

BAY ADAPT JOINT PLATFORM PROGRESS REPORT

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Introduction

BCDC is pleased to present this Bay Adapt Joint Platform Progress Report to track progress on the Joint Platform tasks. This report aims to summarize progress made and roadblocks encountered in moving the tasks in the [Joint Platform](#) forward. The Joint Platform, adopted in 2021, was collaboratively developed with regional leaders and the input of hundreds of stakeholders. It has been endorsed by 55 cities and counties, regional, state, and federal agencies, non-profit organizations, and more. Implementing the Joint Platform requires coordinated collective action to overcome the major challenges to adaptation in the Bay Area. **Sustained leadership, sufficient resources, distributed ownership of the various actions,** and navigating **complex organizational structures** are needed for successful execution and outcomes.

New ICG Joint Platform Report Structure

Moving forward, in addition to the Implementation Coordination Group quarterly meetings and the [Joint Platform Implementation Tracking](#) Spreadsheet, the project team will be tracking progress made by ICG agencies and organizations through this report. Details from this report will be compiled into an annual report for syndication on the Bay Adapt website as part of **Task 9.1: Measure regional progress using metrics and share results**. Content may also be expanded through blog posts sent out in the Bay Adapt newsletter (if you are not already subscribed, [click here](#)).

Task Progress Highlights

Since our last meeting, progress has been made on various actions and tasks outlined in the Joint Platform. We know that this list of updates isn't comprehensive and there is a lot more that your organizations have worked on around SLR adaptation that aren't captured here, but some highlights can be found below:

- **Action 1: Collaborate on a “One Bay” vision to adapt to rising sea levels.**
The Bay Adapt Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan published its “[One Bay Vision](#)” in early March. This completes **Task 1.1, Create a long-term regional vision rooted in communities, bay habitats, and the economy**. The vision was

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created with input from hundreds of stakeholders, including community members, via ten regional pop-up events, an online survey, the RSAP Advisory Group, and a public workshop. The vision will help drive the RSAP guidelines to achieve the outcomes we envision for a resilient Bay Area future. Read more about how the vision was developed [here](#).

- **Action 2: Elevate communities to lead**

OPC will shortly be launching a technical assistance program to match lower-capacity communities and community-based organizations with assistance to develop and submit grant proposals in Track 1 of their newly launched [SB1 grant program](#). Track 1 projects can include capacity building and adaptation planning. This helps advance **Task 2.2, Fund the participation and leadership of community-based organizations and frontline communities in adaptation planning**.

- **Action 4: Base plans and projects on the best science, data, and knowledge.**

A newly formed Climate Science Consortium, funded for an initial two-year pilot by the Coastal Conservancy, is identifying pilot projects to study and draft guidelines to help codify the design and permitting of innovative nature-based solutions. This effort is being hosted at SF State's Estuary and Ocean Science Center and helps advance **Task 4.2, Make scientific data, information, and guidance easier to access and use**.

- **Action 9: Track and report progress to guide future actions.**

BCDC staff has been shaping a work program to launch a metrics program that will track and regularly report on a sampling of metrics that tell stories about the region's adaptation progress. This program will launch an online dashboard by the end of 2024 and, alongside tracking the progress of Joint Platform tasks by the ICG, will help the region understand if we are making progress towards our adaptation goals. This project implements **Task 9.1, Measure regional progress using metrics and share results**.

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Process for Future Meetings

In advance of the June 20th ICG meeting, members of the Bay Adapt project team will be reaching out to each of you to schedule short 1:1 interviews to get an update on the status of your projects and initiatives as they relate to the [Joint Platform](#) tasks you have agreed to move forward. This will be a good way to assess the progress made across the tasks and what types of roadblocks (funding, governance, capacity, community awareness, etc) you are experiencing.

ICG Member Updates


John Coleman, ICG representative from the Bay Planning Coalition, has left his position as BPC's Executive Director. John has played a significant role in not just helping to develop the Bay Adapt Joint Platform, but working with BCDC in many capacities. BPC was a major player, alongside BCDC, Save the Bay, and the State Coastal Conservancy to amend the 2016 WRDA bill to increase the amount of beneficially reused dredged sediment in the Bay, funding significant increases in the percentage of sediment going towards natural habitats in the bay. We thank John for his friendship and partnership with BCDC and Bay Adapt and wish him luck in his new role as the Manager of Natural Resources for the Calaveras County Water District.



BPC's Director of Policy and Chief Operating Officer, Cameron Carr, will be filling John's seat on the ICG as BPC's board launches a search for their next Executive Director. We welcome Cameron to the ICG!

Next Steps

Please look out for an email from the Bay Adapt Project Team in April to schedule status update interviews in May. To refresh your knowledge of which tasks are assigned to your agency or organization, you can review the roles tab of the

 [Joint Platform Implementation Tracking.xlsx](#) .