and include:

- 1. Vision and Goals**
- 2. Regional Guidelines**
- 3. Local Adaptation Plans**

Following adoption of the Vision and Regional Guidelines by BCDC’s Commission in mid-2024, BCDC will support cities and counties to develop sub-regional adaptation plans that align with the guidelines to ensure that the region is prepared for sea level rise both locally and in alignment with the region.

What will the Shoreline Plan do?

- Create guidelines that provide **minimum standards and best practices** for local adaptation plans.
- Define shared **planning horizons** and **flood projections** for regionally consistent adaptation planning.
- Provide **support to local jurisdictions and communities** on applying regional guidelines in their local context.
- Build a pipeline to **more effectively fund** local adaptation plans and projects that align with regional guidelines.



The San Francisco shoreline. Photo by SF Baykeeper, Cole Burchiel, and LightHawk.

Who is BCDC?

The San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (“BCDC”) is a California State regulatory and planning agency in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area with a mission to **protect and enhance the resources of the San Francisco Bay and ensure its responsible and productive use for this and future generations.**

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What is Bay Adapt?

Bay Adapt: Regional Strategy for a Rising Bay is a BCDC-led initiative that brings together partners across the San Francisco Bay Area to establish regional agreement on the actions necessary to protect people and the natural and built environment from rising sea levels. The **Joint Platform** was adopted by BCDC in 2021 and has been endorsed by 55 cities and counties, regional, state, and federal agencies, non-profit organizations and more. www.BayAdapt.org



Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve. Photo by Stanislav Sedov, CC BY 2.0.

Local Electeds Regional Task Force

BCDC’s Local Electeds Regional Task Force is comprised of elected officials from cities and counties across the 9-county Bay Area. The Task Force will ensure that local efforts and interests are successfully married with regional goals as the Bay Area develops its first Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan. The Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan will seek to address, at a minimum, the following topic areas:

- Environmental Justice communities
- Legacy contamination
- Natural habitats
- New and re-development
- Critical infrastructure
- Transportation

Elevating Equity and Diverse Representation

BCDC is committed to meaningfully engaging communities and promoting equitable outcomes throughout its work. **As part of this effort to elevate diverse voices**, we sought to include individuals on the Local Electeds Regional Task Force that serve underrepresented communities and/or identify as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and/or Person of Color).

Local Electeds Regional Task Force Time Commitment

Duration

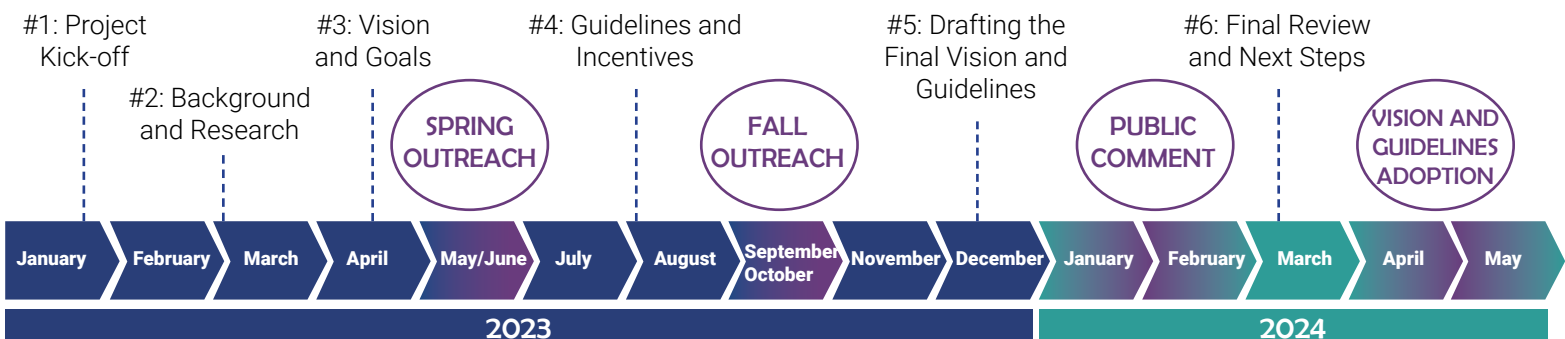
- Project timeline is January 2023 to May 2024

Meetings:

- Six (6) two-hour meetings

Anticipated Timeline

Please see below an outline of the six Task Force meetings to take place from January 2023 to May 2024.



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