



San Leandro Bay  
Oakland-Alameda Estuary  
Adaptation Working Group

## Notes for Meeting on September 14, 2022

### Location

Virtual meeting led by the City of Alameda and included 28 participants from 23 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](http://www.alamedaca.gov/AdaptationWorkingGroup)

### Notes

1. Welcome and Introductions (All)
  - Danielle Mieler gave a land acknowledgement
  - Self introductions
2. Working Group updates
  - Steering Committee
    - Letter of support for San Leandro's application to CA Resilience Challenge for shoreline master plan
    - Letters of support for City of Alameda and East Oakland/Richmond partnership application to EPA 2022 SF Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund
    - Approved working group charter (next item)
  - Subarea updates
    - Doolittle is meeting regularly: Caltrans HQ has funded Caltrans Rte 61 grant for that area. Will be kicking off shortly.
    - Estuary subarea: Will be forming as the Caltrans grant kicks off in November to focus on the tubes and downtown Oakland area. Working group will focus on larger estuary area.
    - Alameda Beaches: Forming this group.
    - Discussion:
      - Ellen Plane in chat: Here is the link to the report for any who were not able to attend the last meeting:  
[https://www.sfei.org/sites/default/files/biblio\\_files/SanLeandroOLU\\_AdaptationPathways\\_SFEI\\_May2022\\_ADA.pdf](https://www.sfei.org/sites/default/files/biblio_files/SanLeandroOLU_AdaptationPathways_SFEI_May2022_ADA.pdf)
  - Long-range master plan: Emphasizes need for holistic approach and for funding.

- Funding
    - Shared existing funded projects/applications.
    - Alameda developing an adaptation funding strategy to prioritize projects and match with grants in BayCAN funding tracker.
    - Organizations who want to develop their own funding strategy: Recommend contacting BayCAN advisors to develop funding strategy.
    - Vision for a funding strategy that includes priority projects for the working group as a whole and projects organized by subarea.
    - Will work with the steering committee to review prioritization criteria.
  - Field trip debrief
    - Discussion:
      - Danielle mentioned a potential king tide trip in January 2023
      - Keta in chat: maybe that old bike and pedestrian bridge that we want to renovate near bay farm
      - Danielle replied that this Bay Farm bike/pedestrian bridge trip could include the Lagoon outfall pump area adjacent to it
      - Keta and Robin Freeman in chat: San Leandro Creek
      - Ms. Margaret Gordon: requested that we consider the sacrifices with adaptation and groundwater contamination due to lack of infrastructure; we need to include these communities
      - Keta in chat: that study or assessment can be done during the shoreline master plan process perhaps?
      - Danielle suggested a groundwater topic on the next agenda
3. Working Group Charter Review and Approval – **Vote of the Working Group members** (15 min)
- Attachment: Draft Working Group Charter
  - Discussion:
    - Robin Freeman appreciates CBO funding, and wants to add the creation of economic opportunities for underserved areas, which Danielle added
    - Ms. Margaret Gordon requested to rebuild communities impacted by climate change, lack of infrastructure and disinvestment, which Danielle added
    - Ms. Margaret Gordon also requested to advocate for skills development, which Danielle added
    - Robin Freeman wants to include investigating institutional barriers for government funded projects, which Danielle added
    - Vote showed thumbs up and no thumbs down with Ali Abbors stating as neutral due to geography
4. Presentation: *Updating the Estuary Blueprint for Uncertain Times*, Darcie Luce, SFEP (20 min)
- Link: [2022 Estuary Blueprint](#)
  - Discussion:
    - Robin Freeman asked to clarify about requested comments.
    - Gail Payne asked about the different regional roles including with BCDC. Darcie clarified that the SFEP is focusing on ecology and habitat restoration.

5. Presentation: *A Pilot Approach for Marsh Resilience with Sea Level Rise: Shallow Water Strategic Placement Pilot Project*, Julie Beagle, USACE (20 min)
  - Discussion:
    - Laura Feinstein in chat: Brilliant. Get the sediment close and let the water and plants do the rest of the work
    - Laura asked where could use; Julie responded by considering a marsh maintenance plan at specific marsh sites.
      - Robin in chat: Is there an opportunity to use sediment in the San Leandro Creek/Arrowhead Marsh area? Julie responded that yes she thinks that there are ways yet there is not as much wave energy, and she also mentioned Cogswell Marsh
6. Community partner and project updates (10 min)
  - Keta in chat: Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program's is kicking off a new People's and Wetlands group which will inform several spaces, one being the work of the SFBRA Advisory Committee. And wanted to s/o Robin Freeman from Brower Dellums Institute for Sustainable Policy Study who has joined the space. He is the lead of the San Leandro Creek and mentor to me and others.
  - Keta in chat: Robin, if you could share info to the Oakland/Saint-Denis exhibit that would be great. The San Leandro Creek project is highlighted in an exhibit in Oak, SF and Paris.
  - Laura Feinstein in chat: I can share info about the Oakland/San Denis exhibit. It's at two locations. It's at Oakstop in Oakland and SPUR in downtown SF - <https://www.spur.org/exhibitions/2022-08-23/banlieuescentering-margin-saint-denisoakland> and if you want to see it in Oakland here's info about Oakstop. It's at their Broadway location - <https://oakstop.com/art/>
7. Announcements and close (5 min)
  - December agenda items include project kick-offs for the Caltrans estuary project and the SFEP capacity building project and Danielle requested other ideas to be sent to her. Groundwater topic on the next agenda was requested earlier in the meeting by Ms. Margaret Gordon.

**Next meeting: December 14th**