

2008 Work Program

(A = Action Item; B = Monitoring Item)

*** Priority Action Items shaded ***

Navigation, Dredging, Wetlands and Wildlife Committee
Roberta Goulart and Gary Levin, Co-Chairs

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*** A – Long-Term Management Strategy for Dredged Material Disposal (LTMS)

- Hamilton and Montezuma regional beneficial use sites: Develop a strategy, including financing and operational use framework, for private and public dredging sponsors. Establish a task force and present recommendations to the LTMS Management Committee for the February committee meeting or within three months.
- Environmental Windows – provide leadership to and participate in the activities of the 6 workgroups to accomplish dredging and endangered species protection; focus on the completion of scientific studies and integration of study results into the permitting process; participate as a sponsor based on member voluntary contributions to the salmon tagging project with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and UC Davis.
- Disposal Options – continue provide leadership to ensure the availability of multiple disposal options, both aquatic and beneficial reuse; identify the next generation of upland sites.
- Dredged Material Management Office (DMMO) – conduct a Lean Six Sigma's Value Stream Analysis of the DMMO Qtr 3).
- LTMS Annual Science Symposium – lead the process to develop the content for the 2nd annual LTMS symposium (June, 2008). The symposium, organized by the LTMS agencies, was initiated by BPC with the objective to have an annual evaluation of LTMS dredged disposal decision-making related to interpretation of sediment testing results, the progress of the environmental windows program, and identify the next generation of beneficial reuse sites.
- Subtidal Habitat Study – Participate in the multi-agency process led by NOAA Fisheries for the study of subtidal habitat to foster a scientifically-sound and balanced program.

A – Long Term Management Strategy for the Delta (Delta LTMS)

Participate in the development of the Delta LTMS with a specific focus in the short term on the creation of a Dredged Material Management Office (DMMO).

*** A – Federal Energy & Water Appropriations/Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund/State Funding

Advocate for federal energy & water funding of U. S. Army Corps' Operations and Maintenance (O&M) (including LTMS); continuing and new construction dredging and disposal; and wetland restoration projects; and state funding as needed. Working with our congressional representatives and national maritime organization partners, develop a strategy and advocate for spending the Harbor Maintenance Trust fund for the trust uses for which it was created--channel dredging projects.

A – Marine Construction

- Treated Wood Pilings (ACZA/CCA) – work with regulatory and resource agencies to develop a programmatic permit for the use of treated wood in the marine environment.
- Pile Driving – work with the regulatory and resource agencies to develop a programmatic permit for pile driving incorporating scientifically sound, and economically feasible noise thresholds; participate as a member of the state/federal Hydrocoustical Working Group.

- A – Nationwide Permits/Letters of Permission for Dredging and Wetland Placement**
Working with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' Regulatory Branch, develop a Letter of Permission for dredged material placement on wetland sites to accomplish compliance with the 404 regulatory program for wetland fill thereby avoiding a catch-22.
- ***A – Port of Redwood City Dredging and Bair Island Restoration Project**
Lead the Task Force to accomplish necessary dredging and placement of material on the levees for the USFWS Bair Island wetland restoration project.
- B - San Francisco Estuary Institute's Regional Monitoring Program (RMP)** - Participate as a representative of dredger payees, along with the other 5 contributor groups, on the Steering Committee (meets quarterly).
- B – Bidding and Contracting Workshop (Q3)**
In collaboration with the USACE SF District and SPD Division and the California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference, organize a workshop to identify problems and develop solutions on the dredge bid and contracting process.
- A – Essential Fish Habitat Workshop (Q3)**
In collaboration with NOAA Fisheries, organize an educational workshop on the Essential Fish Habitat consultation requirements in the Magnuson Stevens Act.
- B – BCDC's Permit Process Reform Initiative**
Monitor the implementation of the 19-point Task Force Report adopted by BCDC on February 16, 2006. This contains the task force agreement on new permit practices, procedures and proposed Title 14 regulatory amendments to achieve efficiency and greater predictability for the public and building a culture of cooperation to reduce agency overlap and permit delays.
- B – BCDC's Sub-Tidal Policy**
Monitor agreement adopted by BCDC on February 16, 2006 for a programmatic alternatives analysis for sand mining to achieve both economic and environmental goals and fair and consistent S. F. Bay Plan policy interpretation.
- B – Dredging Planning**
Meet with the Corps to identify channel maintenance dredging, deepening and funding needs, such as the North Ship Channel; establish a strike force as needed to accomplish emergency dredging (e.g. Maersk 2001).
- B – DMMO**
Continue to support agency collaboration and streamlined permit process and procedures.
- B – State Water Resources Control Board's Sediment Quality Guidelines Project**
Advise as needed on balanced, feasible and scientifically sound guidelines.
- B/A – S. F. Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's Streambed and Wetland Protection Policy and Proposed Basin Plan Amendment**
Participate in policy development to guide a reasonable approach, avoid duplication with other state and federal agencies jurisdiction and achieve a non-intrusive, but complimentary program with local government.
- B – South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project**
Provide leadership to and participate as a member of the Stakeholders Forum and Flood Management Work Group in the development of the Project EIS-EIR and implementation of selected alternative management plan.
- B – SWRCB General WDR's**
Monitor to determine whether to reinstate effort at SWRCB to certify all NWP's under the Clean Water Act's Section 404 Nationwide Permit Program.
- B – S.F. Bay Trail**
Participate as a founding member of the Bay Trail's Board of Directors.
- B/A – Meet with agency CEO'S as necessary**, e.g. CDFG Executive Director, Ryan Broderick, USFWS's Susan Moore and USFWS Regional Director, Steve Thompson.

- B - San Francisco Bay Wetland Joint Venture.** Participate as a founding member of the Management Committee.
- A - Transportation/economic/environmental studies**
Identify opportunities and needs and financial resources such as grants for transportation and environmental studies to advance the above.
- B - Partnerships**
Identify a list of organizations and agencies for necessary BPC alliances to leverage resources and effectiveness on issues. Establish member "ambassadors" to critical organizations. Ensure information sharing back to BPC.
- B/A - Monitor and respond** to new state and federal legislation, actions of the state's elected constitutional officers, and actions of local, regional, state and federal agencies.

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Bill Morrison, Chairman

- ***A - Infrastructure Safety Initiative/Bond allocation**
Follow up on BPC's 2006 campaign to strengthen the Bay Area region, state and nation's infrastructure guided by a new paradigm to fund critical projects based on safety and infrastructure's role in disaster preparedness, prevention, response and resource sustainability. Advise and advocate to the California Transportation Commission, Dept. of Water Resources, and state legislature on the Nov. 2006 bond measure spending decisions for levees, transportation and air quality projects. Incorporate as a topic for the 2008 annual Decisionmakers Conference.
- B/A - Ferries**
Support the regional ferry system expansion. Monitor the implementation of SB 926 creating the new state Water Transit Authority.
- A - Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council (MTSNAC); California Marine and Intermodal Transportation Advisory Council (CALMITSAC); National Academy of Sciences Transportation Research Board's Marine Environment and Ports and Channels Committee**
BPC Exec. Director participates as an appointed member to these institutions to advise on necessary improvements to our national and state marine intermodal system.
- B/A - Monitor and respond** to state and federal legislation and actions of local, regional, state and federal agencies as needed.
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Water and Air Committee
Gary Oates and Eric Hinzl, Co-chairs

***** A – Marine Emissions and Air Quality Improvement**

Continue to lead the development of a regional strategy to effect air quality improvements and specifically marine emission reductions working with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), the Port of Oakland and allied marine industry, environmental justice and business organizations. Specifically, participate as an appointed member of the Port of Oakland's Maritime Air Quality Improvement Plan. Execute a Memorandum of Agreement between BAAQMD and the BPC port members for a Bay Area Marine Air Emissions Inventory. Participate in the BAAQMD's Green Ports Initiative to influence a rational approach to emissions reduction and enable the Bay Area's local strategy or plan to comply with the state marine emissions reductions' target of 85% to 2001 levels by 2020 while commensurately upgrading and expanding necessary goods movement infrastructure.

A – California Air Resources Board

Participate in the state regulatory hearings for the implementation plan of the State Marine Emissions Reduction Plan to shape a feasible and flexible approach.

***** B – AB 32—Climate Change**

The California legislature adopted a statewide mandate to reduce CO2 greenhouse gases. BPC should monitor the implementation of this new law and join with other organizations to identify an appropriate role and action plan as needed. BPC will investigate with the American Society of Civil Engineers the most recent thinking and research on sea level rise to determine an approach on this topic with the state and federal agencies.

***** A – Total Maximum Daily Load Water Quality Plans (TMDL's)**

Participate in workshops, public hearings and organize BPC member input into the TMDL planning process; provide continuing advice on the proposed PCB TMDL.

B – S. F. Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's Stormwater Permit (MRP 4)

Working with BAASMA and the HBANC, participate in the development of a permit structure and conditions to enable a streamlined and complimentary local government process.

B – Northern-Southern California Water Policy Coordinating Group

Participate as needed with the Bay Area Council's Water Policy Coordinating Group led by BPC Board member Jim Levine.

B – Port of San Francisco's Cruise Terminal Environmental Advisory Committee (CTEAC)

BPC provides leadership to and participates in the Committee as an appointee of the Port of SF; chair subcommittee to implement shoreside power for the new cruise terminal.

B – Support integrated regional water management planning (IRWMP)

B – Water Recycling

Monitor and support recycling projects as needed. Monitor a possible prohibition on water recycling take further action as needed to advocate continued support for recycling.

B/A – Monitor and respond to state and federal legislation and actions of local, regional, state and federal agencies as needed.

A – Economic, environmental, scientific studies

Identify opportunities and needs and financial resources such as grants for studies to advance the above.

***** A – Establish a BPC Science Committee to develop positions on TMDL's, Climate Change, Methylmercury studies, salmon tracking and assemble reports for presentation to the S. F. Bay Regional Water Board, EPA, US Army Corps of Engineers, NOAA Fisheries, Ca. Dept. Fish and Game.**

B – Partnerships

Identify a list of organizations and agencies for BPC alliances to leverage resources and enhance effectiveness on issue priorities. Establish member “ambassadors” to critical organizations. Ensure information sharing back to BPC.

Shoreline Land Use Planning

XXXXX, Chair

A – Cities of Richmond, Redwood City. Develop a policy for multiple uses of the shoreline to sustain the maritime industry.

A – City of Vallejo/Mare Island. Implement a strategy to reinvigorate and revitalize Mare Island. Develop recommendations for re-use of the “mothball fleet” in Suisun Bay.

A – Economic, Environmental Studies

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Membership Committee

Bill Dutra, Chair

A – Review and revise dues structure (DONE)*****A – Develop membership growth sales plan (Ellen and Kathy)**

- a) Identify targets, including Delta business, property owners, cities and counties, marinas, water agencies, private terminals, air quality groups, etc. and engage BPC members to invite them to join. (Q1-2)
- b) Develop new membership collateral (Q1) Leverage 25th anniversary (in process) Develop multi-media background info on BPC (in process)
- c) Targeted media appearances (Q2-3, with Vision doc)

Board of Directors/Executive Committee

1. ***Develop and publish a vision document for the regulation and use of the bay and contiguous land (See “Envisioned Future” description in strategic plan) (Q1-2). Develop PR plan to roll out. (Q2-3)
2. ***Develop and execute programs to celebrate BPC’s 25th anniversary in conjunction with 2008 DMC. Key elements include “retrospective” document and video, and posters for display at DMC. (Q1-2)
3. Evaluate revitalizing “Forum for the Future of San Francisco Bay” (Q2-June board meeting)
4. ***Ensure BPC meets or beats DMC sponsorship targets (Q1-2)
5. Recruit and train a Public Affairs Director (Q2). Ensure follow-up on strategies under Goal #3 related to web communications.
6. Establish a consultant team to assist Executive Director to assist in implementation of the work program and to advance the strategy plan. (In process)
7. Establish a “BPC Fellows Program” concept. (See Goal #1, Strategy 2) (Q3-4)