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Subject: Strengthening the RSAP for a Resilient Bay Area

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San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission  
375 Beale Street, Suite 510  
San Francisco, CA 94105

**RE: Draft Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (RSAP): Sea Level Rise Planning Guidance (SB 272) – Public Comments**

Dear San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Public Draft of the Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (Draft RSAP) and establishment of guidelines for the Preparation of Sea Level Rise Plans Pursuant to Senate Bill 272 (Laird, 2023).

On behalf of the City of Foster City, we are providing the following comments on the Draft RSAP:

1. Under Section 3.4.1 Local Government Planning Responsibilities, sub-heading “Role of Cities”

The language shall be revised to accurately articulate the requirements of SB 272. Specifically, the language should articulate that SB 272 requires that a local government in the San Francisco Bay develop a sea level rise plan as part of a subregional plan, not to have a local government individually develop a sea level rise plan on their own.

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The City of Foster City has recently completed levee improvements in order to maintain FEMA accreditation and provide resilience against future sea level rise. The City wants to ensure our efforts for sea level rise adaptation are credited towards the goals of the subregional sea level rise plan.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. Should you have any questions regarding our public comments, please contact Francine Magno at [fmagno@fostercity.org](mailto:fmagno@fostercity.org) or 650-286-3270.

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Stefan Chatwin (Oct 24, 2024 14:27 PDT)

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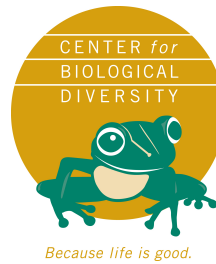
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# JOINT STATEMENT TO BCDC URGING SUPPORT FOR ROBUST RSAP

NOVEMBER 13, 2024

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## **BCDC's Draft RSAP Shows Strong Regional Leadership**

We applaud BCDC's efforts to ensure a holistic, strategic, and forward-looking regional response to sea level rise that protects both vulnerable communities and a broad spectrum of public "assets," including the societal and economic benefits provided by our Bay habitats. The RSAP charts a course toward safe and sustainable development and infrastructure. The RSAP's One Bay Vision brings the whole region together to promote collaboration, protect shared assets and achieve common goals. The RSAP's minimum criteria and standards set key parameters and define a framework of priorities that must be addressed, while leaving substantial flexibility for localities to design strategies tailored to specific local needs, resources and opportunities, consistent with the framework.

## **Concern About Calls To Weaken the RSAP**

We are deeply concerned about recent calls to weaken the RSAP's required Adaptation Strategy Standards (Standards) in order to allow greater flexibility, and even create new incentives, to enable more shoreline development. This would undermine efforts to preserve and expand natural and nature-based solutions for resilience to long term sea level rise. Shoreline ecosystems—wetlands, tidal marshes, and other vital habitats—are irreplaceable, offering unique and critical benefits to local communities that cannot be relocated, unlike housing and other development, which can be sited away from vulnerable shorelines. Bay ecosystems have specific ecological needs that only the Bay can provide.

The RSAP's required Standards are essential to ensure that all local jurisdictions contribute to a **unified, coordinated, and effective approach** to sea level rise adaptation. Weakening these Standards to favor development in these fragile and essential areas would enable localities to pursue unsustainable land use practices that subsequently put more people and resources at risk of sea level rise impacts.

Downgrading the RSAP's Adaptation Strategy Standards from **requirements** to **mere recommendations** (shifting from "must" to "should"), would represent a significant step backward, sending the wrong message: that development interests can override the urgent need for regional climate adaptation. This would allow individual localities to adopt shoreline development and sea level rise adaptation strategies that fragment the region's response, undermine the intent of the Standards, increase long-term costs, and lack accountability to regional long range goals. The RSAP would become just another toothless source of "advice," defeating the purpose of regional coordination.



**Why Regional Coordination is Key**

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Importantly, it also ensures that the needs of historically marginalized and frontline communities are prioritized, preventing adaptation solutions from entrenching existing inequities. By defining a consistent set of regional priorities, setting minimum criteria and standards, and elevating community voices, the RSAP helps level the playing field and reduces the potential outside influence of special interests and the traditional inclination toward short-term planning.

**A Call to Strengthen, Not Water Down, the RSAP**

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We ask BCDC to uphold its leadership in this effort by maintaining the integrity of the RSAP, resisting efforts to weaken its Standards, and addressing the remaining gaps described above and detailed at greater length in previous letters during the public comment period. Strong regional Standards ensure that environmental protection, public safety, and equitable outcomes remain central to *all* shoreline planning efforts. Please continue to champion a bold vision for a resilient Bay Area and an RSAP that secures a safe and sustainable future for the Bay and all our communities for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Strengthening the RSAP for a Resilient Bay Area

Dear BCDC Commissioners,

As a fan of the Bay for at least 50 years, I would like to see it protected and made into a Bay Area show piece. I'm also an avid Birder with a special love for the various species of bay birds, including those that migrate here every year. Their habitats are in danger in many places in the world, but let the San Francisco Bay be a place of refuge along their long journeys.

Dear BCDC Commission,

The Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (RSAP) will shape the future of our region, my community, for years to come. Our Bay waters, shoreline habitats, and communities depend on getting this right.

Commendable Progress, But More Is Needed  
The RSAP makes important strides by integrating equity assessments at every stage of planning and setting some strong Adaptation Strategy Standards (Standards) related to Baylands ecosystems.?

However, there are critical gaps in the Standards, an insufficient emphasis on natural and nature-based solutions (NNBS) across plan elements, and a disconnect between the Standards and the rest of the RSAP. Addressing these issues is vital to avoid confusion, ensure compliance, and realize the RSAP's One Bay Vision.

Key Areas for Improvement  
To sustainably and cost-effectively protect the Bay Area, please consider the following:

1. Prioritize ecosystem health and NNBS at every step  
NNBS offer a cost-effective, win-win approach to SLR. Baylands ecosystems?essential to our communities, our economy, and global biodiversity?are on the front lines of the crisis, both facing risk and offering opportunity. These natural ecosystems provide vital services like flood control, pollution filtration, and climate regulation that our communities depend upon. Yet, SLR threatens their survival just when their resilience tools are most needed.?

\* The RSAP should prioritize Baylands health by making NNBS and habitat ecosystems core considerations for every aspect of SLR plan development. As an example, mapping of opportunities for NNBS, including habitat migration, should be included in the checklists for each Strategic Regional Priority.

2. Clarify requirements and emphasize ecosystem health standards  
Inconsistent reference to requirements between and among the Vision Statements, the ?required assets and actions? in Section 2, and the Standards in Section 3 may create confusion and hinder progress. Much like the equity assessment, Ecosystem health Standards should be explicitly required in each RSAP element and checklist, ensuring clarity, compliance, and successful implementation.

3. Strengthen Groundwater and Contamination Standards  
SLR poses significant contamination risks from toxic sites and landfills along the shoreline. While the RSAP includes a narrow standard for reducing contamination risks due to flooding in socially vulnerable, environmental justice (EJ) communities, it fails to address non-emergent groundwater rise and soil disruption related to adaptation projects themselves. The RSAP currently also lacks any contamination Standard for non-EJ communities.??

\* Expand Contamination Standards  
Broaden the EJ standard to include contamination risks from non-emergent groundwater rise, not just flooding, and add a contamination Standard for non-EJ communities.

#### 4. Define Metrics for Habitat Goals

The RSAP includes a Standard that requires protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of Baylands habitats to "meet habitat goals," but these goals are neither defined or quantified.?

\* The RSAP should establish clear, measurable habitat goals and require each local plan to specify how it will contribute to them, and BCDC should monitor and report on progress toward these targets to ensure accountability and success.

This is an unprecedented opportunity to safeguard the long-term health and resilience of the San Francisco Bay and its communities. The RSAP has the potential to protect vulnerable populations and ecosystems, but only if it includes stronger, clearer, and more specific guidelines that prioritize natural and sustainable solutions. Please strengthen the RSAP in these key areas to ensure the One Bay Vision becomes reality and secure a resilient future for all.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Danos

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December 2, 2024

Zachary Wasserman  
Commission Chair  
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission  
375 Beale Street, Suite 510  
San Francisco, CA 94105

**Re: Final Adoption of the Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan**

Dear Chair Wasserman and Commissioners,

Adoption of the Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (RSAP) marks a major milestone for the Bay Area's climate adaptation goals. We are honored to have been active participants in the plan's development process, and we congratulate the Commission and staff for the completion of this effort. We believe the plan before you represents significant improvements on previous iterations.

Thank you for making critical adjustments to the Adaptation Strategy Standards to provide flexibility for local jurisdictions while upholding the region's broader resilience objectives. Removing prescriptive "must" language and rephrasing the standards to outcomes-based guidance is a significant improvement, ensuring that local governments can tailor their adaptation strategies to align with our region's pressing housing and economic development goals. This change is essential to ensuring that local jurisdictions meet their obligations to permit new housing, and we appreciate the Commission's recognition of this balance.

While the RSAP is a major step forward for adaptation planning, we remain anxious about the plan's approach to development. As the subregional shoreline adaptation plans begin to take shape, it is clear that the public sector does not have the financial capacity to deliver the necessary projects alone. The private sector must play an essential role in implementing shoreline adaptation solutions. Leveraging development where it is appropriate to finance adaptation strategies may be a critical pathway to closing the funding gap.

We see this as a missed opportunity for the RSAP. While the plan lays a solid foundation for resilience, it could have gone further to affirmatively encourage local jurisdictions to design shoreline adaptation plans and policies that attract private investment. By aligning adaptation efforts with strategies that incentivize and leverage private capital, the Bay Area could unlock the funding necessary to implement transformative shoreline projects that protect communities, create jobs, and foster economic growth.

Without an explicit and concerted effort to attract private investment, we will fail to adapt the region's shoreline in time. The Bay Adapt Process has taken meaningful steps to engage private sector leaders, and we are hopeful that those conversations continue.

Mindful that the RSAP is likely to be amended and adapted as implementation rolls out, we encourage the Commission and staff to add new guidance in the future to explicitly encourage local jurisdictions and subregional shoreline adaptation plans to adopt policies that will attract private investment in the shoreline.

We thank you again for your leadership in advancing the RSAP and your commitment to protecting the Bay Area's people, environment, and economy in the face of sea level rise. We look forward to continuing to work alongside the Commission and other stakeholders to achieve our shared climate adaptation, resilience, housing, and economic goals.

Sincerely,

Jim Wunderman  
President & CEO  
Bay Area Council

Paul Campos  
Senior Vice President of Governmental Affairs & General Counsel  
Building Industry Association | Bay Area

Joanne Webster  
CEO  
North Bay Leadership Council

Miguel Mauricio  
Legal & Policy Director  
East Bay Leadership Council

Rosanne Foust  
President and CEO  
San Mateo County Economic Development Association (SAMCEDA)



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December 4, 2024

Dear BCDC Commissioners,

The Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (RSAP) is an unprecedented opportunity to ensure a thriving and resilient future for the San Francisco Bay's ecosystems, communities and economies in the face of sea level rise. A strong, regionally coordinated approach that directs the entire region to prioritize equity, natural and nature-based solutions (NNBS) and safety from contamination threats is not only desired by Bay Area residents, but essential to carrying out the vision the RSAP was built upon.

We urge you to reject efforts to weaken the RSAP's Adaptation Strategy Standards. Recent calls to downgrade the RSAP's Standards, by converting mandates to mere recommendations, would undermine the shared One Bay Vision and negate the intent and efficacy of a coordinated regional response. Required minimum Standards are essential to ensure that environmental protection, public safety, and equitable outcomes remain central to all shoreline planning efforts.

Rather, the RSAP should be strengthened by placing greater emphasis on NNBS, defining regional habitat goals with metrics and addressing key gaps in the Standards, specifically related to contamination risks from toxic sites along the Bay shoreline.

Additionally, the RSAP should include more guidance over competing land-use demands to ensure that community and ecological well-being are at the forefront of our adaptation strategy. It is imperative we prioritize public trust rights and resources, over privatized benefits.

We ask BCDC to maintain the integrity of the RSAP and continue to demonstrate strong leadership in this regionally coordinated effort by addressing the aforementioned gaps and public concerns voiced during the public comment period.

Thank you for your careful efforts in this process. Please continue championing a bold vision for a thriving, resilient, and sustainable Bay Area by further strengthening the RSAP – not watering it down.

Signed,

**Kristin Mercer**  
Belmont, 94002





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*"Recommending" sustainable development plans does nothing to stop city's building on shorelines and bay fill where we know future tides and groundwater will make them unsafe. The short term lure of corporate payments and taxes is too strong.*

**Sandra Berry**

Foster City, 94404

*A consistent approach to Global Warming and saving the Bay is important and more effective than a haphazard approach.*

**Michael Bucher**

San Mateo, 94401

*A mandate is a mandate; pretending otherwise is a rebuttal.*

**Jennine Kirby**

Menlo Park, 94025

*After years of industry and development destroying our water ecosystems, let us, as humans, try to mitigate the newest threat we have created that threatens further destruction: rising sea levels. We need strong restrictions and guidance on development.*

**Nancy Tierney**

Pacifica, 94044

*All of us living in the Bay Area care deeply about preserving a clean Bay, and implementing all steps to protect the essential ecosystems.*

**Paula Gocker**

Oakland, 94611

*As a grandmother and a retired teacher I care deeply not only about the world we live in but the world our young people will inherit. Please do the right thing and stand strongly to protect our beautiful shorelines.*

**Trina Warren**

94063

*As a grandmother, mother, and retired teachers, I am asking you to protect the future for our region's children. You have the chance to make a rigorous choice for their future. You have the chance to uphold strong protections for the Bay we all love. For*

**Hod Gray**

93436



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*As a native San Franciscan and an East Bay resident for many years, I join many others in welcoming a strong ad stronger RSAP.*

**Tracy Rogers**

Redwood City, 94061

*As an avid user of the Bay, I'm particularly concerned about the future of the Bay and surrounding communities.*

**Gail Raabe**

REDWOOD CITY, 94063

*Bay Area residents care about the health of the Bay, and the resounding vote for Measure AA establishing the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority for tidal marsh recovery, flood protection and public recreation is evidence of that region-wide passion.*

**Blair Sandler**

San Francisco, 94124

*BCDC downgraded requirements (NNBS solutions) to recommendations. Shame! It's our lives for which you have responsibility. Fulfill your mandate! Do your job! Sustainability is not just an option, it's an obligation.*

**Heather Williams**

Mountain View, 94043

*Because every thing matters, an ecosystem doesn't work alone. No plant left alone, Rachel Sanders, read *The Silent Spring**

**Susan Herring**

Pacifica, 94044

*Birds and wildlife need to be protected, so please strengthen the RSAP, not water it down. Thank you.*

**Julie Dull**

94080

*California must lead!*

**CJ Maupin**

San Francisco, 94111



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*Come on! Show some leadership. Particularly at this time when our federal government may be pulling funding from essential programs for clean air and water and a livable environment, we need to stand up and make this a must do instead of and if possible!*

**Yani Zou**

Mountain View, 94040

*Dear BCDC,*

*I have lived in bay area for 10 year. My house is beside the bay. I am relying on you to make right decision to protect us from sea level rise and ensure a resilient future for decades to come. Please protect our marshlands and strengthen the*

**Jerzy Guterman**

Sunnyvale, 94086

*Dear BCDC, please don't relent to developers. Please make sure that San Francisco Bay is protected and restored. All of us depend on the Bay's health and resilience.*

**E Nigenda**

Palo AltoDear, 94303

*Dear BCDC, please ensure that the Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan is as protective of our communities and ecosystems as possible. We need a document with strong requirements, not merely recommendations, that will withstand short term economic gain fo*

**Annie Myers**

Oakland, 94605

*Dear Members of the BCDC board, I teach stand up paddling (SUP) and am in the bay routinely, winter and summer. I am involved in introducing local children to the joys and challenges of kayaking and paddling. I also participate in guiding open water swi*

**Lynn Gordon**

Los Altos, 94022

*Do not downgrade RSAP by changing 'standards' to 'recommendations.'*  
*Recommendations carry no weight in this world. Enforceable standards do.*

**Kent Morris**

92831

*Do your job!*



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**Kathleen Labriola**

Berkeley, 94710

*Don't give in to attempts to weaken RSAP! We need a strong plan!*

**Rod Kirk**

San Jose, 95148

*Don't let the RASP get chipped away!!*

**Ruby Mitchell**

Cupertino, 95014

*Don't Water Down Our Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan!*

**Ellen Leng**

Walnut Creek, 94597

*Early adaptation to anticipated climate change is the key to budgetary resilience. Being proactive in planning and adherence is a boost to current and future Californians.*

**C Swenning**

Richmond, 94805

*For once, we should listen to Mother Nature....*

**Dennis Jay Walton**

95014

*global warming, sucks, big time. ongoing slow motion (killer) sea rise, darn, same verse  
//same-as-the-first*

**Donna Scheifler**

Redwood City, 94062

*Having been born & raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, the Bay is precious to me. I  
urge*

*each of you on the Bay Conservation & Development Commission (BCDC) to strengthen  
the Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (RSAP). Without strong actionable langua*

**Jim and Gloria Purcell**

Belmont, 94002

*Hold fast to your mission of keeping development in check and maintaining and restoring  
bay wetlands. Caving in to pressure to weaken Bay protection has always been a  
challenge; every tiny or large victory for decades is at stake every day, every year.*



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### **Richard Dale Epstein**

Arlington, 22203

*I am a California native living now on the East Coast after last living and working in Silicon Valley. I am still involved with the South San Francisco Bay and strongly support strong requirements to protect the Bay and its natural ecosystems. What you*

### **Evan Elias**

San Francisco, 94109

*I am a member of the Embarcadero YMCA in San Francisco. Whenever it rains heavily, the building floods and the Y is forced to close. So dealing with sea level rise is already a present day reality for me.*

*I urge you to create the strongest RSAP you can.*

### **Sam Butler**

Los Angeles, CA 90045

*I am a strong supporter of protecting eco-systems. This plan represents a great opportunity to finally provide a path forward to healthy shoreline eco-systems in the Bay area. I urge you to implement the strongest possible protections. Do not allow specia*

### **Sarah Atkinson**

San Francisco, 94117

*I am from the East Bay and would like to continue growing my life and family here. Protecting Bay ecosystems, public access, and vulnerable communities will benefit everyone. Have strong goals and clear strategies in the RSAP will make a huge difference.*

### **Tina Doede**

Half Moon Bay, 94019

*I am so proud to live in an area that appreciates the need to preserve wildlife and to plan for coming changes. The RSAP helps us prepare for the best possible future, including the many opportunities for positive change. Please ensure that the RSAP is*

### **Valerie Stewart**

Fremont, 94539

*I am sure that meeting the challenges that climate change poses to our shoreline is of importance to you. You would not be sitting on this important commission and giving your time to planning important adaptations to regulating the uses around and near t*



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### **Judy Rosenfeld**

San Francisco, 94110

*I applaud the new parks built on our shoreline. I see and hear residents and so many tourists enjoying the beauty and learning about building sustainable ecosystems here. I appreciate the removal of toxic soil and the return of so many shore birds and pla*

### **Carolyn Garbarino**

Palo Alto, 94306

*I bought my house in Palo Alto to be near the beautiful Baylands. For much needed recreation, for wildlife, and climate relief, please protect and preserve the Baylands with strong laws.*

### **Jeanette King**

Livermore, 94550

*I do not live on the shore of the SF Bay but the Bay is still important to me in the Tri Valley.*

### **Janet Somes**

Cupertino, 95014

*I grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area. A number of years ago, I returned, choosing to make it my home again. This place is incredible, both in the vibrant communities of people who live here and in the natural life that constantly delights and mystifies*

### **David Cook**

San Jose, 95135

*I have been a California resident all my 73 years and enjoyed out wonderful climate and natural resources. With climate change, we must all work harder to protect what we have and prepare and mitigate the future damage we know is coming.*

### **Debra Rose**

San Rafael, 94901

*I have been swimming in SF Bay for 30 years and want to continue to see and swim in a healthy and cleaner bay please!!*

### **Brenda Eberle**

San Jose, 95118



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*I have lived in the Bay Area for over thirty years because I enjoy the culture and environment, including access to recreational activities both on land and water. I strongly believe that the best way to care for our communities and environment in the Ba*

**Albert Henning**

Palo Alto, 94303

*I have worked on Bay environmental issues since 1979. Bair Island was a particular success.*

*Just because more housing is needed urgently, does not mean we must soften or sacrifice environmental standards. My home lies in a flood plain at 13 feet above*

**Jane Perry**

Oakland, 94618

*I hope you and your loved ones are safe and healthy with everything you all need. Thank you for your protections to our beloved regional shoreline.*

*I urge you to stay strong in your efforts to ensure a robust Adaptation Plan. We are all partners in nu*

**Cris Lewis**

Half Moon Bay, 94019

*I just read an article in Scientific American: California is about due for a catastrophic flood that has occurred every 200 yrs since 500 AD. We need to protect our Bay as much as possible.*

**Janet Carpinelli**

San Francisco, 94107

*I live a few blocks from the Eastern side of the Bay in San Francisco and I have seen the sea rising in the past few years with resultant erosion of the shoreline. Soft edge-nature based solutions are the natural answer. Do not allow more hard edge s on*

**Rosalind Patterson**

Mill Valley, 94941

*I live at sea level. Sea level rise could really affect my community.*

**Kristin Morgan**



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Belmont, 94002

*I live by the Bay and have boated around it's inlets in Redwood Shores. Please don't weaken the plan for sea level rise! We only get one chance at this.*

**Arthur Keller**

Palo Alto, 94303

*I live in a flood zone from bay flooding. We must address flooding now!*

**Bowman Ching**

Sunnyvale, 94085

*I live in Sunnyvale. We are in the lowlands on the south end of the SF Bay. I'm worried about the rising sea levels and the effect on my city and neighborhoods. Please protect us from Climate Change and make the RSAP stronger. Keep requirements. Don't wea*

**Gary Shamshoian**

Cupertino, 95014

*I love and need nature, animals, plants, birds, fish, insects and microbes to share with my grandkids.*

**Virginia Leslie**

Milpitas, 95035

*I love living in the Bay Area, and I want every step than can be taken to protect it be used.*

**Heike Fischer**

Palo Alto, 94301

*I moved to the Bay Area because I love the unique outdoors around here, including our beautiful shoreline. Let's preserve this for generations to come to extent we can!*

**Kristen Manies**

Sunnyvale, 94086

*I see how sea level rise is hurting other communities. Let's not have that happen here.*

**Kathy Battat**

Hillsborough, 94010

*I urge you to strengthen this weakened version of the Regional Shoreline Adaptation plan!*





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**Margaret Brannigan**

San Jose, 95139

*I want my children, and their children, to be able to enjoy a healthy and resilient coastal community.*

**Charles Schafer**

Los Gatos, 95030

*I want to continue supporting the millions of birds that use the marshes and bay as a stopover for resting and feeding as they travel along the all-important Pacific Flyway.*

**E Muriel Gravina**

Palo Alto, 94301

*I want to preserve our planet Earth for my children and all future generations including animals.*

**Marcia Edelen**

Berkeley, 94703

*I'm a resident of Berkeley (60+ yrs) who is active in climate change mitigation groups locally. Please consider boosting the adaptation & preservation of our Bay coastlines as a regional effort.*

**Michael Dack**

Sacramento, 95827

*I'm a grandfather who's concerned about the future for all the children, and those who will come after them!*

**Andrea Windom**

Mill Valley, 94941

*I'm a mom, and a nurse. Protecting our shorelines is vital to a healthy Bay ecosystem, and a wholesome future for all.*

**Nishanga Bliss**

Berkeley, 94702

*I'm a mother, so worried about our climate and our collective future. Please act now to protect both!*

**Sivasankari Krishnanji**

95051



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*I'm writing to express my strong support for the RSAP, which I believe is vital to increasing our resilience in the face of climate change. Rising sea levels pose significant risks to our communities, ecosystems and local economies, and addressing these c*

**Cynthia Denny**

San Jose, 95118

*I've been a wetlands and coastal activist for about 15 years and strongly agree that the RSAP should not be weakened. It already hard enough to keep our heads above water!*

**Jill Hebert**

Redwood City, 94064

*If you adopt this plan then resign you do not deserve to have your position!*

**Carol Rothmao**

Berkeley, 94703

*Im a Grandmother. Future generations need a thriving Bay Area with nature not contamination.*

**Margaret Goodale**

Pacifica, 94044

*In my 80 years in the Bay Area I have seen the Bay shrink. Allowing the RSAP to be weakened will only result in more degradation.*

**Pamela Montgomery**

Saratoga, 95070

*It is essential that we protect our shorelines for people, plant and animal life. We cannot let flooding destroy entire ecosystems in addition to our cities, along the coast. There are ways to protect shorelines that enhance recreation, the natural envi*

**Nancy Federspiel**

Menlo Park, 94025

*It is extremely critical to make the RSAP as strong as possible in light of likely efforts by the upcoming Trump administration to weaken any/all environmental protections that they can in favor of development. We must stand firm in California to safeguar*

**Elizabeth Lobos**

Concord, 94520



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*It is foolish to ignore the increasing threats to our shoreline communities and necessary to have a coordinated response.*

### **Marjorie Atkinson**

Albany, 94706

*It is imperative we have an adaptive shoreline on the bay. Please maintain the Regional shoreline Adaptation Plan and do not cower to real estate or partisan interests for our shoreline.*

*Respectfully,*

*Marge Atkinson*

*Former Albany Mayor*

*Retired Tea*

### **Eileen McLaughlin**

San Jose, 95129

*It is time to recover the tidal marshes and the high-intensity carbon capture they provide as a counter to climate change. It is critical to require consideration of such nature-based adaptation everywhere on the Bay shoreline. We need to recapture the cl*

### **Saundra Hodges**

Castro Valley, 94546

*It is very clear based on the king tides and increasing challenges protecting shoreline facilities that our plan needs to be strong!*

### **Kendyll Stansbury**

Redwood City, 94061

*It seems insane to allow shoreline development when all predictions are for a BIG sea level rise; the only question is the timing. Please restore the previous language.*

### **Sheila Brady**

Woodside, 94062

*It will be so easy in future to allow exceptions which will weaken the overall defense of the bay for everyone. If we don't START in a strong position of protection and conservation, we will never be able to successfully defend the existence of a vital ba*

### **Mary Kowalski**

Mountain View, 94040

*It's important for my grandchildren's future.*



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### **Tim Laidman**

El Cerrito, 94530

*It's very important that loopholes are eliminated and that strong rules are mandated not merely recommended. This is critical to protect the bay. I have actively been engaged with protecting my shoreline for decades from the efforts to save Point Molate t*

### **Emily Conway**

San Francisco, 94114

*keep the bay beautiful!! work to take preventative action against devastating damage to animal habitats in the face of rising sea level*

### **Colleen Cabot**

95132

*Keep the shoreline protections in place - climate change sea level rise is happening now!*

### **Alexa Mataczynski**

San Francisco, 94117

*Living in the Bay Area, I've seen firsthand how special this place is—the incredible diversity of landscapes, wildlife, and communities all connected by the shoreline. But with rising sea levels and climate change, it's clear that these things I love are*

### **Fatha Khalsa**

San Jose, 95126

*My family & friends enjoy recreation on the Bay and shoreline. Please strengthen the RSAP for future generations.*

### **Peggy Merz**

Novato, 94947

*My name is Peggy and I was born here in Marin County in 1948. I have spent all of my 76 years of life living in Marin County. Because of this, I have a connection to the Bay Area that many people who live here do not. I am also a grandmother and great gra*

### **Connie Rogers**

95020

*Now is not the time to weaken the plan for sea-level rising. Now the court has weighed in on supporting the Coastal Commission's plans for sea level rising, you should follow their lead.*



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**Marla Forsgren**

Gilroy, 95020

*Now is the time to be bold with the planet's future! We're all in this together*

**Matthew R Clark**

El Granada, 94018

*Our shorelines--we live ~250 yards from one--need stronger resiliency, not recommendations for less.*

**Anita Moreci**

SUNNYVALE, 94087

*PELASE DO THE RIGHT THING!!!*

**Dennis Jay Walton**

cupertino, ca, 95014

*Personal messages make a big impact on decision makers. Please add a note about why this issue matters to you!  
personal message makes a big impact...*

**Jade P. Jones**

San Francisco, 94103

*Plans to protect air and water, wilderness and wildlife are in fact plans to protect man. -  
Stewart Udall*

**Roberta Hannibal**

San Bruno, 94066

*Please adapt to rising sea levels with thoughtful, long-term solutions!*

**Gary Bailey**

Sunnyvale, 94087

*Please create a sea level rise plan that protects the Bay and its wetlands and marshes,  
with natural protections.  
Thank you*

**Susan Bernhard**

Menlo Park, 94025



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*Please do not build on existing marshland, save it to provide its ecosystem services. Build inland closer to transit and amenities.*

**Ruth Tretbar**

Oakland, 94610

*Please don't give in to special interests. Keep the strong mandates.*

**Carly Clements Owens**

Alamo, 94507

*Please don't weaken the RSAP. So much progress has been made in the past decade and it would be a shame to go backwards now. Our Bay Area is so beautiful and unique, let's keep working to restore the waters and shoreline.*

**Heinrich Albert**

Alameda, 94501

*Please emphasize Nature Based approaches to keeping our shorelines protected and adapted.*

**Elizabeth Maier**

Orinda, 94563

*Please give the gift to my grandchildren of a protected shoreline!*

**Joanne Scott**

Daly City, 94014

*Please guarantee and protect a sustainable future for Bay ecosystems and communities*

**Celeste Evans**

San Carlos, 94070

*PLEASE help to PROTECT our extraordinary planet from being irreversibly destroyed by failing to keep strong protections in place. PLEASE PROTECT OUR LANDS BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!!! Our natural treasures are what we ALL need to live a good life. Thank you*

**Elizabeth Hanes**

Sunnyvale, 94086

*Please keep the RSAP strong for our community's health and safety. I'm especially concerned for my family members in East Palo Alto.*

**Bob Haxo**



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Pacifica, 94044

*Please keep the RSAP strong! There has already been too much damage the SF Bay shoreline. Bob Haxo, Pacifica*

**Chris MacIntosh**

Redwood City, 94063

*Please keep the RSAP's requirements as just that: requirements. I want to ensure that nature and nature-based solutions are a required consideration, not merely a 'nice to have' afterthought. Living in a low-income neighborhood, it's important to me that*

**Susan Desjardin**

Pacifica, 94044

*Please protect our shoreline and Bay for future generations. We need to prioritize natural solutions and nature-based adaptation to be ready for sea level rise. Please ensure that contamination gets cleaned up and that communities on the Bay are protect*

**Ben Lomond**

95005

*Please protect our water and wildlife.*

**Phyllis Chu**

San Francisco, 94134

*PLEASE STRENGTHEN NATURAL ECOSYSTEMS TO COMBAT SEA LEVEL RISE WHICH IS DEFINITELY HAPPENING RIGHT NOW AND WILL GET WORSE AS GLACIERS DISAPPEAR AROUND THE WORLD. DON'T ALLOW ANY BUILDING ON WHAT WILL SOON BE VENICE STRUCTURES OF ENTIRE FIRST FLOORS UNDERW*

**David Olson**

Palo Alto, 94303

*Please strengthen RSAP standards to protect all bay area communities!*

*This is the best way to make them resilient to rising tides.*

**Noah Armstrong**

San Jose, 95123

*Please strengthen the Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan to help protect natural ecosystems of the Bay.*



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**Susan Bernhard**

Menlo Park CA, 94025

*Please strengthen the RSAP - we need to protect ecosystems and public - development should NOT be built up in sensitive marshland next to the Bay where it will become threatened as sea level rises.*

**Robin Abrams**

Los Altos, 94023

*Preservation/restoration cannot be ignored or delayed. Act now.*

**Jasmine Nguyen**

Los Altos, 94022

*Preserve the bay for future generations!*

**Corey Robertson**

San Jose, 95125

*Property holders and renters should at least have a way to protect their value*

**Aja Yee**

94065

*Protect homes for future generations of wildlife and humans!*

**Kim Walker**

Oakland, 94611

*Protect our environment. Don't reduce our Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan at this critical moment!*

**Richard Umstatt**

San Jose, 95130

*Protecting the bay shoreline will strengthen our resilience to climate change throughout the Bay Area*

**Rodger Silvers**

Daly City, 94014

*Recommendations are too often ignored. Please retain a strong regional shoreline adaption plan so that the Bay retains its health and character.*

**Margaret Piper McNulty**





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Cupertino, 95014

*remember Pajaro Valley?*

**Jim Stewart**

LAKEWOOD, 90712

*Restoration of the Bay ecosystems is crucial now! Especially in the light of rising sea levels.*

**Andrea Anderson**

San Mateo, 94402

*Restore our sea shores and Bay*

**JM Ward**

Santa Clara, 95051

*Save our shoreline of the Bay. Protect our earth and birds, fish and other life who live at the bay*

**Maria Hennessy**

San Jose, 95112

*Save our wet lands!*

**Trent Dahle**

Fremont, 94536

*Save the Bay to its full potential*

**Carissa Garcia**

Hollister, 95023

*Save the bay!*

**Ann Dorsey**

Northridge, 91325

*Sea level rise actions need to be coordinated across human and natural needs. A strong RASP will help do that.*

**Jean Tepperman**

Berkeley, 94703

*Sea level rise is a huge threat to coastal communities. We need the best, most environmentally sustainable, and socially just strategies*



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**Lauren Swezey**

Palo Alto, 94301

*Sea level rise is imminent. We already see flooding at various points along the Bay during heavy rains and King Tides. Now is the time to implement the RSAP and nature-based solutions before it is too late! Please, do the right thing and DO NOT water down*

**Star St John**

San Jose, 95124

*Sea level rise is our reality. Approve a strong plan!*

**Kim Walker**

Oakland, 94611

*Sea level rise will happen whether we plan for it or not. Help our society avoid the worst impacts.*

**Sandra Bardas**

Menlo Park, 94025

*Short term gains can lead to long term failures. We need to learn from the past. Save our water quality and our shoreline. Let nature assist in water conservation and flood control.*

**Lisa Conrad**

Menlo Park, 94025

*So important to have a strong RSAP in place. It'll only be more and more expensive to deal with the longer it's put off. Strong RSAP now!*

**Roberta LaFrance**

San Leandro, 94579

*Stand Strong to keep our Bay resilient and thriving for decades*

**Bruce Coston**

Sunnyvale, 94087

*Stop all the insanity . Use Minimum Income and Marcus Schulze 2x Condorcet Compliant Vote Counting to meet United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights part 21.3 .*

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**Katie Court**

Grass Valley, 95945

*Strengthen RSAP to protect the parts of SF Bay that have been so beloved to my family for generations*

**Mark Heim**

Sunnyvale, 94089

*Strong protections for wetlands are absolutely critical going forward. Allowing developers to impinge on the bay shoreline now will only enable them to beg and plead for government funded mitigation measures later as they are faced with sea level rise.*

**Cheryl Weiden**

Los Altos, 94022

*Suggestions don't work. They are like "Voluntary Agreements." Get real and do strengthen RSAP so it works.*

**Kristin Mercer**

Belmont, 94002

*Terms like "encourage", "consider", "minimize" in a planning document render that plan pointless. Today cities are permitting huge buildings on the bay shoreline where tide will be lapping at their door in 40 years, and groundwater will rise into their ba*

**Patricia Plowden**

San Francisco, 94133

*Thank you for taking global warming seriously! Please continue to require these stringent standards to help protect the Bay area.*

**Sara Judge**

San Francisco, 94107

*Thank you so much for your service, please protect our wildlife, shoreline ecosystems, and public health.*

**Donna Scheifler**

Redwood City, 94062



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*The Bay Area needs a strong RSAP that prioritizes equity, natural and nature-based solutions (NNBS), and safety from contamination threats.*

**Tricia Dolkas**

Palo Alto, 94301

*The Bay is a complex ecosystem and all parts of need equal protection! With climate deniers at the Feder level, we need the strongest protections for our area.*

**Gita Dev**

Woodside, 94062

*The BAY itself is at risk from sea level rise and it is the center of our identity, our economy and our wildlife- integral to our Bay Area culture. We have to make sure that what cities do around the Bay is NOT build a bathtub with levees. The parts of the Bay that give me peace are when I feel that I am communing with the Bay and the sky and the birds. It's nice to be at a wharf edge but that is usually bustling with people and businesses.*

**Haley Govorko**

San Jose, 95136

*The coming effects of climate change are inevitable and we have so much to protect for the future of California.*

**Rosemary Jarrett**

San Francisco, 94105

*The entire Bay is home to ocean fish and birds and is the shoreline for human habitat, as well as being a beautiful open space. The Bay must be preserved, restored and remain healthy and safe for all to thrive and enjoy.*

**Tahir Naim**

Santa Clara, 95050

*The flooding in Valencia, Spain and in our own nation shows that things do not go well when building in what we know is, or will be, a flood zone. Walls do not protect us when water flows underground and raises the water table. Don't permit a mistake we w*

**Nancy Hollander**

Oakland, 94618

*The future of my four grandchildren depends on what you do to mitigate the effects of climate heating -- please act to preserve our earth and oceans for future generations.*



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**Carol Van Sant**

Oakland, 94611

*The health of our Bay measures the health of all beings. Keep protections at the highest levels, please.*

**Chris Mac**

Cupertino, 95014

*The interface of Bay and land-side areas is not a firm line: the land areas will benefit from nature and nature-based solutions being included as a primary consideration.*

**Alden Jenks**

Oakland, 94609

*The Pacific is very very large. Cheap developments will not resist it.*

**Stuart Flashman**

Oakland, 94618

*The past history of the Bay shoreline has left a legacy of multiple high-contaminated site. The buried toxics at the site are subject to mobilization and spready from sea level and groundwater rise. The health of the Bay's ecology and communities depend o*

**Ann Schneider**

Millbrae, 94030

*The region has allowed SFO almost unlimited growth. Taking the Bay from the people and nature of Millbrae and San Bruno. Now you seem to think it is simply ok to just keep on filling the Bay even when it will bring more noise, more air pollution, more h*

**Thomas Musial**

94041

*The San Francisco Bay is the most important asset of our region. It regulates temperature and tidal impacts, provides for recreation, and is home to thousands of plant and animal species. Encroaching further onto and around the bay with development would*

**Marilynn Smith**

San Jose, 95127

*The San Francisco Bay is vital to ecological health in the region and preventing development means a better chance of mitigating rising sea levels.*



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### **Gregory Fite**

Hayward, 94541

*The San Francisco Bay wetlands are not only vital for life; they cleanse the Bay and absorb carbon. They also provide a buffer against sea level rise. This is why they are essential to our environment.*

### **Winter Dellenbach**

PALO ALTO, 94306

*The tipping point has arrived. You now may return to a strong RSAP with a focus on regional cooperation to protect vulnerable communities and ecosystems from sea level rise, or you may ratify the weakened final draft RSAP that undermines its purpose and g*

### **Nancy Roberts**

San Francisco, 94127

*These days in particular, the Commission needs to stand strong and stand up to short-sighted pro development groups.*

### **Michael Painter**

San Francisco, 94121

*This is an important issue, one that BCDC needs to approach in a more serious way than currently proposed.*

### **Sophia Jacobs**

Benicia, 94510

*This is extremely important for my future and the future of your children and their grandchildren. If not for yourself, please support this for them.*

### **Frank Lorch**

San Francisco, CA 94122

*This is important because if we fail to adopt natural and nature-based solutions to facilitate adaptation to sea level rise, our baylands and all the life they support will suffer needlessly.*

### **Marinell Daniel**

El Sobrante, 94803

*This is one of the most effective and economical way to meet the challenge of our rising sea levels. We must do all we can to keep our surviving marsh lands.*



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**Kim Harvey**

Palo Alto, 94301

*This is so important!*

**A. B.**

Santa Clara, 95051

*Vile foul corps and bought corrupt pols befoul infest USA.*

**Jeffrey Wildt**

San Mateo, 94401

*Want to keep my house and those of everyone else safe- do the right thing.*

**Jl Angell**

Rescue, 95672

*Watering down is how you get people killed--preventable deaths if all public servants do their jobs adequately.*

**Ruth Stoner Muzzin**

Montara, 94037

*We all benefit from a living, breathing shoreline. Part of BCDC's job is to ensure that the present and future effects of climate change on shoreline habitat and natural resources are not exponentially exacerbated by failure to mitigate existing contamin*

**Jean Severinghaus**

Greenbrae, 94904

*We count on BCDC to REQUIRE smart shoreline protections. No bowing to developments.*

**Melanie Barnett**

94089

*We have lived quite close to the Bay for many years and value its beauty, biodiversity, and utility in mitigating the damaging effects of climate change. Like many other Bay Area residents, we don't want to see the RSAP standards weakened. We need mandate*

**Mark Heim**

Sunnyvale, 94089

*We have seen numerous examples of entities attempting to develop areas of bay shoreline that will undoubtedly be impacted by sea level rise, at which point these*



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*entities will be begging for public funding for expensive and intrusive measures such as sea*

**Steven Hayashi**

Los Gatos, 95032

*We must do everything we can to preserve the Bay*

**Elizabeth Moreno**

San Jose, 95117

*We must not only preserve, but enhance, the Bay shorelines' capacity to withstand the water level rise that is already beginning. Development will reduce shoreline absorption and runoff from paved and cemented development will exacerbate the damage. The S*

**Mari & Wayne Miller**

Newark, 94560

*We must strengthen the Regional Sea Level Rise Plan (RSAP), with strong emphasis on advocacy efforts for BCDC' commitment to regional coordination. BCDC must adopt a regionally coordinated approach to prioritize equity, natural and nature-based solutions*

**Ann Dorsey**

Northridge, 91325

*We must take decisive action to mitigate climate change impacts.*

**Bruce Naegel**

Mountain View, 94040

*We need a good plan for addressing sea level rise. A strong plan with real milestones tracking the progress is important to successfully addressing the situation*

**Peter Munoz-Cowan**

Hollister, 95023

*We need a strong plan to protect and preserve and expand the bay shoreline for now and future generations of bay area residents. Please take a tough stand on protecting our precious resource for the future. Thanks.*

**Nina Atkind**

San Francisco, 94122

*We need a strong regional approach centering equity to protect us all. One watershed.*





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**Gavrilah Wells**

San Francisco, 94114

*We need a strong Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan*

**Rod Kirk**

San Jose, 95148

*We need a strong RSAP! Do what is right!*

**Susan Schoenung**

Menlo Park, 94025

*We need a sustainable plan for as sustainable shoreline!*

**Claire Broome**

Berkeley, 94708

*We need sustainable adaptation that improves the Bay. Please strengthen the plan.*

**Gail Sredanovic**

Menlo Park, 94025

*We need to do the very best job of this we can.*

**Janice Jones**

El Cerrito, 94530

*We need to prepare for rising sea level. Now! Before it's too late.*

**Querido Galdo**

Oakland, 94601

*We need to protect and preserve our Bay for a host of reasons, from economic to environmental. We rely on the Bay for so many things and must have a strong and meaningful RSAP that prioritizes equitable access and benefits, solutions that cause the least*

**Annie Luetkemeyer**

Hillsborough, 94010

*We need to protect our bay's resilience. The shoreline is part of what makes the Bay Area such an incredible natural resource!*

**E Muriel Gravina**

Palo Alto, 94301



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*We need to protect our planet Earth for future generations.*

**Bruce Naegel**

Mountain View, 94040

*We need to protect our shoreline. Thanks for working this issue.*

**Greg Piligian**

Fremont, 94536

*We need to severely restrict if not eliminate altogether new development along the Bay shoreline. Returning these spaces to open land and/or marshland will protect development that is already in place at a lower cost than having to retrofit seawalls and*

**Annette Pirrone**

San Anselmo, 94960

*We need to stand strong and make best choices for our shoreline for the long run!*

**Sherrill Futrell**

Davis, 95618

*We've fought for decades to protect the Bay. Listen to us and DO IT. Thanks.*

**Patricia Reinhart**

Daly City, 94015

*We've just opened two shoreline parks---don't endanger them!*

**Robert Rand**

San Jose, 95120

*Wetlands and coastal conservation are critical in the success of our great state in the future. Without preservation and strict conservation it could all be lost harming humans and the abundant resources and wildlife that currently exist on our beautiful*

**William Buchan**

Union City, 94587

*While I support development, we need to do so in a sustainable way. Please do not sacrifice our seats level rise plan to advance unsustainable development that will add to the climate change problem.*

**Brian Forney**

Mountain View, 94040



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*With sea level rise happening and forecast to continue to happen, we need to be very intentional about where we build and about the interface between groundwater and seawater and land and water. Preserving land at this interface leads to better outcome.*

**Sheila Brady**

Woodside, 94062

*You were given the public trust of putting these rules in place to protect what the rest of us as individuals cannot protect. Your job is to set the bar as high as possible. No one LIKES dealing with the Coastal Commission. TOO BAD!*

**Joanne Barnes**

Palo Alto, 94306

**Peg Albrets**

Cupertino, 95014

**Cheryl Weiden**

Los Altos, 94022

**Mary Gill**

Stanford, 94305

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**From:** Julie Groves <juliegroves111@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 4, 2024 8:31 PM  
**To:** BCDC PublicComment <publiccomment@bccdc.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** meeting on RSAP dec 5th

Regarding the language that is used in RSAP

I am worried there **currently is not consistent minimum criteria and standards that will apply to all regions**, all communities, to ensure coordination. Especially in this current divisive political climate, regional coordination matters so one jurisdiction's response to sea level rise doesn't negatively impact their neighboring communities. **Working together will be our strength**. Without strong, actionable language, we risk fragmenting our response to sea level rise and missing the opportunity to build a strong foundation for region-wide sea level rise resiliency using strong language for nature based solutions that will last decades into the future. Thank you, BCDC, for all you have accomplished in a short time.  
Julie Kortum Groves



From: Sally Tobin <otwsally@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 8:41 PM  
To: BCDC PublicComment <publiccomment@bccdc.ca.gov>  
Subject: SUBJECT: 12/5/2024: Item 9

Dear Bay Conservation and Development Commissioners and Staff:

In the text of the current RSAP draft, there are eleven references to sediment. Most of these references are about “beneficial sediment re-use,” with one mention that sediment removal might disrupt contaminated sites, and a second mention that contamination might be released into sediments. A Sediment Manager is named. However, there is no mention of a requirement that sediment will be tested for contamination before it is moved to a new location. This is an important oversight because it is not a good idea to spread contamination into new locations.

Testing is important so that toxic contamination can be identified, instead of risking exposure of new communities and environments to unknown toxins. There are several excellent references in the RSAP draft about looking for previously unknown contaminated sites, so this principle should apply to sediment as well.

One example of sediment that is known to be massively contaminated is the United Heckathorn Superfund Site in the Port of Richmond. It was cleaned up by the Federal EPA, starting in 1994, but now the EPA regards that cleanup as a failure because the levels of DDT contamination in sediment consistently exceed remediation standards. It would be disastrous if sediment from this area were to be moved to marshland where birds would be overwintering because of DDT’s effects on eggshells. DDT is toxic to humans as well, and it persists in the environment.

Please add a requirement to the draft that all sediment must be tested for contamination before it is moved to new locations. Identification of contaminated sediment is a critical component for informed decision making. The RSAP draft already has an appropriate statement about contamination: The Federal EPA and California state agencies are to evaluate and determine how contamination will be handled. Presumably this process would involve informing the public as sediment re-use is being considered.

Best regards,  
Sally Tobin  
Richmond Resident and Retired Biologist

**From:** Sara Greenwald <saragreenwald2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 5, 2024 9:59 AM  
**To:** BCDC PublicComment <publiccomment@bccdc.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** Comment: Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan

My name is Sara Greenwald and I'm speaking for 350 Bay Area, which is a member of the Shoreline Coalition.

We like this plan and want it to be stronger. You acknowledge that we need to use everything, from the sea walls and levees to the natural features of healthy shorelines that do more than we can to defend the land against the effects of the rising water we know is on the way.

We need to make sure this plan really defends the shoreline's natural wildlife **habitats and the species of birds and fish and plants and animals that live in them - the whole ecosystems - because we must not let them fail.** We need their ability to soak up the **floodwater, purify the water, and sequester carbon to help purify the air.** And as the waters move inland over the coming decades, they will move too, if we give them the space. They're the best insurance we have.

In the standard, **BCDC has already recognized the many beneficial uses** of the Bay shorelines as spaces for public enjoyment and for wetlands to thrive and expand, as well as places to build the seawalls and levees. We ask that you build on the draft to make sure all jurisdictions really implement **the measures to protect and enhance the great benefit of these shorelines.**

BCDC has created **a remarkable plan that can drive positive change in our region.** We urge BCDC to strengthen this plan, to seize the opportunity to safeguard our resiliency to sea level rise.