



San Leandro Bay
Oakland-Alameda Estuary
Adaptation Working Group

Notes for Meeting on June 8, 2022

Location

Virtual meeting led by the City of Alameda and included 32 participants from 21 organizations.

Purpose

The Working Group coordinates San Leandro Bay/Oakland-Alameda Estuary flood and adaptation projects to protect and restore water quality, habitat and adjacent community vitality.

Adaptation Working Group webpage: www.alamedaca.gov/AdaptationWorkingGroup

Notes

1. Welcome and Introductions (All)
 - Danielle Mieler gave a land acknowledgement
 - Self introductions
2. Working Group updates
 - Steering Committee
 - Funding
 - Subarea updates
 - Field trip debrief
 - Danielle provided an update using PowerPoint slides
 - Ms. Margaret mentioned the importance of having Oakland Chinatown represented as a community based organization on the Oakland-Alameda Estuary Adaptation Project
 - Danielle mentioned that the Port of Oakland is planned for the next field trip
3. Operational Landscape Units Planning in the Bay (Jeremy Lowe, SFEI)
 - Vishal Ream-Rao in chat: Richardson Bay Resilience Storymap Jeremy just mentioned: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/a45cc5e375624d6f92dab11263dcffd9>
 - Cristina Bejarano of WRT in chat: Happy to share more info on the Richardson Bay Story Map, if folks are interested! - our team at WRT worked with Chris Choo and the County to build it

- Stanford Paper will be sent with meeting materials
4. Adaptation Pathways: San Leandro Operational Landscape Unit report (Ellen Plane, SFEI)
- Joshua Polston: Mentioned the Caltrans effort that is beginning on adaptation.
 - Marilyn Latta: Expressed appreciation of the effort and considering the invasive species to address it. Encouraged more on sub-tidal habitat and nature-based habitat restoration.
 - John Gibbs: Questioned raising Doolittle multiple times. Mentioned habitat connectivity.
 - Joshua Polston: Replied about a tradeoff of adding height and weight and how it accelerates subsidence.
 - Vishal Ream-Rao: Stated that Caltrans is looking forward to working together on adaptation, and Caltrans Headquarters has approved funding to study it for this area.
 - Gail Payne: Mentioned the most recent California Climate Assessment that states the Bay Area is to expect seven feet of sea level rise in 100 years and the difficulties in accommodating it. Questioned whether we keep raising shorelines or perhaps we look at sub-regional solutions.
5. Community Partner and Project updates
- Danielle shared about a press conference with U.S. Assembly member Barbara Lee about the Veterans Court Adaptation federal earmark
 - Arthur Feinstein: Mentioned the bird sanctuary in Alameda along the shoreline, and wanted to know if the federal funding will include this area (Danielle clarified that these federal funds are for Bay Farm Island and not the main island)
 - East Oakland Futures festival will have a booth talking about the Power of the People Project for access to/from Martin Luther King Jr Shoreline: <https://www.eastoaklandfuturesfest.org/> and <https://www.eastoaklandcollective.com/powerthepeople.html#:~:text=Project%20Summary-,Power%20the%20People%3A%20Martin%20Luther%20King%20Jr.,the%20Martin%20Luther%20King%20Jr>
6. Announcements and Next Steps
- Jaclyn Mandoske of BCDC in chat: For those interested, there will be an upcoming training webinar for using BCDC's newest resource the Adaptation Roadmap in practice next Thursday, June 16th from 11-12pm. This will be co-presented by myself (Jackie) and Jeremy Lowe, as well as two additional practitioners who helped develop this resource. As Ellen mentioned, this resource is meant to help guide practitioner's on involving diverse stakeholders and communities to find shared solutions to adaptation using adaptation pathways and elevating nature-based solutions. Happy to follow-up on this if anyone is interested (Jaclyn.mandoske@bcdca.gov)
Webinar registration link: https://scc-ca.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_lY5mLGZERC6HCgwWdw9cWQ
Adaptation Roadmap link: <http://www.adaptingtorisingtides.org/project/adaptation-roadmap/>
 - Ms. Margaret: Mentioned the port turning basin project and requested a broader discussion on this project and in chat stated: You all need be on notice the Port of Oakland are in discussion for the

Turning Basin. Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report and Public Scoping Meetings for the Turning Basins Widening Study. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Port of Oakland (Port) is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate the potential widening of Oakland's turning basins. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), in partnership with the Port, is performing a feasibility study to improve the efficiency of vessels entering and exiting the Oakland Harbor. The Oakland Harbor Turning Basins Widening (Proposed Project) proposes to increase the width of the Port's two existing turning basins to accommodate a vessel with a capacity of 19,000 TEU and a length of 1,310 feet. The Proposed Project will also require federal approval under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Pursuant to NEPA, the USACE, as the federal lead agency, released the draft Environmental Assessment on December 17, 2022. The Port issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP)

- Michael Dyer: Transformative Climate Communities – Better Neighborhood Better Neighbors for Oakland and estuary area as well as San Leandro Creek to build a trail. At 9400 International, they are opening a resiliency hub and wants the community to take ownership of it using the TCC grant monies so as to convene meetings and community engagement events.
- Next meeting is on Wed, Sept 14 at 10 a.m. to discuss the Draft Working Group Charter and Danielle requested agenda ideas sent to her.