



# The Bay is Rising

## The time to come together to act is now.

Sea level rise is no longer a distant threat and the San Francisco Bay Area stands to be one of the hardest hit places in North America. It's past time for us to get ready.

### **Bay Adapt:** **A regional strategy for a rising Bay**

Convened by the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, *Bay Adapt* brings together hundreds of people from community groups, environmental organizations, universities, businesses, governments, and more to find shared solutions to protect people and natural and built environments from sea level rise.

Through dozens of expert working groups, public forums, ten community and stakeholder focus groups, over 50 presentations, an environmental justice caucus, and led by a Leadership Advisory Group - the Bay Adapt Joint Platform presents nine key actions to achieve faster, better, and more equitable adaptation to a rising Bay.



*“Preparing for the flooding, erosion, disruption and losses to come - whether our home, business or favorite picnic area - is something we all have to do together.”*

- Bay Adapt participant

## Where do we start? By preserving what we care about.

The Bay Area's cultural and environmental diversity is what makes it an incredible place to live. The impacts of sea level rise, and the resources necessary to address them, are unequal across the Bay Area. Communities of color and other marginalized populations face disproportionate burdens from climate change.

Healthy Bay ecosystems are inextricably linked to our quality of life — and are also our first line of defense from rising seas. Flooding in one part of the Bay will have ripple effects on others, threatening our homes, jobs, habitats and daily commutes.

This is why all nine actions in the Bay Adapt Joint Platform emphasize the importance of achieving equitable outcomes to improve the lives of people, the quality of our environment, and a thriving economy for all.

There is no one-size-fits-all solution for how communities should adapt. Deciding what to do and how to do it can be complex and counter-productive. No one can or should go it alone. By harnessing the collective power of the region, we can rise up together.

## What you can do next

- ☑ Learn more and provide feedback on the **40-page, easy-to-read Joint Platform**. Where can the Joint Platform help you and your communities?
- ☑ **Understand your community's vulnerability** by using online tools such as the [ART Shoreline Flood Explorer](http://www.Explorer.AdaptingToRisingTides.org) ([www.Explorer.AdaptingToRisingTides.org](http://www.Explorer.AdaptingToRisingTides.org)) to learn about flood risk in your area
- ☑ **Talk to your community** about resilience and preparing for climate change.

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