

# Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan

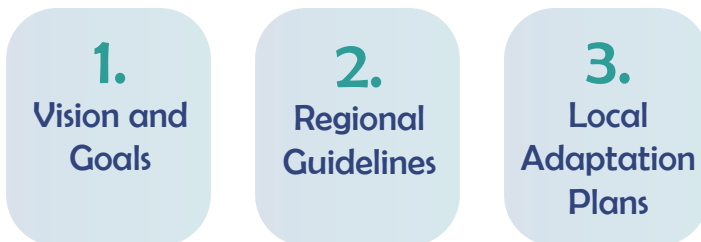
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## What is the Shoreline Plan?

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, the loss of our essential and invaluable coastal habitats, 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 our shared goals together. The Shoreline Plan will be collaboratively developed and include:



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 are consistent 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](http://www.BayAdapt.org)