



April-May Update



ABAG General Assembly - Building a Resilient Region

Online Registration Now Open

The Bay Area is facing a new complex set of 21st century challenges that require us to work collaboratively, across disciplines, across jurisdictional boundaries and across different levels of government to develop solutions that will make us more resilient when facing this uncertain future. Becoming a more resilient region will enable our communities to bounce back from the shocks and stresses of changing weather patterns that are causing impacts from droughts to extreme storms and flooding and expanded wildfire seasons.

Our efforts to foster resiliency should also factor in the basic, inalienable rights of Bay Area residents to a roof over their heads, access to good jobs, mobility options and clean air. A hotbed of innovation and high-tech, the Bay Area is primed to apply its collective brainpower and creativity to the next generation of resiliency tools and approaches. Working together across the region, we have the ability to be out in front, managing our future, rather than reacting to it. Join your colleagues at the ABAG General Assembly (GA) to hear about innovations already taking place in Bay Area cities, towns and counties to meet this new future head on.

The GA includes the annual business meeting, which requires a quorum of elected officials from cities, towns and counties.

[Click Here to Register for the GA](#)

[Draft Agenda](#)

- 9:30 a.m. State of the Association
- 10 a.m. *ABAG Business Meeting: Budget Approval and Bylaw Update*
QUORUM REQUIRED
- 11 a.m. Plenary Speaker and Panel Discussion
- Jeremy Nowak of the Brookings Institution, will discuss his new book *The New Localism: How Cities Can Thrive in Era of Populism*
- Panel of Bay Area Electeds, moderated by Jeremy Nowak, in conversation about *The New Localism*
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch and Break-Out Sessions
- Subject Matter Lessons Learned:
1. Wildland Urban Interface Fires – Lessons for Recovery
 2. Earthquakes – Outsmart Disaster
 3. Flood/Sea Level Rise - Resilient by Design
 4. Energy: CCA Actions/Regional Coordination
- 2:15 p.m. Reconvene – Breakout Highlights and Closing Remarks
- 2:45 p.m. Poster Board Session – Resilient by Design Projects
- 3:00 p.m. Reception

HayWired Earthquake Scenario Released on April 18th

New Resources Available to Assist In Building Bay Area Community and Business Resilience



The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and its many partners, including the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), unveiled a new scenario and public outreach campaign to showcase what could happen during a major earthquake in the San Francisco Bay area along the Hayward Fault and help the public to prepare for and recover from an earthquake. The *HayWired Earthquake*

Scenario is intended to build awareness of earthquake risk and to help Bay Area residents understand what they can do to mitigate the impact of an earthquake, as well as bounce back once the shaking stops. The public-engagement campaign —Outsmart Disaster — offers many resources, including a new fact sheet, online at outsmartdisaster.com.

HayWired Earthquake Scenario

The newly released [USGS Fact Sheet, “The HayWired Earthquake Scenario – We Can Outsmart Disaster,”](#) provides a concise overview of what will be a multi-volume report. The Fact Sheet distills key points of the report and provides the first glimpse of a truly groundbreaking study into earthquake hazard impacts, mitigation efforts, and resiliency actions for communities in and around the San Francisco Bay Area.

Without good communications, emergency-response efficiency suffers and life-saving response functions can be compromised. “HayWired” was chosen for the scenario to

emphasize the need to examine our interconnectedness and reliance on telecommunications and other lifelines such as water and electricity.

ABAG encourages members to share the [Outsmart Disaster](http://outsmartdisaster.com) website with their residents and local businesses - outsmartdisaster.com.

18 Million in Measure AA Funding Allocated to Restoration Projects in the San Francisco Bay

On April 11, the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority, the regional agency responsible for allocating funding raised by Measure AA, approved eight grants totaling nearly \$18 million for wetland restoration in the Bay.



Measure AA, [the San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure](#), was passed in June 2016 by 70 percent of voters in the nine Bay Area counties. The measure is a \$12 parcel tax that is generating approximately \$25 million annually, or \$500 million over twenty years, to fund shoreline restoration.

These approvals are the first round of Measure AA grants, and go to a broad variety of restoration projects throughout the region.

“We are so grateful to Bay Area voters, who cherish the Bay and voted to tax themselves to protect and restore it,” said San Mateo County Supervisor Dave Pine, chair of the governing board for the Restoration Authority. “This is the start of a new era for Bay restoration. For the first time, we have a reliable source of substantial year-on-year funding, which will allow for the long-term planning and implementation that is necessary for large-scale restoration. And large-scale restoration is what we need to restore our Bay in the face of climate change.”

The eight grants approved provide multiple benefits, and prioritize nature-based solutions to create flood protection and public access, in addition to the primary aim of restoring habitat and natural processes.

“We are very excited to put some serious funding behind these projects and the next rounds of grants,” said Sam Schuchat, executive officer of the Restoration Authority. “A healthy San Francisco Bay needs at least 100,000 acres of tidal wetlands to maintain our ecological diversity and adapt to climate change, but at present there are only 44,000 acres. Our changing climate is already impacting California and we must accelerate this restoration work now.”

The projects and grant awards in this round are as follows:

Project	Grantee	Grant Amount
South Bay Salt Ponds Restoration Project, Phase 2	Ducks Unlimited, Inc. & California Wildlife Foundation	\$7,421,730
South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project for Economic Impact Area 11	Santa Clara Valley Water District (District)	\$4,439,406
Restoring wetland-upland transition zone habitat in the North Bay	Point Blue Conservation Science	\$2,661,264
Montezuma Tidal and Seasonal Wetlands Restoration Project – Phase I Tidal Wetlands Area	Montezuma Wetlands LLC (MWLLC)	\$1,610,000
Deer Island Basin Phase I Tidal Wetlands Restoration Project	Marin County Flood Control District	\$630,000
San Leandro Treatment Wetland for Pollution Reduction, Habitat Enhancement and Shoreline Resiliency	City of San Leandro	\$539,000
Encinal Dune Restoration and Public Access	East Bay Regional Park District	\$450,000
Restoration Strategy for Lower Sonoma Creek	Sonoma Land Trust	\$150,000

Invitation to Census 2020 – California Complete Count Regional Convening in Oakland | May 1, 2018

The Census Bureau is gearing up for the 2020 Decennial Census with regional meetings. There is still space in the first of these meetings in the Bay Area, scheduled for the morning and early afternoon of May 1, at the California Endowment, Center for Healthy Communities, 2000 Franklin Street in Oakland.

The meeting will include information from Census personnel as well the opportunity to participate in small groups to discuss strategies and concerns around reaching a complete count. Over the next 18 months, ABAG/MTC will partner with other organizations to encourage a complete census count. Additional meetings in Mountain View and San Francisco will occur in June and July.

Census 2020 – California Complete Count invites you to the **May 1st** Oakland regional convening to help build your community’s capacity to achieve a complete count during the 2020 Census.

Regional Convening Overview

This meeting will bring together local leaders in hard to count (HTC) areas. Attendees will learn about Census 2020 state and federal efforts, available mapping and demographic data, and hear from experts about anticipated complete count challenges. Attendees will have the opportunity to form partnerships, identify necessary resources, and begin strategizing an effective outreach strategy.

Attendees

Key community leaders from children/youth services, community-based, community resource centers, disabled, education, faith-based, health services, immigrant, labor/union, libraries, local government, non-profit, philanthropic, rural, senior, seasonal farmworkers, and social services organizations are invited to attend.

Next Steps

- Please register as soon as possible as seating is limited. **Registration for the Oakland event closes April 27** or when seating capacity is reached: [register here](#).
- Be sure to add Eventbrite to your trusted contact lists to receive updates.
- Questions? Contact Alex Cole-Weiss (cole-weiss@csus.edu) | 916.278.5871

Additional Census Events

Mountain View – June 1, 2018, Historic Adobe Building, 157 Moffett Boulevard

San Francisco – July 12, 2018, location to be determined

Information for these events will be posted here: [Census Events](#).

Please share with your community members!

Staff Dispatch - Learning from the Mexico City Earthquake



Dana Brechwald, Resilience Planner, recently visited Mexico City to participate in a post earthquake study. These images were taken during that trip. To read her [dispatch](#), [click here](#). Or just visit the Bay Link [blog](#) for a daily dose of regional news. [SUBSCRIBE](#)



ABAG Meetings and Events Calendar

Wednesday, May 3

ABAG FAN Executive Committee, 10 a.m.

ACFA Credit Committee, 10:05 a.m.

Golden Gate CR 8102, Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco

Friday, May 4

San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Advisory Committee, 10 a.m.

Room 11, Second Floor, Elihu M. Harris State Building, 1515 Clay Street, Oakland

Friday, May 11

Joint ABAG Administrative Committee with MTC Planning Committee, 10:05 a.m. or after the MTC Operations Committee

Joint ABAG and MTC Legislation Committee, 10:10 a.m. or after the Joint ABAG Administrative Committee Meeting

Board Room, Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco

Thursday, May 17

Finance Committee, 5 p.m.

ACFA Governing Board, 5:05 p.m. or after the Finance Committee Meeting

Executive Board, 7 p.m.

Board Room, Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco

Wednesday, May 23

San Francisco Estuary Partnership Implementation Committee, 9:30 a.m.

Room 11, Second Floor, Elihu M. Harris State Building, 1515 Clay Street, Oakland

Thursday, May 31

ABAG General Assembly, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Yerba Buena Room, Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco

Friday, June 1

San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Governing Board, 11 a.m.

Board Room, Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco

Check the ABAG [Meetings and Agenda](#) and the [ABAG Calendar](#) for upcoming meeting information.