

Rising Waters: Rethinking Our Shoreline

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The rising Bay will drive a transformation of the Bay shoreline and force us to reconsider Bay fill, public access and development patterns. Our panel will address this from a local, state and regional perspective.

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Speaker Biographies: In 2012, **Zack Wasserman** was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown as Chair of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission. As General Counsel to the East Bay Economic Development Alliance, Zack played an integral role negotiating with BCDC on the Bay Plan Amendment to address rising sea levels. He currently serves as vice-chair of the San Francisco Regional Center that coordinates regional policies of MTC, ABAG, BAAQMD and BCDC. He serves as general counsel to the Oakland Chamber of Commerce and the East Bay Economic Development Alliance, as well as to several non-profit corporations and foundations engaged in technology transfer and scientific development. **John Gioia** is the Chair for the Contra Costa Board of supervisors, elected in 1998 and re-elected four times. Recognized as a leader on air quality issues, he was appointed by Governor Brown to serve on the California Air Resources Board and has served on the BAAQMD since 2006. Through these roles John is helping to lead the state's ground breaking efforts on climate change and air quality. John also advocates on behalf of our county government as an officer of the California State Association of Counties and serves as Vice Chair of the San Francisco Restoration Authority and serves on the San Francisco BCDC and a number of other commissions and advisory boards as well. John holds a B.A. in Political Science and a law degree from University of California, Berkeley. **JR DeLaRosa** is the special assistant for climate change at the California Natural Resources Agency. He has served as a researcher at the Governor's Office of Planning and Research since 2011. He was an executive fellow in the California Governor's Office from 2010 to 2011 and a field representative for California State Assemblymember Anna Caballero from 2008 to 2010. DeLaRosa was an intern at the Office of Assemblymember Joe Coto from 2006 to 2007. **Kristina Hill** is an urban designer and planner who specializes in the application of ecological and geomorphological principles in urban adaptation to sea level rise and other climate change trends. She has worked on major adaptation plans for New Orleans, the mid-Atlantic coast, and Seattle. Her current work is on understanding adaptation opportunities in the San Francisco Bay Area, with a focus on biodiversity, infrastructure costs, and social justice. Hill was a co-author and editor of *Ecology and Design*, published by Island Press, and is guest editor for the 100th anniversary issue of *Frontiers in Ecology and Environment*, published by the Ecological Society of America. She lectures internationally on urban infrastructure and adaptation, and received her PhD from Harvard University. Hill is a professor at UC Berkeley in environmental planning.