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**TO:** Bay Adapt Leadership Advisory Group  
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**SUBJECT:** Meeting Summary for the October 12, 2021 Bay Adapt LAG Meeting

### Meeting Outcomes

On October 12, 2021, the Bay Adapt Leadership Advisory Group met virtually for the 10<sup>th</sup> time.

During this meeting, members of the Leadership Advisory Group:

- Reviewed the final Joint Platform document, including updates based on public feedback and endorsements to date.
- Discussed implementing the Platform, including equity, roles, and gaps, and potential solutions to gaps.
- Received briefing on the state budget allocations from Warner Chabot, SFEI, regarding the status of climate change legislation and funding.
- Explored opportunities for LAG member's organizations to endorse the Joint Platform.

### Action Steps

- **Join BCDC's Commission** meeting on October 21 at 1 PM ([October 21, 2021 Commission Meeting \(ca.gov\)](#)) when the Commission will consider adoption of the Joint Platform. Voice your support for Bay Adapt.
- **How can we support your organization's endorsement of Bay Adapt?** BCDC staff is available to join meetings and provide materials. Email Dana Brechwald or Jessica Fain if you have questions.
- If you want to be included emails or meetings regarding **State climate adaptation funding and advocacy**, let Jessica know or contact Lucian Go at BARC ([lgo@bayareametro.gov](mailto:lgo@bayareametro.gov))

### Suggested follow-ups that were presented in this meeting:

- Link all the joint platform actions, to the Warner Chabot's state budget analysis. The entries in the chart might be stakeholders who are best positioned to advocate for the money, those who should send letters, and other roles.
- List all agencies that have permitting or funding authority that can affect implementation at local government scale. Then hold them accountable and ask what changes they have made.

- BARC convened a legislative working group, which can pivot now to influence the investment programs for each of the agencies.
- Ask for funding for BCDC/MTC/ABAG/BARC to keep coordinating this work.
- Set up methods for the LAG to continue to communicate.
- Individuals who have relationships with OPR and SGC should start planting seeds with them. Form teams and start developing messaging.
- Have someone flag opportunities to add voices in support, even if it's different leads for different programs.
- If BCDC will continue to lead this process, they must develop a department of Inclusion, Reparation, Community Engagement and Stainability for local and vulnerable communities.

## Meeting Summary

The Leadership Advisory Group (LAG) members or alternates in attendance included:

LAG members present: BCDC Chair Zack Wasserman, Tessa Beach (USACE), David Behar (SFPUC), John Bourgeois (CHARG), Allison Brooks (BARC), Amanda Brown Stevens (Greenbelt Alliance), Warner Chabot (SFEI), Alicia John-Baptiste (SPUR), Tian Feng (BART), Julio Garcia, Margaret Gordon (West Oakland Indicators Project), Amy Hutzel (SCC), Melissa Jones (BARHII), Mark Lubell (UC Davis), Mike Mielke (Silicon Valley Leadership Group), Barry Nelson (BCDC), Bruce Riordan (Bay CAN), Caitlin Sweeney (SFEP), Laura Tam (Resources Legacy Fund), and Will Travis.

LAG Alternates present: Lisa Horowitz-McCann (RWQCB), David Ambuehl (Caltrans), Matt Maloney (MTC), and Emily Loper (Bay Planning Coalition).

Also in attendance were staff from BCDC: Dana Brechwald, Rachel Cohen, Jessica Fain, Steve Goldbeck, Larry Goldzband, Todd Hallenbeck, Nahal Ghoghaie, Dan Hossfeld, Viktoria Kuehn, Jackie Mandoske, Nick Sander, Erik Buehmann, and Greg Scharff.

Several members of working groups and friends of the LAG also attended.

Gina Bartlett of the Consensus Building Institute (CBI) facilitated the meeting.

### **Welcome & Agenda**

Zack Wasserman (BCDC Chair) provided opening remarks. Thanked the group for making the Joint Platform (JP) what it is today and for everyone's feedback and participation. He asked the group to think about how your organization can demonstrate its commitment to the Joint Platform. BCDC will adopt this platform next week. Remarked that this must be a group effort, no one group can make this happen.

Gina Bartlett reviewed the meeting agenda, technology, and working agreements, including: all ideas and points of view have value; dialogue over debate through mindful listening; take space, make space; assume positive intent; and acknowledge difference between intent and impact. Gina facilitated a group photo of the LAG members followed by having the LAG members wave hello.

### Prepare to Finalize and Endorse the Joint Platform

Time was set aside to figure out how to endorse the JP and show support and work through some final questions. Dana Brechwald of BCDC first shared what has been incorporated since the meeting in June, public forum, and public feedback period. Dana reviewed key takeaways from the LAG that were addressed since June: approaching funders for EJ/community engagement, cleaning up and simplifying responsibilities, figuring out who can serve as a backbone agency(ies), and continuing to connect to local governments – as the LAG feedback suggested. SPUR co-hosted a public forum on the Joint Platform on August 25<sup>th</sup>, which kicked off a 30 day comment period. BARC endorsed Bay Adapt on September 17<sup>th</sup> and BCDC will do so on October 21. Staff are working with League of Cities to develop model resolutions for cities, and will host an educational event later this fall.

#### How can your organization demonstrate support for Bay Adapt?

- **Amy Hutzel:** Coastal Conservancy is going to get money for coastal resilience work (5 mil) in next 2 fiscal years. Undertaking rapid fire strategic planning process to plan for distribution. Intend to hold public meetings and small meetings. For Bay Area meetings can reference back to bay adapt and funding that we receive can help implement tasks under “Projects”. They are a key implementor of that portion
- **Warner Chabot:** Over next 5-6 months most of state agencies writing criteria for how to allocate most of money. Bay is 20% of pop, so 20% should come to Bay Area. Essential that agencies are developing guidelines do make statements that demonstrate alignment of cities, counties, bus, EJ, towards regional collaborative efforts. Bay area needs to demonstrate regional alignment. SFEI will make resolution to support Bay Adapt Policy. Tend to avoid resolutions on policy but this is broad enough that the board will be cool with it and its important.
- **Matt Maloney:** (MTC) There is a desire to get more information and there is a lot of interest from MTC and the ABAG Executive Board. They brought the funding plan/aspect to the commission a few months ago and they had a spirited discussion about roles. The actions in the Joint Platform are supported by MTC and the ABAG executive board, but there are still questions on implementation plan. MTC and ABAG would require not just the platform but also a robust discussion about implementation, as part of a package presentation. Plan Bay area is coming out soon, and the SLR work in there is on the forefront due to the partnership with BCDC. Our boards will want to understand what degree of leadership versus partnership and how will it be funded?

- **Ms. Margaret Gordon:** This process has never had diverse staffing in the development of this platform. Having meetings during day excludes those that are most vulnerable. Not in favor of how the language is being used around environmental justice. Still very vague what that's supposed to look like. If it should come out equitably, the true justice implementation would need to be reparations. There's a lack of certainty and clarity here. indicators I do not know if WOEIP will be willing to provide leadership because not clear of the process and implementation moving forward. Where is the diversity in staffing? Where is the inclusion? Where are those communities right now? Today, there are inconsistencies on how the work is being done to be more inclusive. The most you can do for me now is acknowledge those inconsistencies. This process is missing much inclusion, community engagement, race, and economics.
- **Tien Feng:** BART has been involved at the staff level and can introduce to BART board as information sharing and ask them what the next steps could be to get them to support. Will invite Jessica BCDC staff to give overview to the board. Maybe draft board resolutions can serve the purpose to BART too.
- **John Bourgeois:** Is a letter of support better for people instead of the resolution? Can BCDC staff help support presentations, etc.?
- **Bruce Riodran:** BayCAN is made of local governments. For cities and counties to endorse, they'll need answers to more questions. Does BCDC have a plan for systematically getting endorsements? BayCAN as a group can't do endorsement but can get a group of local cities/counties together in event and have them endorse it. More individual coordination is needed.
- **Jessica Fain:** BCDC staff will provide support as needed.
- **Gina:** Please [attend BCDC meeting](#) to express support, thanks to BARC for leading endorsement. Thanks to all for gathering support. Important because it can bring serious money to region for SLR adaptation

#### Chat Comments:

Can you briefly highlight how this work has been integrated with Plan Bay Area?

We worked closely with MTC to ensure that the Bay Adapt tasks were aligned with the Implementation Plan in Plan Bay Area and we are developing a shared work plan for MTC/ABAG and BCDC staffs to advance financing research that supports both PBA and Bay Adapt.

This process is missing much inclusion, community engagement, and hasn't been intentional to support racial inclusion or problem-solving

The state will be funding regional collaboratives for EJ climate resilience coalitions. Could this Climate Equity Consortium vision be integrated into this Bay Area regional collaborative?

## Implementing the Platform: Equity, Roles and Gaps

Jessica Fain of BCDC presented on implementing the platform. She described that this is the moment to figure out what implementation looks like, she reviewed guiding principles, and showed the implementation chart. Within this chart, some tasks have multiple leaders, some have none, we need to discuss this further.

She then described BCDC's role in this effort. This program needs someone to serve as a backbone agency, BCDC would like to fill that role. Additionally, BCDC can track progress, convene the LAG, and run program management. BCDC can lead/co-lead on: Tasks 1.1 (create a long-term regional vision), 4.2 (make scientific data, information and guidance easier to use), 6.1/6.2 (expand understanding of financial costs and revenues and establish funding framework), 7.1 (accelerate permitting, 7.2 (tackle environmental regulations and policies that slow down projects), 9.1 (measure regional progress).

Jessica then highlighted the tasks without identified leadership thus far: Tasks 3.2 (weave climate literacy into school programs), 5.2 (align state-mandated planning processes around adaptation), and administrative tasks: envision, fund and convene a Regional Climate Equity Consortium, and envision and convene a Local Elected Official Committee. She also listed LAG organizations that aren't leading explicitly yet on the chart to see if any of them should be added or other changes should be made to the chart.

### General Comments:

**Lisa McCann:** Water Board recommends public sector co-lead for Task 2.1 and will help with that action, maybe lead with CBOs.

**Bay Area Council** (Adrian Covert) can endorse by 10/22/21

The group was divided into breakout groups.

Breakout Group Discussion Questions:

*How do we advance Bay Adapt?*

- *Any thoughts on BCDC role?*
- *How do we fill specific leadership gaps?*
  - *No leads: Tasks 3.2, 5.2, Equity and Local Elected consortiums*
  - *Additional leads? Tasks 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 5.1, 8.1*
- *How do we ensure we don't just do the "easy ones"?*
- *Where do you want your organization to show up?*

[LAG Group 1: Dr. Tessa Beach, Brad Paul, Laura Tam](#)

No leads: 3.2 Climate Literacy in Schools

- Need to find someone else working on this – restoration groups like Save the Bay? Doesn't necessarily need a lead – it could just be a broad partnership instead of formal leads. It could work through non-profits already working in schools.
- Could pull in higher ed institutions – Berkeley, Stanford, etc. programs where they engage with k-12 schools. State schools' education programs.
- Exploratorium! In their absence, we suggest their leadership.

## 5.2 Align Planning

- The planning piece is aligned with PBA, but across state council of governments they are thinking to revise SB 375 – what would we do differently? When we go back in, how do we get better aligned?
- Two groups meet – megaregional working group – senior staff from COGs, MTC/ABAG. Meetings every three months.
- RHNA - One paragraph on page 23 – burying a big lead – very short discussion in this Platform, but is a very valuable topic in aligning processes

*LAG Group 2: Alicia John-Baptiste (SPUR), Barry Nelson (BCDC Commissioner), Lisa Horowitz-McCann (WB), David Ambuehl (Caltrans)*

- RWQCB is willing to be public sector co-lead for task 2.1. Good to get more than one to lead that one.

### Any thoughts on BCDC role?

- Generally agreed that it's an appropriate set of responsibilities for BCDC. Feels the effort is complex enough to need backbone and makes sense for BCDC to sit in that role.
- One member not fully agree necessarily but think there's other possibilities – collaboratives like BARC might be equally or better fit to coordinate/track as well. Other options are available. Perhaps part of why BCDC works is because they're doing it now. The question is if it's best for sustainability to focus on their mission rather than also taking this on. Not die to capacity issues but to ensure they are aligned with their needs and mission and also the SLR resilience regional effort. Those aren't always perfectly aligned. Is Ms. Margaret's message universal? Is there a lack of trust for government agencies? Is government agency as a main person if there is another agency that has a different way to connect that isn't government that doesn't have that stigma? Don't know of one now, but a good challenge to think about?
- BARC is also government so challenge in that regard. Challenge of validity of having gov. care about everything that isn't gov org. None are perfect to take this on because nobody has perfect set of authorities. Alicia leaning towards BCDC because already have the momentum and energy behind it. How do you see these things coming together? WB raising hand for 2.1, have you thought what that would look like?

- BARC is local government. They represent the CBOs in their constituency – that's the local level that then brings things to regional for approval. Does starting more local make it more collaborate? Has perspective on planning and collaboration while also having to regulate projects and collaboration. Sees those challenges at WB and can see them happening BCDC too. WB has had success by collaborating. No easy answers.

How do we fill specific leadership gaps?

- How can we get consistent engagement – Save the Bay, Bay Area Council, SPUR – it's essential that we get consistent leadership engagement with EJ community. Many nonprofits haven't been consistently engaged. Unsure of solution. Have to find ways to step up and help raise funds to help groups engage. Other groups might be funded NGO team to help get the EJ aspect together. Nobody is the obvious leader now on that one. Suffering on lack of leadership on NGO and adaptation issues.
- SPUR would like to be more involved but as with all orgs, struggle with capacity.
- Caltrans looking for projects to be in alignment but really hard to engage the right groups of NGOs that would want to help lead this discussion

LAG Group 3: Larry Goldzband (BCDC), Emily Loper (BPC), David Behar (SFPUC), Caitlin Sweeney (SFEP)

Thoughts on BCDCs Role?

- SFPUC can Lead on 7 items but biggest gap is equity consortium? Why didn't BCDC choose to lead that?
- Part of it may be that we have limited staff and moreover likely those tasks should be led by the equity community. Likely start it off and provide a backbone, but not sure if appropriate for BCDC to lead.
- I think this should be co-lead with entities close to the process, ie BCDC.
- Part of it might be optics – program facilitation is a good way to frame it and walking a line in supporting the efforts (ie equity). It will need to be many entities.
- Nahal has been successful in finding other funding. Should be supported in helping lead the consortium.
- The program development of the EJ Advisors has been lifted to estuary blueprint. Consortium seems like it would have a pay to play element to getting the appropriate resources to the consortium for communities to participate in the planning process.
- Should/could this funding be coming through the state resources coming to the region?
- Is the funding research done this year falling in the Task 6? Does this include the funding advocacy focus? BPC wants to take a leadership role in helping advocate for the funding. BCDC providing the funding numbers and enabling the other members like BPC to advocate to do that is essential.
- Essential to leadership in those tasks is MTC given the connection to transportation.

- MTC helping lead the conversation about regulatory streamlining particularly with transportation is essential.

How do we fill specific tasks? 3.2 Climate literacy

- This really needs an education/communication specialist position. Experience with schools and storytelling. We need a partner that is different.
- Astounding to me that there are not already leaders in this space. I assume there are, but I don't know who they are. DWR indicated they have a strong role in climate literacy. I think they develop curriculum.
- It comes down to teachers

How do we ensure we don't just do the easy ones?

- Create milestones and hold ourselves accountable.
- Will fall to "us" will have to go to bully pulpit.

Where do you want your org to show up?

- Leaders should be stepping up to make sure resources are going down the CBOs who are working on these tasks.

*LAG Group 4: Mark Lubell (UC Davis), Matt Maloney (MTC/ABAG), Melissa Jones (BARHII), Zachary Wasserman (BCDC), Margaret Gordon (WOEIP)*

Key comments:

- Don't see creation of new entities, such as science consortium.
- MTC/ABAG shouldn't be primary researchers on science consortium. Role is to apply research and visualize it.
- Not sure if we need a new entity or not, what we need is agreement and funding.
- Leadership gap, not doing enough outreach to EJ communities, farm workers, etc. who can't make these meetings during the day. What about groups like Policy Link? California Health tracking? We haven't created the space for vulnerable communities to be involved. Bay Adapt needs a TEAM of people and not just one person.
- "New" entities could be considered Climate and EJ Consortium. Where would that live, who would run it, etc.

*LAG Group 5: Amanda Brown-Stevens (Greenbelt), Allison Brooks (BARC), Will Travis, Julio Garcia*

- This process has sat at a similar place for a while: who should lead this? Would like to see BCDC take more of a role: "Here is what we are going to do". If they can't make it happen or should, pull in partners, e.g. make MTC do it or BARC. We are in a different place than 10 years ago, agency needs to have a different approach than just asking what they should do.



- Given all the money raining down from the State, is this a moment where someone steps up. It's BCDC or regional agencies together. In these meetings, I just want someone to say "I am doing this, come join us". Urgency is really lost. Was in a breakout session with Larry saying the same thing.
- Continues to be a dynamic process. A lot of actions will merge together. We just need to be out there doing the work. We need project managers at the regional level that work with local jurisdictions and help raise funding. Helping bring the planning process forward. Interesting dynamic that BCDC has regulatory side that permits at the end of the process. Permitting needs to be brought into the planning process.
- Greenbelt has districts that could be local partners in this process.
- What are the metrics that show we are on the right track?
- Can't believe we are having a conversation about what is BCDCs role. Extremely frustrated by this.
- It's been 10 years since BCDC implemented Climate Change Policies. Rumor: BCDC using SLR as a ruse to expand jurisdictions. Engaged in a faith-based process: we are developing a mosaic of local adaptation strategies and somehow they will all be weaved together and magically become a regional strategy.
- BCDC should monitor what is going on at the local level and indicate if there are some local governments that are developing strategies that have weaknesses in them, which ones are inconsistent with their neighbors (e.g. one city armoring, the neighbor retreating).
- Wishes there were representatives from local governments and business community in this discussion. We are acting like the political climate of 10 years still exists and it doesn't. BCDC should jump out in front of the band.
- Lack of leadership from the top maybe a reason we took so long to plan this process. EJ Advisory Committee maybe needs to be pushed to take leadership.

LAG Group 6: Warner Chabot, Paul Campos, Bruce Riordan, John Bourgeois

- Of the money that's available – \$500 million to the state coastal conservancy -potential to get a lot of funding.
- The significant question in the next year is: how are BCDC and MTC going to collaborate in coordinating efforts in regional efforts to implement?
- BCDC should be the lead to go out to local governments, who is BayAdapt – since we haven't formed an agency to do it has to be somebody's not just a coalition – may be too simplistic.
- Support for BCDC set out implementation lead.
- MTC and ABAG have the right and responsibility to be completely involved if they aren't involved – one agency will get over its skis and then the other agencies will complain not consulted enough. At the outset those agencies should get an MOU together that lays out the process, with check-in points.

- One member did not support having one non-profit be a lead or a co-lead when it should be a public process by a public agency, include the stakeholders and engagement.
- The opposition for the process is that BCDC has a regulatory role, there is trepidation. BCDC looking to expand its jurisdiction, looking to expand its jurisdiction changing its land use authority.
- There are stakeholders who think that is a beneficial process to have more jurisdiction, but you'd need to spell it out up front.
- In partnership with MTC and ABAG need to be worked out in the next four months needs clarity there (Werner) – MTC and ABAG more accountable to local governments so get around some of the jurisdiction creep problems there.
- The BCDC role has to be prominent in implementing this. MTC and BARC have a critical responsibility to garner alignment to speak with one voice.

*Breakout Group 7 (Non-LAG): Melanie Brent, Emma Greenbaum, Norman Wong, Jessica Fain*

- Funding is the elephant in the room. Caltrans has a role to plan and wants to partner in that. Equity and SLR are issues of importance to Caltrans. How they prioritize funding in the future will look different than in the past. Hwy 37 is an example – more of a vision.
- Exploratorium wants to be a lead on the climate literacy task. Include in chart.
- BART – Consider having a sub-group focused on transportation, perhaps led by MTC.
- BCDC needs more authority.

*Breakout Group 8 (Non-LAG): Michael Germeraad, Susan Schwartzberg, Alhad Dighe, Dana Brechwald*

- Its ok to not have a lead/start all of the tasks at the same time – how do we communicate where action is happening/should happen first?
- How do we establish an interim vision for convening and governance before we've figured out the "big picture" and things are all up and running?
- What is our big ask to the legislature in 2022? Maybe it's the Equity Consortium. What are current allowable funding sources for this?
- At the Exploratorium, we do teacher education and work with teachers to support their educational needs, but we don't design curriculum
- There is a teacher working group at the Exploratorium, and we can offer the space as a convening space
- Different districts face different SLR issues, so we convene educators and educational leaders to ask them what their needs are
- Would be neat to develop a mobile unit with activities that could be deployed at schools and farmers market
- Want to make sure that BCDC continues to participate in Exploratorium projects so we can find ways to connect, continue to serve on BCDC's education working groups

*Breakout Group 9 (Non-LAG): Susan Silber, Michael (SFBRA), Lucian Go, Rachel R. (MTC), Nahal Ghoghaie*

- BCDC should continue running this process, otherwise it'll be "dead on the vine"
  - Group assumed that BCDC would at least continue convening the LAG
- NorCal Resilience Network is working on a fund for CBO roles in climate adaptation funding. Susan would like to continue developing the Climate Equity Consortium idea
- we shouldn't wait for enough CBOs to be in the room before we continue defining the consortium, since we need funding asap, and need a definition and a clear need to attain said funding
- Nahal suggested a subcommittee for groups interested in supporting the development of this Climate Equity Consortium, this subcommittee would also work on the equitable funding strategy
- Susan Silber shared a contact regarding the climate literacy task (provided groups name in Zoom chat)
- mentioned site specific project partnerships with frontline communities. BARC is funding Nuestra Casa and Acterra, so not specifically working on this regional effort, but Nahal asked if those projects could include sub-tasks for CBO staff to somehow engage in this regional consortium/ planning effort. He said he'd check with Allison and get back to us.

Following the breakout groups, the full group was asked: How do we carry this forward?

**Allison Brooks:** Need \$ for adaptation planning to occur. Need to have expectation that money is there to support CBO in the outset. Need to ID funding and then fund CBOs to be leads in that process of planning adaptation. BCDC needs role on how to support and track – the ART team can play that role. Figure out how capturing all work happening in places needs to be able to evaluate how the region as a whole is benefitting from this.

**Susan Silber:** (NorCal Resilience) BCDC needs to stay in charge and convene the effort. Expanding effort to support EJ consortium. See how funding is going to integrate into this effort? Needs to stay aligned. Funding for enviro justice groups needs to be accessible. Provide easier way to have access to funding. Need easier grant process, language accessibility, doesn't have to be a huge amount of money, get EJ leaders funded to actually be able to come to these meetings.

What about school literacy and aligning state planning processes? What are thoughts on leaders there?

The Strategic Energy Innovation could be a lead for climate literacy. The Sierra club is also working on climate literacy.

**BAY AREA CLIMATE LITERACY IMPACT COLLABORATIVE:** The Institute helped found and provides support for BayCLIC, a consortium of over 30 educational institutions dedicated to increasing climate literacy and inspiring action in the San Francisco Bay Area. As a supportive community of practice, BayCLIC provides educators with professional development tools; greater access to region-specific, climate science data; and opportunities to tap into climate action campaigns to catalyze a change in behavior among their audiences

**Nahal Ghoghaie:** here's a report I provided SFBRA with steps for equitable/ inclusive funding for Measure AA - <https://www.sfbayrestore.org/sites/default/files/2019-11/item102.pdf>

Thoughts on funding?

**Warner Chabot:** Needs alignment for MTC ABAG, BCDC. Highlight timeline on how this alignment will look. Need more detail. Collectively need to ask same questions to get the money. The 100+ cities need to speak with one voice. In the next three to four months, we need to work on collaboratively identifying priorities so that when funds are available in the spring, the Bay Area can speak with one voice to get a minimum of \$350-400M for shoreline protection, restoration, and climate adaptation. Flooding of low-lying regions should get most of the upfront funding.

**Matt Maloney:** The portfolio of MTC/ABAG is currently very large. Sometimes sea level rise adaptation can be out of left field; luckily we landed in the spirit of partnership. On the implementation plan, we are focused on 6.1 and 6.2, establishing funding and investment strategy regionally; it might be better for optics for our board that 5.1, 6.3, 8.1 are left TBD; the Commission and Board might push back on such a large portfolio.

Thoughts on BARC adoption?

**Zach Wasserman:** The BARC presentation went really well, full endorsement to move ahead.

**Larry Goldzband:** The cool thing about the resolution is it was preceded by the climate change resolution saying you have to have a joint workplan and have an integrated system to get to outcomes.

**Allison Brooks:** BARC is consortium of agencies and it's a reminder that no one agency can help adapt. Lots of partners. How we develop workplan and how achieve the actions is needed. Help everyone see themselves in a framework that isn't just public agencies. We need to work together. Developing this work plan happens within the next 3-4 months.

**Ms. Margaret Gordon:** If BCDC will continue to lead this process, they must develop a department of Inclusion, Reparation, Community Engagement and Stainability for local and invulnerable communities. To add to my chat, the staff of the department must have a diversity staff of race and gender, that you Environmental Justice as base.

**Nahal Ghoghaie:** Thanks, Ms. Margaret. We're working with our new EJ Advisors, our Racial Equity Team and Equity consultants at World Trust to work on this very issue

**Mark Lubell:** List all agencies that have permitting or funding authority that can affect implementation at local gov scale. Then hold them accountable and ask what changes have they made in permitting funding authority that are oriented towards adaptation implementation. When those changes occur they need to be as coordinated as possible.

#### **Chat Comments:**

Laura Tam: With all the funding that is becoming available for resilience planning from the state, I'm guessing that there will be a number of funding guidelines that will be developed for various grant programs - and those guidelines are an opportunity to direct funding to projects and groups compatible with this platform and thus to implementing it. Would be helpful for agencies developing those guidelines to share public comment opportunities/windows with all in this group.

Mark L: @Laura Tam's comment....the implementation plan needs an advocacy plan. How to advocate in legislature, and governor's office various bodies, to make sure this money that warner is about speak to, comes to the right places.

Mike Mielke and Amanda Brown Steens agree with Laura and Mark

Rebecca Long: + 1 to Laura's comment too - MTC/ABAG will be developing our 2022 advocacy program over Nov/Dec and would be great to integrate a broad regional advocacy plan for climate resilience/adaptation into that

Mark Lubell: This is exactly my point...there are lots of possible ways to grab that money. It seems to me we need to link all the joint platform actions, to these red highlights on Warner's budget analysis

Then all the Joint platform agencies should try to have a unified voice and strategy in targeting that money

Allison Brooks: ^^^One of the most important things we should be spending our time on over the next several months.

Laura Tam: Strongly agree with you Mark and Allison.

Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) program has never been funded before, for example, and I believe SGC has those guidelines out for public comment right now (I think)

Mike Mielke: +1 on Mark's and Laura's idea. SVLG is very interested in this.

Alicia John Baptiste: On this point, it'd be great to have someone flagging opportunities to add voices in support, even if it's different leads for different programs.

Thanks Rebecca. I'm also thinking that these flags could come from any of the LAG members involved in advocating on these many programs.

**Gina:** To summarize we heard to fund community, BCDC continue as the backbone, advance conversation on roles and responsibilities to be able to demonstrate broader support, and that we still need information in aligning local and state plans/policies

### Current Context on Climate Change Legislation and Funding

Warner Chabot presented on climate change legislation and funding.

**Executive summary:** The legislation and governor's office committed to \$3.7 billion over the next 3 years for climate change, \$820 million is directed to community resilience efforts; additional funding of \$500 million to Coastal Conservancy; \$250 million for urban greening, \$768 million for multi-benefit, nature-based solutions. This was all advanced in July and August by SFEI, local governments, and others that brought entities together to urge funding from the state.

**Budget process:** The first year's allocation, up until June 2022, only 1/10 of funds (\$370 million) are guaranteed; the rest requires the next 2 budget years follow up and is dependent on the guidelines we put together, which will take est. 5-9 months to set up. We can't apply for these funds until the Spring; not a dime is designated to SF Bay wetlands; this fiscal year will be one of planning by state staff on how to allocate funding. More details in email sent by Warner on 10/11/21.

**Explanation of key budget items:** Warner showed a chart from the Finance Department that outlines 22 line-items that decide tasks, amounts of money available in the next 3 years, and what agency has responsibility for the funds. The governor and legislature had little time to negotiate - this budget package is still just an outline; a great amount of substance still has to be filled in. Our primary responsibility must be to track guidelines and criteria to spread out this money; 14 line items relate to local adaptation and planning. Warner took the 22 line items and identified in red items for which there is legislative language that explains them. If you look at community resilience centers and extreme heat, that's a large amount of money that the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) is trying to figure out how to allocate. 2/3 of the state's assets at risk from SLR and climate change are in the Bay Area. Out of \$500 million, at least \$300 million

should go toward the Bay Area (Warner's opinion). \$100 million is allocated for ocean protection trust fund, for outer coast. Transformative climate communities get a lot of money. Small amount to OPR to develop planning grants. Item 18, which has \$250 million for once OPR develops guidelines, and item 10, are the two largest buckets of money that we should be focusing on for resources coming to the Bay Area. There's an influx of money to state conservancies because they're running out of money. Item 16 is for toxic site cleanup. OPR is key to track because over the next 6 months they will staff up, they have a technical program ICARP which is a 25-member technical advisory council that meets quarterly and sends a monthly newsletter. Tracking and working with OPR and ICARP is key to ensuring that the Bay Area has a leadership role going forward. Various pieces of legislation to direct OPR died because of negotiations over budget. OPR (real action and visibility for Bay Area to be well represented), SGC, and OPC developing guidance is key. Focus on guidelines next 6 months, to be prepared to submit applications in spring/summer 2022.

### Discuss Status of Climate Change Legislation and Funding

#### Chat Comments:

Rebecca Long: To move us in the direction of action, it's important for folks who have relationships with OPR and SGC to start planting seeds with them; we need a clear advocacy message, but letting staff know early is important because you can have the most input before the guidance comes out. Have a sign up for those who want to weigh in on specific ones so we can drill down. MTC ABAG regional climate resilience and planning is key for us to weigh in on. We can form teams and start developing messaging. We are positioned well for regional adaptation, and we need to put that forward to the state.

Laura Tam: To Rebecca & Alicia's points: Is there some way that the LAG/Bay Adapt "coalition" can continue to share information as these opportunities arise? Just email this entire group, or...?

Warner Chabot: Ask for funding for BCDC/MTC/ABAG/BARC to keep coordinating this work. OPR still needs to gear up and add staff. See links in email to sign up for TAC meetings.

Susan Schwartzberg: Funding should also support climate literacy, youth and public education integrated into planning and implementation.

Allison Brooks: LAG to Everyone: We can include the entire group in developing recommendations to the different agencies. There was a legislative group that came together earlier to influence bills. There may be a subset that wants to get more in the weeds on some of this. But communication can happen with the larger group.

From Mark Lubell, LAG to Everyone: Just like the implementation chart, I would make a cross walk between Warner's spreadsheet here and each of the Joint Platform actions. then the entries in the chart, might be stakeholders who are best positioned to advocate for the money. Those who should send letters etc. @allison I have master's students who can be brought on as interns if you want some help

From Allison Brooks, LAG to Everyone: BARC convened a legislative working group, we can pivot that to influence the investment programs for each of the agencies. Reach out to lgo@bayareametro.gov if you want to be involved and weren't before. Or let Jessica know and we will include you.

From Gina Bartlett, CBI to Everyone: @mark and @allison - the dept is looking for matches right now for projects, I think. I just received their announcement a couple of weeks ago.

### Closing Remarks and Next Steps

- If you need staff support for your endorsements, let us know, please join for BCDC's commission meeting.
- We aren't yet 100% sure what the LAG's role will be in the future. We think there will be more need for LAG's input. Thank everyone for participation in this effort. Illustrated the challenges we face and how far we have come.