



Implementation Coordination Group (ICG) Meeting #3

March 21, 2024, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Redwood Room, 5th Floor, Bay Area Metro Center, San Francisco ([Zoom](#) option)

<p><u>Desired Outcomes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Develop a shared understanding of progress and emerging opportunities ➤ Discuss and determine the next steps in making collaborative funding work for Bay Adapt ➤ Commence 2024 work plan 	<p><u>Materials</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> ICG Overview <input type="checkbox"/> ICG's Community Principles <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Platform Progress Report <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Slides <input type="checkbox"/> 12/8/23 Meeting Notes
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Attendance

ICG members in attendance: Violet Wulf-Saena, Resilient Communities Initiative (co-chair); Michael McCormick, Farallon Strategies (co-chair) (virtual); Allison Brooks, BARC; Mark Lubell, UC Davis; David Lewis, Save the Bay; Becky Smyth, NOAA; Amy Hutzel, SCC; Cam Oaks, Caltrans; Emma Greenbaum, Exploratorium; Julie Snyder, MTC-ABAG; Warner Chabot, SFEI; Selena Feliciano, (?); Calitlin Sweeney, SFEP; Len Matterman, One Shoreline; Matt Maloney MTC-ABAG; Tessa Beach; USACE

Also in attendance: Jessica Fain, BCDC; Dana Brechwald, BCDC; Kathryn Riley, BCDC; Amanda Brown Stevens, Greenbelt Alliance; Zoe Siegel, Greenbelt Alliance; Matt Biggar, Connected to Place (meeting facilitator); Zack Wasserman, BCDC; Corey Copland, BCDC; Eryan Bourgnis Sloane, SCC

Key Takeways

- **Alignment, mapping, and prioritization** of plans and projects
 - On one side, all the projects, and on the other side, all the funding sources, with brokers/connections in between
 - Prioritizing projects with community involvement and voices- what is really wanted
 - Using tools like Justice 40
- **Collaboration** among agencies to secure funding for prioritized plans and projects (federal, state, etc.)
- **Fair approach and resource distribution** that delivers projects and grows capacity where needed
 - Including investment in CBOs and people to make the projects happen
- **A compelling narrative** for funding around resilience and the story of communities
 - Increasing the stature of addressing SLR in the region
 - Making SLR projects the priority vs. competing issues
- Mechanism for **power building** with CBOs in a lead role

- **Cities and counties** involved in the regional approach and funding plans and projects within the framework
- Involvement of the **private sector and foundations** in funding plans and projects that align with the framework

Agenda with Summary Notes

1. Welcome from Co-Chairs (Violet Saena and Michael McCormick)

2. Report: Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (RSAP) (Dana Brechwald, BCDC)

- Emily was unable to attend but Dana shared Emilys updates. Regional shoreline adaptation plan was shared. Dana will share updates.

3. Report: Bay Adapt Joint Platform and ICG Updates (Dana Brechwald, BCDC)

- ICG's Purpose: The Implementation Coordinating Group (ICG) consists of executive leaders of organizations committed to regional collective action and transformative solutions for sea level rise adaptation. The purpose of ICG is to advance policy, funding, and governance that accelerates the implementation of the Bay Adapt Joint Platform priority tasks.

How ICG Works

- i. ICG advances its purpose and priorities through:
- ii. Working towards an annual priority task through coordination and collective action with each member taking responsibility for advancing specific actions
- iii. Identifying challenges and opportunities in implementing the Joint Platform Priority Tasks
- iv. Building a collective body of knowledge about projects and progress
- v. Ensuring that equity is embedded in all Bay Adapt

4. Presentation and Discussion: Making Collaborative Funding Work

- i. Recommended Priority [Task 6.2: Establish a framework for funding plans and projects](#) (Dana Brechwald, BCDC)
- ii. Interagency MOU on Sea Level Rise Adaptation Funding (Allison Brooks, BARC)
 - Draft MOU to be shared and reviewed with each agency. The revised draft is developed based on any feedback and theres a goal to bring to the BARC governing board for approval in July 2024
 - There will be a workplan component where they will identify what resources each agency will bring to each task, what can we accomplish with the resources we have and where do we want to go, what is our strategy.
 - "This is what we are doing with what we have

- Len: this needs to look at gray AND green infrastructure. The same agencies that are pushing for nature based solutions are the same agencies still putting large scale infrastructure along the shoreline making green infrastructure more challenging.
- iii. Collaborative Grant Proposal Case Study -CREST Bay Area (Evyann Bourgnis Sloane, SCC)
- MOU - coastal conservancy is working on the BARC MOU project, primarily working on the funding component. Prioritizing green but incorporating gray as well.
 - Agencies will work together to determine if a ballot measure would work
 - **NOAA CRC Grant Program:** Climate resilient equitable shoreline transformation (CREST)
 - Recognized the importance of regional collaboration of entities that are already working on entities that are already working on these priorities and held meetings. Bay Adapt would serve as the backbone
 - SFEP will lead capacity building, SCC will do the finance part
 - Theres direct funding going to tribes as sub awardees. Under the community capacity building theres funding int here for things we known were needs for a while, like the shoreline leadership academy and the sfep youth council.
- iv. Getting to a Regional SLR Funding and Investment Strategy (Cory Copeland, BCDC)
- They are conducting background research to understand best practices and learn about successful models from other regions and other domains.
 - Building off the SAPMAP and project sorting in Plan Bay Are 2050+ update
 - Building off the One Bay Vision and RSAP Guidelines.
 - We are coordinating regional and state agencies around an MOU to define roles to support the Funding and Investment Strategy.
 - BCDC and MTC are partnering on this component.
 - Will be an iterative process that we refine and improve over time.
 - Through the spring we will continue to do background research and develop a clearer workplan.
 - Summer we will begin to develop methods. We estimate an initial version will be available in 2025.
 - Plan to repeat process on a 4-year cycle with possible 2-year interim minor updates.
 - Discussion:
 - Will existing projects be included? Yes
 - Allison Brooks: Theres a lot of opportunity to coordinate around typologies
 - Violet: Are you already engaging counties around this? Counties are also planning for SLR (SCC Climate Collaborative as an example), how do we prioritize? Competition vs collaboration?
 - Michael Mc Cormack: San Diego Regional

Climate Collaborative built a tool that is a bit farther ahead than this. Is there a way we can build not just a region specific tool from the inter agencies in the Bay Area but also work with local grant recipients who are in the Bay Area

- The cycle of this is tied to Plan Bay Area planning efforts
 - Dana Brechwald: This list if vetted by local jurisdictions, when we started this list we met with local jurisdictions - if anyone has updates get them in ASAP
 - i. Mark Lubell: please collect this list so I can use it
 - Mark Lubell: when it comes ot prioritization its about "where you pour the grease" Reducing transaction costs
 - Matt Maloney: the list and the projects is important but i would like to encourage us not to lose the thread that we understand the revenue projections and sources. If revenue sources change and evolve.. We should focus on revenue and investment to make it powerful.
- v. Climate Bond and other Legislation (David Lewis, Save the Bay, Julie Snyder, MTC/ABAG, Amy Hutzal, SCC) Relevant links below:
- [SB 876](#) \$2 bil for coastal resilience programs
 - [Recent polling](#) showing support for a climate resilience bond
 - [WRDA 2024](#)
 - Presentation Notes:
 - David Lewis: Initial climate resilience bond polling looks promising (60% yes 30% no) Polling linked above
 - David Lewis: STB has been leading a small of mighty coalition to advocate for this funding. Hard to predict if legislature will do this or not. Diane Pappan, Josh Becker, Damon Connolley are legislatures who are focused on trying to move this forward despite competing priorities.
 - Julie Snyder: now that we know prop 1 passed that impacts the next set of bond negotiations around us in that it reduces the amount of capacity that the state is expected to issue. Capacity of 15-19 billion dollars. In order to accommodate housing, school and this bond the governor would have to pair back.
- vi. Discussion
- David Lewis: there are existing funding streams that should be more usable for some of these projects esp in the transportation area. FHA are not available for stormwater infrastructure projects for integrating nature based solutions. Transportation funding/complete streets should include nature based solutions. It doesnt make sense to update our transportation network without nature based solutions
 - Michael McCormark: Regional Cohesion for CBOs is a big need. Hard to fund through most funding programs

but really critical for the success of our region in the coming decades.

5. Discussion: [DRAFT 2024 Work Plan](#) (Matt Biggar, Connected to Place)
 - Has stature in the region, not just one agency (not just a deliverable of, say, Plan Bay Area) “the” framework, doesn’t just live in one entity.
 - Is equitable, make sure we are addressing the needs. Wealth redistribution, sharing resource
 - You need a story. Where Puget Sound and Chesapeake Bay have a good story
 - We need this to be a compelling argument for funding
 - Not just a funding framework but how to work together forward and not compete
 - What is the role of the private sector here? How do we partner with the private wealth that is prevalent in the Bay Area?
 - Framework would have all the projects on one side and on the other side would have the sources. Middle would have a group connecting the money to the projects and prioritizing projects.
 - How do you get the community voices in there to deliberate what the projects should be?
 - Build capacity of CBOS

6. Report: Annual Forum (Zoe Siegel, Greenbelt Alliance)

Rising Resilience: The Bay Adapt Summit

 *Nominations are open for BCDC's Rising Together Awards! Help us recognize local government staff, community leaders, and elected officials making strides in climate change resilience: [click here](#)*

Rising Together will be an immersive and dynamic all-day summit that brings together community leaders and others to celebrate sea level rise adaptation throughout the region, and educate community members on the latest climate actions in our neighborhoods. Together we'll highlight outstanding contributions to safeguarding our regions and building a more resilient future in the face of rising seas!

Just like BCDC's Bay Adapt Joint platform—a consensus-based strategy to protect people and the natural and built environment from rising sea levels—*Rising Together* belongs to everyone now and into the future!

As part of the Bay Adapt Summit, the Bay Adapt Awards acknowledges individuals who have made exemplary contributions, initiatives, and innovations addressing the critical challenges posed by rising sea levels. This process is designed not only to recognize excellence but also to inspire communities to take action against one of the most pressing climate change challenges of our time.

[Link to nominate](#)

[Promo toolkit](#) (for promoting nomination outreach to internal & external audiences; includes graphics and title branding)

7. Meeting Feedback