

# Bay Area Planning Directors Association Spring 2013 Meeting

May 31, 2013  
8:30am to 1:30pm

Nile Hall, Preservation Park  
668 13th Street, Oakland

## Resilient Futures: What Planners Need to Know About Climate Change, Earthquakes and Other Hazards

### Agenda

- 8:30am **Registration / Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00am **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
Laurel Prevetti · BAPDA Chair, Assistant Planning Director, City of San José
- 9:10am **Why Resiliency is Important**  
Miriam Chion · Planning and Research Director, ABAG
- 9:20am **How Local Governments Can Become More Resilient**  
Arrietta Chakos · Principal, Urban Resilience Strategies
- 9:45am **The State's Perspective and Resources**  
Louise Bedsworth · Senior Researcher, Governor's Office of Planning and Research
- 10:00am **State, Regional and Local Strategies for Resiliency: A Panel Discussion**  
Alex Hinds · Moderator, Co-Founder, Center for Sustainable Communities  
Louise Bedsworth · Senior Researcher, Governor's Office of Planning and Research  
Timothy Burroughs · Climate Action Coordinator, City of Berkeley  
Arrietta Chakos · Principal, Urban Resilience Strategies  
Wendy Goodfriend · Senior Planner, Bay Conservation and Development Commission  
Laurie Johnson · Principal, Laurie Johnson Consulting | Research and SPUR Board Member
- 11:00am **Break**
- 11:15am **Planning for Resilient Communities Exercise**
- 12:15pm **Lunch / Networking**

## Bios and Contact Info

**Louise Bedsworth** is a Senior Researcher at the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR). Prior to joining OPR, she was a Research Fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California where she focused on climate action at the local level, adaptation to climate change, and transportation and air quality. She has also held positions at the Union of Concerned Scientists, Redefining Progress, and the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis. Louise holds a BS in Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences from MIT and an MS in Environmental Engineering and a PhD in Energy and Resources from UC Berkeley.  
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**Timothy Burroughs** is one of the lead staff at the City of Berkeley working to improve environmental sustainability performance within City operations and the broader community. Timothy has worked at the City of Berkeley for 5 years and on local government sustainability initiatives for over 10 years. Before joining the City of Berkeley, Timothy worked at an international nonprofit focused on assisting local governments to develop climate action initiatives, and at the U.S. EPA, Climate Change Division.  
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**Arrietta Chakos** specializes in urban disaster resilience, risk reduction and public policy consultation. She was Assistant City Manager in Berkeley, serving in the public sector for eighteen years. Her position as Research Director at the Harvard Kennedy School's "Acting in Time" Advance Recovery Project, focused on disaster recovery in American communities. Current consultancy efforts focus on cities, government institutions and infrastructure agencies.  
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**Wendy Goodfriend** is a Senior Planner at BCDC and works as a lead on the ART Project. Wendy has a PhD in ecology and evolutionary biology from the University of Arizona and a Bachelor of Science in biology from the University of California, Davis. Prior to joining the BCDC staff in 2010, she worked for ten years in natural resource planning, outreach and education in Connecticut, and was a member of a local land use commission charged with protecting wetlands. Wendy has a broad experience in watershed management planning, water quality protection, and coastal resource management that she brings to the projects including the ART project and the Innovative Wetlands Adaptation at Corte Madera study.  
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For nearly 25 years, **Alex Hinds** directed planning or community development agencies for Lake, San Luis Obispo, and Marin counties. Alex was the driving force behind the nationally recognized 2007 *Marin Countywide Plan* update and implementation programs focusing on sustainability and climate protection. In 2009, Alex co-founded Sonoma State University's Center for Sustainable Communities. Alex instructs classes and works with "recycled" professionals and students assisting local governments with sustainability issues.  
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**Laurie Johnson** has over 20 years of experience in urban planning, catastrophe risk management, and disaster recovery management, and has researched or helped manage recovery following many major urban disasters, including the Tohoku Japan (2011) and Christchurch NZ (2010 and 2011) earthquakes and Hurricanes Sandy (2012) and Katrina (2005). In 2006, she was a lead author of the recovery plan for the City of New Orleans and coauthored the book, *Clear as Mud: Planning for the Rebuilding of New Orleans*, published by the American Planning Association (APA) in 2010. She is currently a recovery governance and advance planning advisor to the City and County of San Francisco, and authoring two chapters about long-term recovery planning processes and implementation for an update to APA's Planning Advisory Service guidebook on Planning for Post-Disaster Recovery, with funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. She also chaired the Land Use and Rebuild Task Force that produced *On Solid Ground: How Good Land Use Planning Can Prepare the Bay Area for a Strong Disaster Recovery* published by San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR) in February 2013.  
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