# **2023 BCDC Summer Intern Presentation**

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# **MEET THE INTERNS!**



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4<sup>th</sup> Year at University of California, Berkeley

Environmental Justice Intern



**Alessandra Mohar** 

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**GIS Intern** 



**Olivia Reid** 

3<sup>rd</sup> Year at Syracuse University

Records Intern



# **AVA HAWKINS**

**EJ Team** 

Phoenix Armenta & Lita Brydie

**Major:** Environmental Policy

and Justice

**Minor:** Native American

**Studies** 

*Interests:* Traditional ecological knowledge and environmental racism

Hobbies: Cooking & baking, hiking, watching the sunset



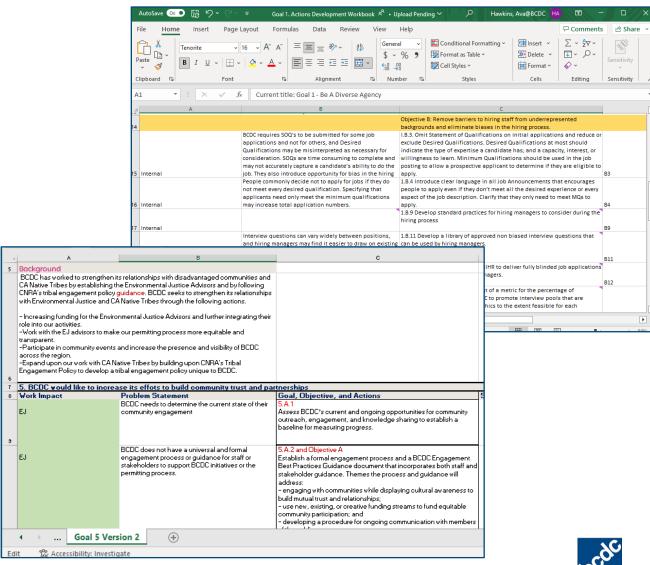






# **PROJECT 1: RACIAL EQUITY ACTION PLAN**

- Streamlined plan through editing and combining of goals
- Summarized findings from commissioner workshop on racial equity and staff surveys to include in the introduction
- Cross checked goals and objectives with the embedding equity and strategic plans to prevent overlap



# PROJECT 2: REGIONAL SHORELINE ADAPTATION PLAN





## **Working Agreements**



UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INTENT AND IMPACT: Try to understand and acknowledge impact. Denying the impact of something said by focusing on intent is often more destructive than the initial interaction.



MOVE UP / MOVE BACK: Encourage full participation by all present. Take note of who is speaking and who is not. If you tend to speak often, consider "moving back" and vice versa.



**PRACTICE MINDFUL LISTENING**: Try to avoid planning what you'll say as you listen to others. Be willing to be surprised, to learn something new. Listen with your whole self.



SPEAK YOUR TRUTH IN WAYS THAT RESPECT OTHERS: Honor your own life experience by speaking your truth but recognize others may have different truths. Center your experience using "I" statements and trust other to do their own sifting and winnowing.



LEARN TO RESPOND TO OTHERS WITH HONEST, OPEN QUESTIONS: With such questions, we help "hear" each other into deeper speech.



YOU CHOOSE HOW YOU PARTICIPATE: You are invited to join this table in whatever capacity you are able, and to participate in whatever way is true for you.

 Worked with the RSAP equity subcommittee to develop working agreements

Supported meeting planning and facilitation

 Attended advisory group meetings, giving me a general sense of the community's goals and desired outcomes for the plan



# **ALESSANDRA MOHAR**

**EJ Team** 

Phoenix Armenta & Lita Brydie

**Major:** Civil Engineering

*Interests:* Sustainable Development and Equitable Housing

**Hobbies:** Music/Singing, Walking my dog, Watching Warriors' games, and Going to the beach with friends



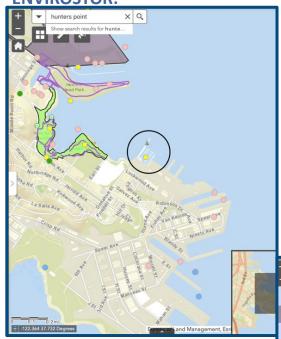




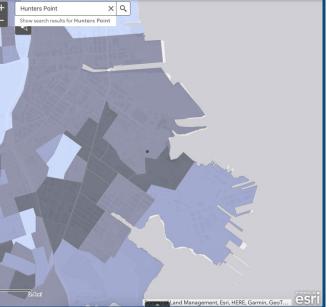


# **TOXIC TOUR RESEARCH**

#### **ENVIROSTOR:**



### **CBO VULNERABILITY MAPPING TOOL:**



### **Process:**

- EJ Advisor Bios
- DTSC Envirostor
- CBO Vulnerability Mapping Tool
- Research Report (developed management questions)
- Presentation to EJ Advisors
- DTSC Outreach and being a point of contact between

**DTSC and EJ Advisor** 



## OTHER PROJECTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

### AVA

- Assisted with the beginning steps of implementing environmental justice procedures into the permitting process
- Drafted wording for a new translation services page on BCDC's website



### **ALLY**

- Edited and organized outreach email templates for RSAP Tribal Engagement
- Drafted a PowerPoint presentation on the history of Environmental Justice for an All-Staff Training





## **EJ INTERNS: ALLY & AVA**

### Shoreline Leadership Academy

- Reviewed previous Oakland
   Shoreline Leadership Academy curriculum
- Drafted outline of curriculum
- Coordinated site visits with partner organizations
  - Save the Bay Nursery
  - Judge John Sutter Park
- Created outreach materials
- EJ Newsletter Template



### **FLYER**

### REGIONAL SHORELINE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

YOU'RE A
COMMUNITY
EXPERT,
BECOME A
SEA LEVEL
RISE EXPERT



Oakland Shoreline Leadership Academy on a site visit to MLK Jr Shoreline (2021)

- The Shoreline Leadership
   Academy is a six-month
   course designed to
   educate communities
   about sea level rise,
   groundwater rise, and
   shoreline rise, as well as
   other shoreline issues and
   potential solutions.
- Timeline: TBD
- Pay/benefits

### CONTACT

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Use this QR Code to stay informed!

Screenshot of newsletter template on Canva



# **ROXANNE WILKERSON**

**ART Team** 

Todd Hallenbeck & Jaclyn Mandoske

Major: Geography, Environmental

Studies, & Planning

**Focus:** Enviornmental Systems

**Minor:** Sustainability

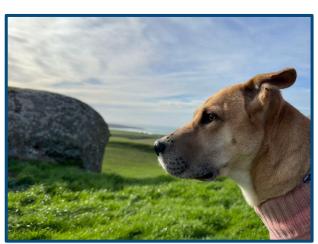
Interests: Restoration Ecology and

Wildlife Conservation

**Hobbies:** Soccer, gardening, nature walks, & graphic design











# REGIONAL SHORELINE ADAPTATION PLAN (RSAP) OUTREACH

### Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan

#### **RSAP Outreach Events - Summer 2023**

**IPT** 

- Researched Summer pop-up events
  - Community demographics
  - Recurring vs. one-time events
  - Shoreline Adaptation Project Map (SAPMap)
- Fee (\$) Deadline Wed, Aug 9 5 - 8 pm N/A Meet Me in the Street American Canyon 5 - 9 pm N/A rt Walk SF Castro & Market St Sat, Sep 2 12 - 5 pm San Francisco Sat. Sep 2 6 - 9 pm N/A Sun, Sep 3 3 - 5 pm N/A FREE 10:30 am - 11:30 am Pickleweed Library Ranger Storytime San Rafael Dining Under the Lights Fri, Sep 8 6 - 10 pm San Rafael N/A FREE Mare Island Dock of Bay Music Festival 12:30 - 9:30 pm 95-250+Ferry Ferry Building Gardeneur Plant Market 10 am - 4 pm San Francisco

### Researched table activity ideas

- Community engagement
- Effective communication strategies
- Collaborative mapping activity

### My learning experience

- Expansion of geographical knowledge
- Understanding the value of time, place, and cost
- Simplifying and communicating complex concepts



# SHORELINE ADAPTATION PROJECT MAP (SAPMAP) EcoAtlas



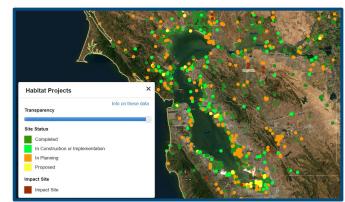
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### Data entry for project updates

- EcoAtlas Project Tracker
- Uploaded site map files
- Tracked progress and complications

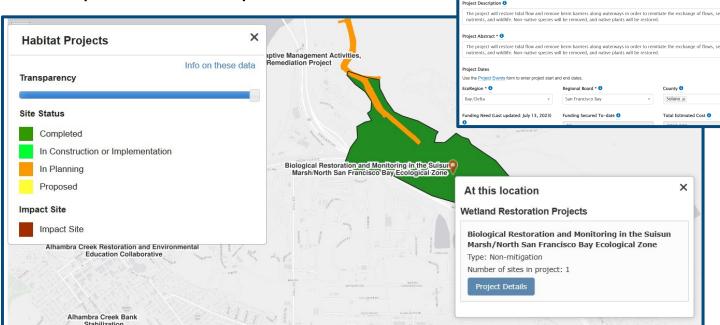
### Communicated with partners

- Identified project duplicates
- Responded to feedback via email



### My learning experience

- Increased spatial knowledge and attention to detail
- Concise project descriptions
- Improved with repetition



Public Status \* (

Lower SB

**EcoAtlas** 





## OTHER PROJECTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

### Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP)

- Attended working meetings
- Edited introduction text

### Bay Adapt Blog Post

- Reflected on my experience at BCDC
- Connected work with RSAP and SAPMap

### UC Davis Policy Clinic

- Networking and Graduate school exploration
- Excellent student presentations











# **TALEEN COCHRAN**

**GIS Intern** 

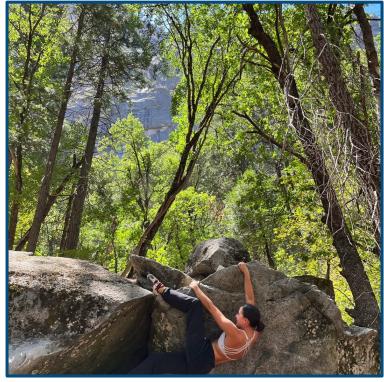
Todd Hallenbeck

*Major:* Environmental Engineering Science

Interests: Intersection of technology and environmentalism, habitat restoration and conservation

Hobbies: Rock climbing, hiking, traveling, eating

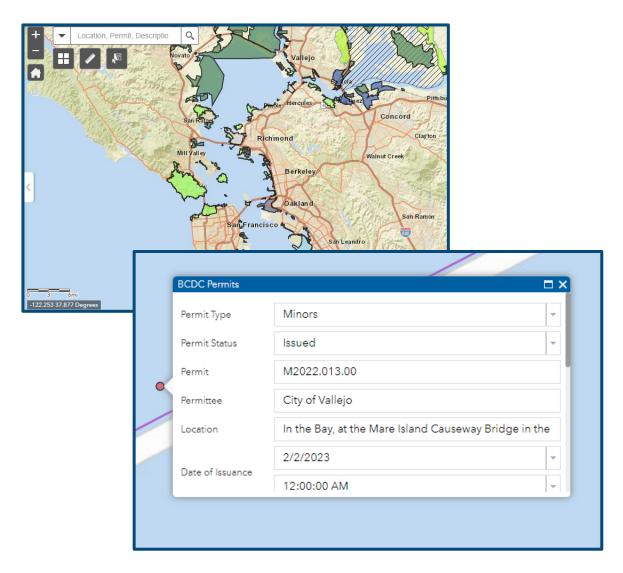








# **PROJECT 1: BAYRAT UPDATES**



- BayRAT (Bay Resources Assessment Tool) is utilized by staff and contains permit & jurisdictional information
- Input issued permits into BayRAT to keep the map updated
- Identified errors and helped fill in missing attributes
- Learned basic GIS skills and familiarized myself with permit structure



## PROJECT 2: BAY FILL MAPPING INITIATIVE

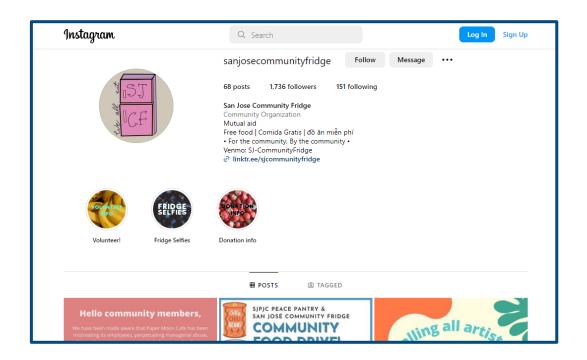
- Focused on mapping projects with large amounts of bay fill
- Involves conducting research on older permits and tracking down projects that fit the criteria
- Contribute to jurisdictional mapping project SFEI is supporting
- Potential to lay groundwork for collecting this data in the future





# **OTHER PROJECTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- CBO Directory updating with Ally
  - Involved a lot of Instagram and Facebook stalking
- Vallejo site visit and public access exploration





# **OLIVIA REID**

**Records Intern** 

Angela Noble

**Major:** Policy Studies

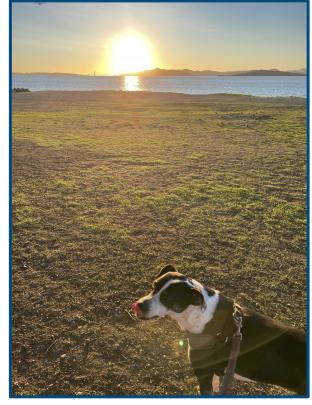
**Minor:** Business

Interest: Sustainable

Development

Hobbies: Hiking, reading, walking my dog, and going to the beach





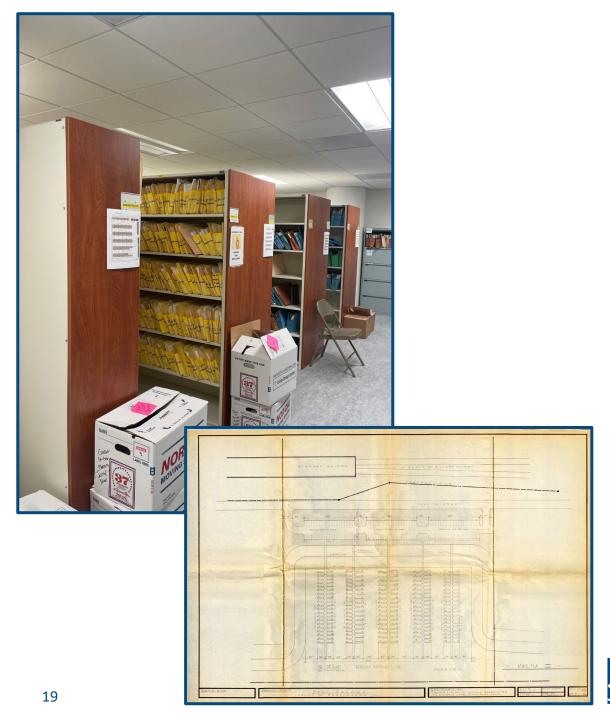






# **CLAIMS OF EXEMPTION**

- Digitized and catalogued Claims of Exemption Records
- Ensured documents met Section 508 accessibility standards
- Created specific metadata for staff to easily navigate files



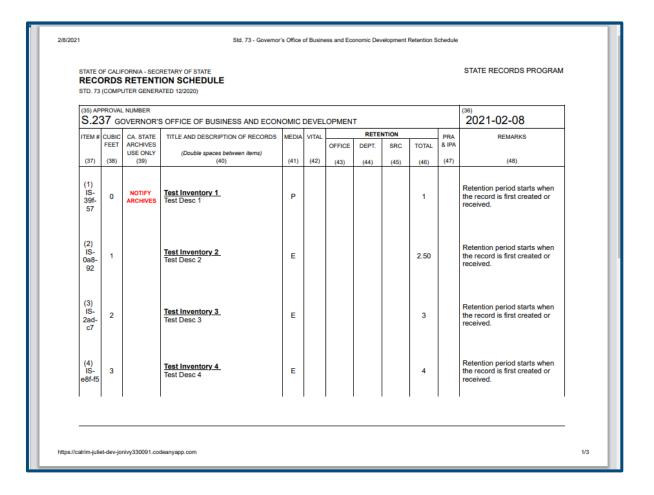


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## OTHER PROJECTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Updating Retention Schedules
- Intern Twitter Post







# **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

Staff Retreat





Commission Meetings

Lunch on the Embarcadero



Salt Marsh Boat Trip







## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Meet and Greets with commissioners and distinguished CNRA staff

Resume Reviews and Drafting an Elevator Pitch with Larry

Informational Interviews (coffee chats & lunches) with BCDC staff

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# **PROGRAM STRENGTHS**

1

Professional Development Opportunities

2

Intern Collaboration 3

BCDC Training in Various
Departments



# PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

1

More Extensive and Timely Onboarding Process

2

**Increase Off-Site Opportunities** 

3

Ensure Clear
Channels of
Communication
and Consistent
Check-Ins



# THANK YOU, BCDC!

Any Questions?



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