



## Implementation Coordination Group (ICG) Meeting #7

May 2nd, 2025

10 am - 12:30 pm

Yerba Buena Room, 1st floor

Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale St, San Francisco

Or on [Zoom](#)

<b>Desired Outcomes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Assess the direction of the Bay Adapt funding framework [Task 6.2] in light of recent progress</li> <li>➤ Understand where we are with the Joint Platform</li> </ul>	<b>Resources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Presentation PPT</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Michael PBA slides</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">ICG Overview</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">ICG's Community Principles</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Interagency SLR MOU</a></li> </ul>
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9:30 am	Coffee and Pastries available - come early and catch up with fellow ICG members
10:00 am	<b>Welcome, Introductions, Context Setting</b> (Michael McCormick and Violet Saena, co-chairs)
10:15 am	<b>Changing funding landscape</b> - what is changing and what are some real-world examples people have seen? (Michael McCormick)  <b>Discussion:</b> Overview of the changing federal landscape for SLR and climate funding, and what it means for SF Bay
10:35 am	<b>Updates: Status of funding conversations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Funding (Evyane Sloane, SCC)</li> <li>• Private Funding (Rigel Robinson, BAC)</li> <li>• Investment Strategy (Cory Copeland, BCDC)</li> </ul>
10:50 am	<b>Popcorn updates from members</b>
11:05 am	<b>Breakout Discussions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Opportunities for building champions for Nature-Based Solutions</b> Summary of the Decisionmaker Engagement Working Group discussion about elected and appointed officials and their range of familiarity with NBS. Discussion of NBS priorities at a sub-regional scale (ie South Bay, Central, North), what challenges those projects are encountering or anticipated to encounter, and how we can pull decision-makers in to address those challenges. (Allison Chan, Save the Bay)</li> <li>• <b>Building better ties with the private sector</b> Climate week hosted lots of exciting conversations about the private sector and how they are engaging with climate. Who did we meet? What did we hear? What are some obvious allies and next steps? (Rigel Robinson, Bay Area Council)</li> </ul>

11:50 am	<b>Breakout conversation debrief</b>
12:05 pm	<b>MTC/ABAG Plan Bay Area Implementation Plan Update</b> The Plan Bay Area 2050+ Final Blueprint was approved for study by MTC and ABAG this past winter, moving the process into the final phase of development. With the policies and investments in the plan set, the attention shifts to the Implementation Plan which lays out the actions MTC/ABAG should take over the next five years to advance the long-range plan. (Michael Germeraad, MTC/ABAG)
12:20 pm	<b>Wrap Up and Next Steps and <a href="#">Meeting Feedback</a></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>ICG Impact Report</i></li> <li>• May 9th - <a href="#">Bay Planning Coalition Spring Summit</a></li> <li>• May 12th 10:00am - San Francisco Bay Coastal Flooding and Shoreline Resilience Funding <a href="#">Webinar</a></li> <li>• June 5 - BCDC SLR Commissioner Working Group</li> <li>• June 25 - BayCAN Virtual Meeting</li> <li>• July 8-10 - California Climate and Energy Conference - San Jose</li> <li>• Sept 15 - Rising Together: The Bay Adapt Summit</li> <li>• Sept 28-Oct 1 - APA California Conference Monterey</li> <li>• Oct 28-29 - State of the Estuary</li> </ul>
12:30	<b>Adjourn + Lunch (join us!)</b>

## 2025 Quarterly Meetings

February 5, Noon-3pm	May 2, 10am-12:30pm	Sept 5, 10am-12:30pm	Nov 7, 10am-Noon
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## Meeting Notes

**Committee Attendance:** Michael McCormack (Co-Chair), Violet Saena (Co-Chair), Warner Chabot, Caitlin Sweeney, Rigel Robinson, Josh Bradt, Evyan Sloane, Julio Garcia, Susan Schwartzberg, David Lewis, Len Materman, Laura Tam, Gita Dev, Tessa Beach, Sarah van der Schalie, Luisa Valiela, Chris Caputo (remote), Erik Alm (remote)

**Also in attendance:** Jessica Fain, Eric Olson, Dana Brechwald, Victorina Arvelo, Zoe Siegel, Allison Chan, Josh Quigly, Cory Copeland (remote), Michael Germeraad (remote)

**Member updates:** Becky Smythe from NOAA is being replaced by Sarah van der Schalie; and Allison Brooks from BARC is being replaced by Josh Bradt. We thank the departing ICG members and welcome Sarah and Josh.

### Welcome, Introductions, Context Setting

#### ***Violet Saena***

- Thanks to new members, and Zoe and the BCDC team. Glad to continue to focus on the funding landscape and impact on CBOs. Not enough support from state government.

#### ***Michael McCormack***

- No doom and gloom. Americorps challenges. Funding is one piece of this really challenging puzzle, other parts include capacity, data, tools, permitting, etc.

### Updates: Status of funding conversations

#### ***Evyan Sloane***

- Coastal Conservancy + BARC have been engaging orgs identified to find federal, state, local funding for SLR. Next step is a webinar on May 12th with presenters from the state and federal government (10:00-12:00), highlighting priorities for each program and ways to apply for funding.
- DC (March 24th-28th) coastal zone management program conference. Meetings were unlike prior years, focused on attacks to the Coastal Commission and understanding of large federal funding cuts. This was reflected in other spaces. FY25 still waiting on a spending plan from NOAA and EPA, NOAA research and operations and FEMA have significant cuts. FY26 skinny budget was released today, not enough details to understand it yet.
- 2024 Climate Bond: The Coastal Conservancy will receive nearly a billion dollars from the bond over time. On-going, open solicitation. Webinar with instructions is recorded and on the website. AB100 early action wildfire money \$30.9 million, will host another webinar focused on wildfires on May 21st.
- Working on getting grants that align with the RSAP approved quickly.

#### ***Rigel Robinson***

- Good energy in private funding space. The breakout room will explore opportunities. Identifying biggest property owners with largest threats. Bay Area Council and Silicon Valley Leadership Group may merge, presenting interesting opportunities. Working towards making advocacy streams more stable and permanent.

#### ***Cory Copeland***

- Goal of the Investment Strategy project is to maintain a list of projects and prioritize according to regional goals. In the short term, we are hoping to have a helpful list to connect projects to funding. In the next month we will be kicking the project in a more

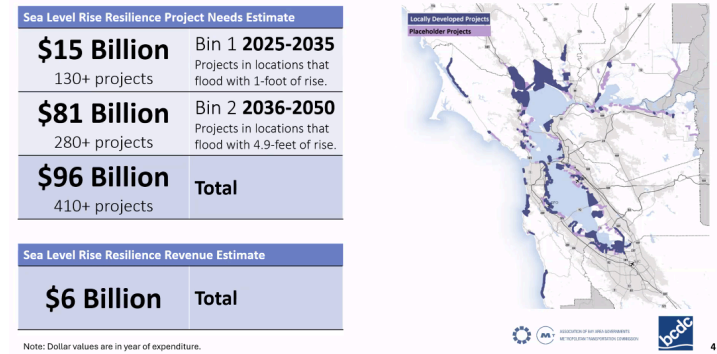
public way, including presenting at BCDC and launching the steering committee. Will bring back to this group for continued feedback, and host a public workshop in July.

### **Popcorn updates from Members**

- **Chris Caputo**
- Transportation funding at this moment in time is largely intact. Concerned about partner agencies for delivering products and services to communities. A lot of process changes as a result of executive orders. FHWA California will be cut in half, which will have a significant impact. Challenging and dynamic environment. A lot of impacts to core principles.
- **Erik Alm:**
- Adaptation planning work is moving forward, discretionary grant programs are not likely to continue (protect program), scrambling to find alternative sources of funding to maintain these efforts.
- **Tessa Beach:**
- Although the Army Corps is in the department of defense, they have seen cuts. Some cuts to maintenance and repair of dams, and harbor maintenance trust fund which impacts dredging. Reduction is intended to remove funding for non essential dredging and prioritizing maintenance of commercial channels (about 1 billion, which is half of the harbor maintenance trust fund). Significant funds are still available, and some ~billion will be carried over to FY26. Flood risk management projects might be prioritized.
- "Skinny" budget doesn't get into that much level of detail
- **Warner Chabot**
- In response to Rigel– how do we deal with governance and finance issues to face the \$100 billion shortfall identified by BCDC? Marin County is looking to duplicate San Mateo's county One Shoreline. Marine Community Foundation approached SFEI for advice on next steps. 50 shoreline cities + 9 counties, how will we coordinate to come up with those \$100 billion? MCF could take a lead in motivating others to look at jurisdictional and funding issues for the next decade, or it could become a case study. There's momentum to reach out to community foundations in the Bay Area. We need governance and financial systems to implement all these plans we are making. The philanthropic community is beginning to realize this is an issue that needs to be addressed.
- **Michael McCormack:**
- Locally driven capacity and funding are a hot topic. Farallon: helps to administer climate collaboratives and has seen interest in moving climate districts forward, from a local financing perspective this might become more mainstream. We also admin SB1 TA program, and it's being underutilized, we should get the word out. Baycan: looking at other regional collaboratives funded by SGC and pairing them with other funds that can continue to sustain them. July 8th California energy convening (?).
- David L: Save the Bay ongoing coalition effort to coordinate advocacy which helped construction of prop 4 and supporting the funds that the coastal conservancy will have access to and other things going back to measure AA in 2016. Now that the federal budget has been announced and we are expecting an update in the state budget, if anyone was to participate in a conversation about this, reach out to Josh. Neither CA state senators are not from the bay area, so it's even more important for those SoCal senators to be familiar with the needs of the bay area.

PBA 2050+ is a limited update. They leveraged the investment framework, worked with local governments to update project lists and started to take the big 100 billion value and organized it into 4 categories and elevated it into a regional project list. These elements are pieces of what we are coping to give in the investment work cory mentioned earlier.

### Summarizing the Sea Level Rise Resilience Project List



As part of PBA they estimate the needs but also the anticipated revenue in a 25 year period. Unfortunately so many of our resources are one time funding and many have disappeared (like FEMA BRIC).

In the plan development stage where they are looking at what are the actions we can take in the next few years. Final implementation plan will be introduced this fall.

### Questions & Answers:

How are the list of PBA project incorporated into RSAPs

- **Gita Dev:**
- We have the RSAP now, but we still have a lot of creeks and a lot of flooding around the bay. How are we going to require within the guidelines to include fluvial and storm water flooding in addition to SLR?
  - Not a good answer at this point. Unsure how storm flooding is incorporated into the RSAP. The big picture plan is focused on the shoreline, king tides, and permanent flooding. Because this plan is long term we are looking at land use issues, extending into inland flooding. But with the resources that we have right now, we are focused on the shoreline
  - There is an RSAP standard: Coastal zone protection should take into account river flooding.

### Topics for the next meeting?

- Beneficial use of dredge sediment
- Regulatory reform - what is BCDC doing and how can we expand it to multiple agencies? How is this related to advocacy?
- How should we be advocating/ communicating with foundations?
- What other topics would be worthwhile?
- Marin case study
- Bring father of resilience districts Pizano at USC.