



October 2017  
Updates

## North Bay Wildfire Response



Bay Area Metro Center  
375 Beale Street, Suite 800  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
415.778.6700  
[www.mtc.ca.gov](http://www.mtc.ca.gov)

TO: Local Elected Officials, City Managers  
Counties of Napa, Sonoma, and Solano

DATE: October 17, 2017

FR: Executive Director

RE: [North Bay Wildfire Response](#)

On behalf of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments, we offer you and your communities our deepest support and empathy as you navigate a very challenging and stressful environment. We, as a region, are watching your response to the fires with hope and best wishes for a swift recovery. You have the support of the region behind you and while we do not pretend to have all the answers, rest assured that we stand ready to offer you our assistance to help rebuild your communities.

As you transition from disaster response to long-term recovery efforts, we want to make you aware of a number of resources to guide you through the process. We have developed a Web site (<http://resilience.abag.ca.gov/north-bay-fire-resources/>) with links to resources to help support recovery and rebuilding management, including re-housing residents, considering land use planning changes, rebuilding your economy, identifying and rebuilding damaged infrastructure, and managing federal assistance. Our staff is available to provide support to you to help utilize these resources most effectively.

Most importantly, we ask - **how can we best support you?** In our new consolidated staffing structure, we are still learning how we can utilize our combined resources to be of greatest use to our jurisdictions. We will continue to reach out to you, but please also reach out to us and tell us what, as cities, counties, and special districts, you need from us to help you navigate this new world. Please direct inquiries to Alix Bockelman, Deputy Executive Director, Policy at [abockelman@bayareametro.gov](mailto:abockelman@bayareametro.gov).

As we watch the news, the weather reports, and the stories coming from your communities, our hearts go out to you and everyone affected by the fires. Please know that you have the strength of the region behind you during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Steve Heminger, written in a cursive style.

Steve Heminger  
Executive Director

Cc: ABAG Executive Board  
MTC Commission

z:\Transfer\North Bay Fires 2017\02\_MTC and ABAG Fire Letter

# State of the Estuary Conference

More than 850 citizens, scientists, staff from local, regional, state and national agencies, and elected officials attended last week's two-day State of the Estuary (SOE) conference. They learned the latest information about the health of the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary through plenary sessions and panels and presentations on efforts to protect, restore and improve this important ecosystem.



*San Mateo County Supervisor Dave Pine, Leaders on Protecting the SF Estuary Panel*



*L to R: Supervisor Pine, Assemblymember Bonta, Senator Wieckowski, CA Sec'ty for Resources Laird, Greg Dalton, Climate One*

Speakers included state, federal, local and regional leaders, scientists, and resource managers, as well as international climate resiliency experts.



*Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs, the Netherlands*

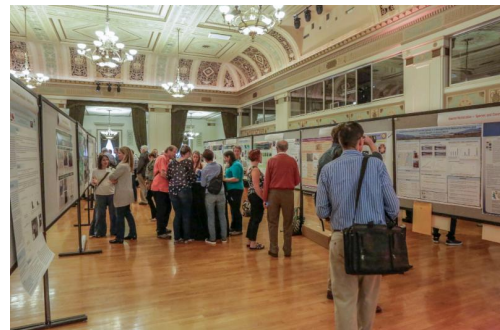


*The New Wave of Climate Resilience Panel L to R: Letitia Grenier, SFEI; Lindy Lowe, BCDC; Rachelle Reichert, Artist; Kiran Jain, Neighborly; Henk Ovink*



*Art Exhibition: Beneath the Surface: Artists in the Estuary*

To view the 2017 SOE Twitter Feed or the session abstracts, click [here](#).



*Poster Session*

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership is a coalition of resource agencies, non-profits, citizens, and scientists working to protect, restore, and enhance water quality and fish and wildlife habitat in and around the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary. Working cooperatively, the Partnership

shares information and resources that result in studies, projects, and programs that improve the Estuary and communicate its value and needs to the public. Ranging from the waterways that make up the Delta to the mouth of the Pacific Ocean, the San Francisco Bay-Delta is home to numerous species of birds, fish, and many others. It is also home to millions of people, who have come to recognize that the Bay and Delta are an essential part of what makes the Bay Area a great place to live, work and play.

## October 7th -- Second Annual Bay Day

Bay Area residents celebrated the San Francisco Bay with Bay-themed educational and recreational activities, such as kayaking, hiking and bird watching.

Continue to celebrate the Bay all year long on the Bay Trail and the Water Trail! With over 500-square miles of navigable waters, the San Francisco Bay and its tributaries are the region's largest open space. Explore this vast, varied and beautiful natural gem with new Water Trail Maps and a new Water Trail Website at [sfbaywatertrail](http://sfbaywatertrail.com).





Bay Day events around the Bay included:

- San Francisco - The Yard at Mission Rock: Live music, food trucks and rowing lessons with the Embarcadero Rowing Club
- Angel Island - REI Beach Party: Kayaking, nature photography and hiking
- Redwood City - 451 Seaport Court: Live music, food trucks and vendor booths
- Oakland - Jack London Square: Family activities, kayaking and featured restaurant discounts
- Benicia State Recreation Area - Walk 1.5 miles with California State Parks natural resource manager and the Vizzit founder showcasing the self-guided Vizzit audio tour, narrated by Doug McConnell
- India Basin Youth Day on the Bay - India Basin Shoreline Park: Kayak on the bay, walk the Bay Trail, and a barbecue sponsored by Recology, in partnership with the EcoCenter at Heron's Head Park and Kayaks Unlimited.

More information about Bay Day is available at [Bay Day](#).

## **Housing Package Signed by the Governor**

Governor Brown signed the 15-bill housing package passed by the California Legislature in September. The bills include new permanent funding, a one-time jolt of new money and certain reforms as required by the Governor to gain his support for the funding elements of this housing legislation package.

A summary of the housing bills, including more information about ABAG's position on several bills, is available at [http://mtc.ca.gov/sites/default/files/ABAG\\_MTCHousing-Bills-Summaries\\_Handout.pdf](http://mtc.ca.gov/sites/default/files/ABAG_MTCHousing-Bills-Summaries_Handout.pdf).

*For comments or questions about ABAG's legislative agenda, please contact Rebecca Long, Manager of Government Relations, at [rlong@bayareametro.gov](mailto:rlong@bayareametro.gov) or 415-778-5289.*

## **Webinar: Energy Financing November 7th, noon - 1 p.m.**

Local government staff are invited to join the Energy Financing: Legislative Updates webinar on Tuesday, November 7th from noon to 1 p.m. The webinar will feature a commercial case study and legislative updates on energy financing.

This Property Assessed Clean Energy Programs (PACE) webinar is presented by the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN), California

Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA), and Sustainable Real Estate Solutions (SRS).

[Register now](#). For questions, contact Jenny Berg at [jberg@bayareametro.gov](mailto:jberg@bayareametro.gov) or 415-820-7947.

## **Webinar: Bay Area Model Solar Ordinance October 23rd, 2 to 3:30 p.m**

Local government staff are invited to join the Bay Area Model Solar Ordinance webinar for an in-depth review and discussion on the Cost Effectiveness Study in the solar toolkit, on Monday, October 23rd, from 2 - 3:30 p.m.



Participants will learn how to meet renewable energy and climate action plan goals through the adoption of a rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) ordinance and explore the process of adopting rooftop solar PV ordinances on new residential and low-rise multifamily construction. This is the first in a series of bi-monthly work sessions hosted by the Bay Area Solar PV Ordinance program.

Work sessions will convene technical experts, as well as regional and local partners, to discuss challenges encountered through the adoption of a basic ordinance and provide information on ordinance enhancements. This work session is in partnership with the Statewide Energy Codes & Standards team and features an in-depth review of the Bay Area Solar PV Ordinance Cost Effectiveness Study.

To attend the webinar, RSVP to Vijay Kesavan, Bay Area Regional Collaborative, Program Coordinator, at [vkesavan@bayareametro.gov](mailto:vkesavan@bayareametro.gov). The [webinar link](#) and the audio connection is +1-415-655-0002 (Access code: 926 192 075).

For more information, view the [Solar PV Toolkit](#), which includes a Solar PV Ordinance Template; Cost-effectiveness Study, Local Adoption and State Approval Guide, and an Outreach Package for local government staff to facilitate communicating to stakeholders and policy-makers on the ordinance.

*For questions, contact Vijay Kesavan, Bay Area Regional Collaborative, Program Coordinator, at [vkesavan@bayareametro.gov](mailto:vkesavan@bayareametro.gov).*

**Regional Forum:  
Matching Supply with Demand  
October 24th, 2017**

The BayREN Codes and Standards team invites you to register for our upcoming regional forum in San Francisco on October 24: "Matching Supply with Demand: Preparing Local Governments for the Rise of Renewables and Its Impact on the Grid."

The uptake of solar PV is becoming one of the most disruptive influences on the electricity grid. With the impending adoption of the 2019 Building Standards and with many local governments now implementing ordinances



that mandate solar PV on new residential construction, this forum aims to help local governments and the private sector understand the implications on the grid, and discuss how they can advance strategies at the local level to help stabilize the grid and mitigate integration impacts.

Speakers include:

Cordel Stillman, Sonoma Clean Power

Rory Cox, California Public Utilities Commission

Kelly Knutsen, California Solar Energy Industries Association

Mindy Craig, BluePoint Planning

Event Details:

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM

This event is offered at no charge. [Register here.](#)

Yerba Buena Room, Bay Area Metro Center

375 Beale Street

San Francisco

*For questions, contact [codes@bayren.com](mailto:codes@bayren.com).*

## Meeting Calendar November 2017

### **Finance Authority Executive Committee**

11/1 @ 10:30 a.m., Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Tomales Room (8302), San Francisco

### **Joint ABAG Legislation Committee and MTC Legislation Committee**

11/3 @ 9:40 a.m., Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Board Room, San Francisco

### **San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority**

11/3 @ 1 p.m., Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Yerba Buena Room, San Francisco

### **San Francisco Estuary Partnership Implementation Committee**

11/15 @ 9:30 a.m., Elihu M. Harris State Building, 1515 Clay Street, Second Floor, Room 10, Oakland

**ABAG Finance and Personnel Committee**

11/16 @ 5 p.m., Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Board Room, San Francisco

**ABAG Executive Board**

11/16 @ 7 p.m., Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Board Room, San Francisco

**Bay Area Regional Collaborative Governing Board**

11/17 @ 10 a.m., Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Board Room, San Francisco

*Meetings in the Board Room  
at 375 Beale Street are live streamed and webcast  
at <http://abag.ca.gov/meetings/>.*

**More information is available on ABAG's website.**

ABAG, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

[SafeUnsubscribe™ {recipient's email}](#)

[Forward this email](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by [lzipper@bayareametro.gov](mailto:lzipper@bayareametro.gov) in collaboration with

**Constant Contact** 

Try it free today