



BCDC's Bay Plan Environmental Justice and Social Equity Policies



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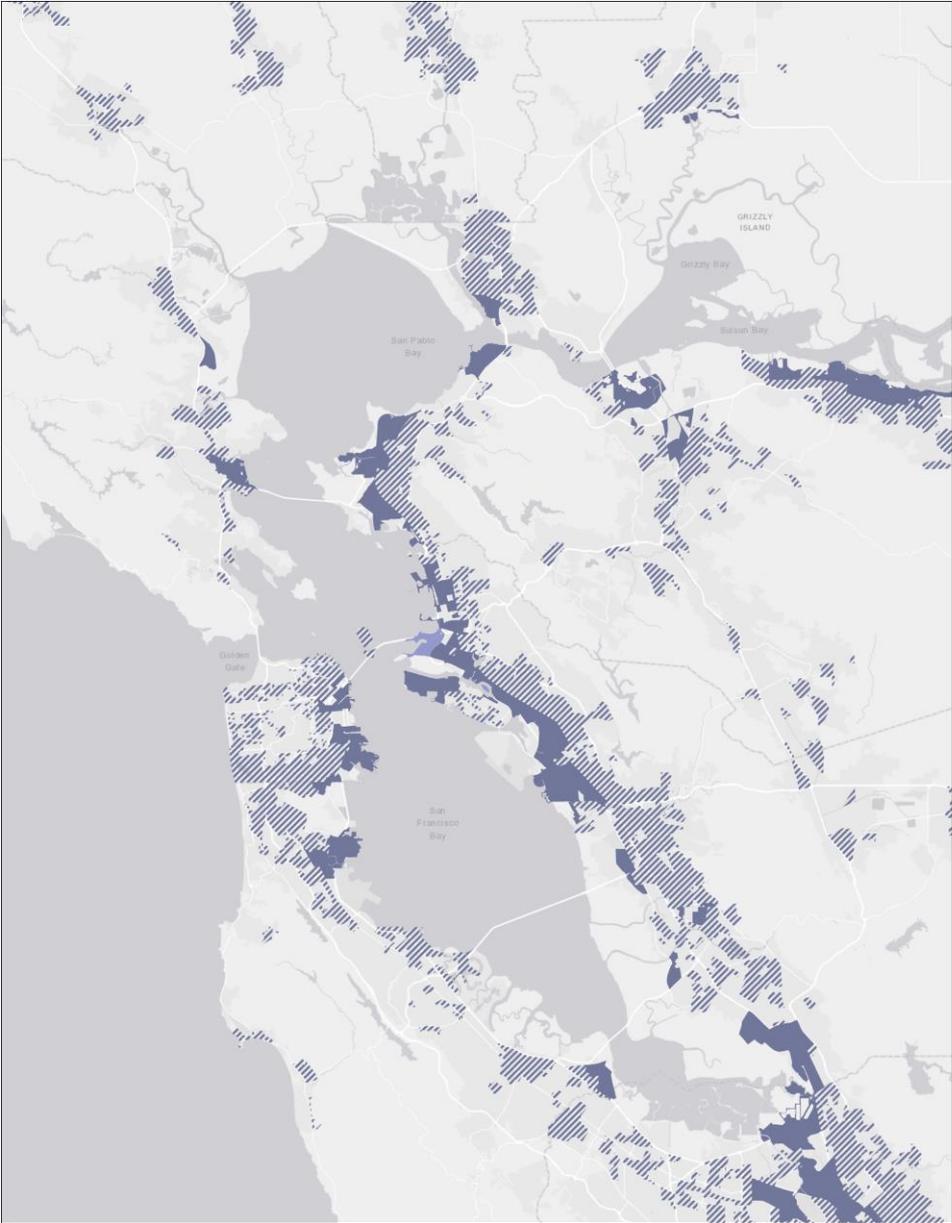


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Outline

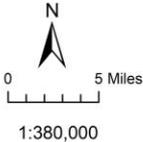
- Background
- Amendment process
- Findings and policies
- Implementation

The Regional Vulnerable Communities Picture



Vulnerable Community

- Solid dark blue: Social and Contamination
- Diagonal hatching: Social
- Light blue: Contamination



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Project Goal of BPA 2-17

Amend the San Francisco Bay Plan to incorporate principles of environmental justice and social equity into the planning, design, and permitting of shoreline projects in and along the San Francisco Bay.

Environmental Justice Bay Plan Amendment Process



June 2018 and January 2019

Initiated
July 2017



July 2019
and
October
2019



- EJ Commissioner Working Group Meetings
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Attending lectures, events, and workshops

EJ Commissioner Working Group and EJ Review Team



BCDC's EJ Commissioner Working Group members, EJ Review Team members, and BCDC staff. Source: Eddie Ahn

What does this amendment do?

- Recognize BCDC's role in environmental injustices and social inequities around the region
- Add definitions and guiding principles to shape the Commission's work
- Require meaningful community involvement in certain projects
- Identify and address disproportionate impacts of projects within BCDC's authority and jurisdiction

What does this amendment do?

- Use inclusive design principles in the evaluation of public access projects
- Identify and address potential adjacent adverse impacts of shoreline protection
- Incorporate sea level rise science into remediation projects
- Consider distribution of mitigation benefits

Meaningful Community Involvement

- Equitable, culturally-relevant community outreach and engagement
- Conducted by local governments and project applicants
- For major projects and appropriate minor projects in underrepresented and/or identified vulnerable and/or disadvantaged communities
- Continue throughout the Commission review and permitting processes
- Provide evidence

Public Access

- Barrier-free for people with disabilities, people of all income levels, and for people of all cultures
- Community involvement in the design of public access spaces and amenities to ensure public access is inclusive

Public Access

- For in-lieu public access that cannot be near the site, create public access in public access-poor communities
- Signage should be in the appropriate languages and/or icon-based
- BCDC's Design Review Board should encourage inclusive public access

**Public Access
Area Hours:
Open sunrise
to sunset**

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Questions about this public access?
Call **bcdc** (415) 352-3600

**PUBLIC
SHORE
PARKING**



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**Upper-Level
Observation
Deck**



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Implementation - Phase 1 (Fall/Winter 2019/2020)



- Develop implementation guidance
- Make BCDC's vulnerable communities data publicly available
- Training for regulatory staff
- Training for Commission and Design Review Board
- Outreach and trainings for applicants and local governments
- Capacity exchange and relationship building between CBOs and BCDC staff

Implementation - Phase 2 (2020+)

- Improve BCDC's community outreach and engagement
- Improve public meeting and material accessibility
- Improve agency collaboration and coordination
- Explicitly address equity in day-to-day operations
 - Communications and public education
 - Examine recruitment, hiring, and retention

Implementation - Phase 2 (2020+)

- Update Public Access Design Guidelines
- Update Regulations
- Explore amending the McAteer-Petris Act
- Build capacity to address tribal issues
- Ensure EJ and equity are central to regional shoreline adaptation planning



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