

San Francisco Estuary Partnership  
Implementation Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, November 5, 2025

MEETING SUMMARY

Attendees

IC Members: Adrian Covert (BAC), Arthur Feinstein (CCCR), Barbara Salzman (Marin Audubon), Campbell Ingram (Delta Conservancy), Casey Skinner (Audubon CA), Hannah Fertel (USACE), Jackie Zipkin (BACWA/EBDA), Jane Lavelle (SFPUC), Jessica Davenport (SCC), Jessica Fain (BCDC), Jessica Martini-Lamb (SCWA), Josh Bradt (FOE), Keith Lichten (SFBRWQB), Kelli McCune (SFBJV), Laura Feinstein (SFEI), Laura Tam (BPC), Lindsay Correa (DWR), Lorien Fono (BACWA), Pat Eklund (ABAG), Sree Gopal (OPC), Stuart Siegel (SF Bay NERR), Tess Byler (BAFPAA), Warner Chabot (SFEI)

SFEP Staff: Caitlin Sweeney, Alex Thomsen, Alexis Gabriel, Athena Honore, Ben Botkin, Diana Fu, Graham Prentiss, Heidi Nutters, Karen McDowell, Natalie Rossi, Natasha Daniels, Sarina Seaton, Susan Glendening

Guests: Brianna Schaefer (Daily Acts), Henry DeBey (Delta Council), Kathy Boyer (EOS Center), Rinta Perkins (CCCWP)

- Welcome/Intros  
Keith Lichten welcomed everyone and invited participants to introduce themselves.
- Approve 8/13/2025 Meeting Summary (ACTION)
  - Motion to approve the 8/13/25 Meeting Summary by Pat Eklund, seconded by Barbara Salzman. Motion carried.
- Director's Report  
Caitlin Sweeney Highlighted several items in the Director's Report:
  - The 2025 State of the Estuary Conference was successfully held – over 700 attendees, 100 speakers, 75 posters, 35 participating artists and performers, a walking tour, hands-on art activities, and more.
  - Celebrating the release of Our Estuary Website (Natasha Daniels presented)
  - Highlighting our Transforming Shorelines Collaborative focusing on Nature Based Adaptation Solutions (Natalie Rossi presented).
  - Notice of funding to PCA Grant program. Second round of funds to be managed by the Estuary Partnership coordinated by Ben Botkin.

- Friends of the Estuary – New Board in place with nine new Directors (presentation by Josh Bradt, Chair of the Friends of the Estuary).
- New Funding – East Bay Crescent Adaptation Project, IJA Round 4, National Estuary Program base funds, Novato Baylands.
- SFEP Passes US EPA 5-Year Program Evaluation.
- NEP news, several staff will be in Mobile Alabama next week for NEP Tech Transfer.
- IC Changes:
  - Amanda Bohl has left the Delta Stewardship Council. She spent three terms on the IC. She will be the new Executive Director of the Delta Protection Commission.
  - Keith will need solicitation of Vice Chair. Elections in March at the first IC Meeting of the year.
  
- Estuary Blueprint Implementation: Action 17: Multi Benefit Drought Relief Project
  - Brianna Schaefer, Daily Acts, gave a presentation on the Petaluma River Watershed Resilience Partnership Program – From outreach to implementation.
  
- Estuary Blueprint Implementation: Task 1-7: East Bay Crescent Adaptation Planning
  - Heidi Nutters, SFEP, gave a presentation on SFEP’s adaptation and resilience technical assistance program which provides support to local governments and community-based organizations. Partnering with communities across the region.
  
- Estuary Blueprint Implementation: Task 1-5: Regional Climate Science Consortium
  - Kathy Boyer, EOS Center, gave an overview of the Regional Climate Science Consortium. Two-year pilot period.
  
- IC Member Announcements
  - Kelli McCune (SFBJV): San Francisco Bay Joint Venture highlighted the new State of the Birds website tracking bird health.
  - Stuart Siegel (SF Bay NERR): Mentioned the fate of the EOS Center. Yet to be named foundation hopefully taking over the operations of the marine research lab.
  - Jessica Davenport (SCC): Prop 4 Funding has seen a delay. Hopefully this will go through soon and grants will be able to be given out in February. Accepting pre-applications now.
  - Jessica Fain (BCDC): Update on RSAP. Monday’s beneficial reuse working group. Also, will be holding a Commission on the Sea Level Rise Working Group on December 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - Keith Lichten (SWRCB): Regional municipal stormwater permit. Just started the reissuance process for that permit. Will be reaching out to a number of people if there are areas that people want to be involved with.

- Arthur Feinstein (CCCR): Gave congratulations to Jessica Fain and BCDC on the RSAP and their guidelines.
  
- Meeting Road Map
  - Caitlin Sweeney, SFEP, went over the Meeting Roadmap for 2026, calendar holds to be sent out this week. Will have election of Chair and Vice Chair at next meeting in March. Next meeting will also include the Estuary Blueprint twice yearly progress report and the draft FY27 Workplan and Budget.
  
- Adjourn to Next Meeting
  - The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m. The next meeting will take place on March 12, 2026.