

Upcoming Bay Area Confluence -- Register Now A Call to Action for Regional Water Resilience

Join decision makers from cities, counties, special districts, and utilities in responding to the call to action to address the region's 21st century water infrastructure challenges on **November 10, 2016 in Oakland**. This event features expert keynote speakers, including **David Sedlak**, PhD, UC Berkeley Professor, **Kare Anderson**, Author, Columnist, and Consultant, and **Linda Langston**, National Association of Counties, Director of Strategic Relations.



David Sedlak, PhD
UC Berkeley

[View new agenda here](#). The event continues the work of the Association of Bay Area Governments' Regional Planning Subcommittee on Infrastructure in strengthening collaboration around critical infrastructure solutions.

This half-day conference brings together elected officials, utility managers, and interested stakeholders in three key panel discussions, with a reception to follow.



Kare Anderson, Author,
Columnist, and Consultant

Bay Area water reliability: tackling challenges in the face of growth and changing climate. The region's population is forecasted to grow by 2.1 million people by 2040. Future growth and increasingly variable water supplies mean new strategies will be needed to maintain the high-level service Bay Area customers rely upon. Be involved in the emerging regional conversation to integrate creative approaches to future water challenges.

Water after an earthquake: what happens after



Linda Langston, National
Association of Counties, Director
of Strategic Relations

two days, two weeks, two years? The region's seismic threat to utilities could leave over a million households without water in the first week, and some without water for over a month. What are your expectations and responsibilities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a regional earthquake? Share in the dialogue on ways to build relationships and mechanisms for stronger communities and infrastructure following an event.

Talking amongst ourselves: forming a Regional Lifelines Council. A regional approach means collaboration among many leaders: public, private, civic, district, and community, among others. Bring your thoughts on forming a council to collaboratively advance infrastructure resilience in the Bay Area.

Reception: Connect with peers over appetizers and drinks and continue the conversation.

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[The full agenda is available here.](#) Contact Michael Germeraad (ABAG Resilience Planner) michaelg@abag.ca.gov 415.820.7945 with any questions.

The San Francisco Bay Trail Now Connects Oakland to Yerba Buena Island

For the first time, pedestrians and cyclists have the chance to travel across the new East Span of the Bay Bridge using the new San Francisco Bay Trail from Oakland to Yerba Buena Island. The 15 1/2 -foot wide pathway accommodates both cyclists and pedestrians. The path will be open on most weekends from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning on Saturday, November 5th. The pathway will remain closed during the week to accommodate dismantling of the old bridge structure, and other closures are still possible.



Until now, the Bay Bridge Trail came to a dead end shortly after the bridge's signature tower. All but a short segment of the 4 1/2 mile-long trail opened in Fall 2013, days after the bridge's new East Span opened to vehicles.

For the most up to date information regarding pathway closures, visit <http://www.baybridgeinfo.org/search/node/bay%20trail>.

For information about getting to the trailheads by car, public transit, or bicycle, please [visit511.org](http://www.visit511.org).

San Francisco Bay Water Trail Program Opens 26 New Sites

The San Francisco Bay Water Trail opened 26 new launching and landing sites for

non-motorized boats on the Bay. The Water Trail is a regional trail linking nine counties in the Bay Area. Administered by ABAG, the Water Trail program is an ongoing effort to create a network of launch and landing sites, or "trailheads," to inspire people in human-powered boats and beachable sail craft to enjoy the historic, scenic, cultural, and environmental richness of San Francisco Bay through multiple-day and single-day trips on the Bay.



Mission Creek, San Francisco



Petaluma Marsh, Sonoma County

The Water Trail joins three other regional trail systems:

- San Francisco Bay Trail - a 500-mile shoreline trail around San Francisco Bay
- Bay Area Ridge Trail - a 550+-mile trail for hikers, mountain bicyclists,

and equestrians along the ridgelines overlooking San Francisco Bay

- California Coastal Trail - a network of public trails along the 1200-mile California coastline



Embarcadero, San Francisco



Suisun Slough, Suisun City

For more information, go to <http://sfbaywatertrail.org/>.

Estuary Blueprint Released 32 Actions to advance the Health of the Estuary

After more than two years of planning and collaboration, [San Francisco Estuary Partnership](#) announces the release of the streamlined and updated Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan, the 2016 [Estuary Blueprint](#).

The 2016 Estuary Blueprint is a forward-looking, comprehensive, collaborative vision for the San Francisco Estuary and a "next step" for many significant regional planning documents. The Estuary Blueprint goals take a systems approach to protecting habitats and living resources, building resiliency, improving water quality and quantity, and championing the Estuary.

Through these cross-cutting goals, the Estuary Blueprint addresses our most pressing estuarine health challenges, embracing and reducing hurdles to innovations in climate resilience planning, and bridging the upper and lower Estuary (the Bay and the Delta) in order to support key natural processes.

Along with the release of the Estuary Blueprint, the Estuary Partnership updated the plan website with a number of features such as a [project tracking tool](#), implementation [infographic](#), and [success stories](#).



For more information, go to [San Francisco Estuary Partnership website](#).

ABAG and MTC Merger Update

For more information on the merger, visit the website at http://abag.ca.gov/media/2015_merger/.

Meeting Calendar - November 2016

ABAG Administrative Committee Special Meeting

11/4 @ 9:40 a.m., Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Board Room, 1st Floor, San Francisco

Bay Trail Steering Committee

11/7 @ 10 a.m., Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, Mount Diablo Room 7301, San Francisco

Bay Area Confluence: A Call to Action for Regional Water Resilience

11/10 @ 1 p.m., Oakland Museum of California, James Moore Theater, 1000 Oak Street, Oakland

Bay-Delta Science Conference

11/15 and 11/16 @ 9 a.m., Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J Street, Sacramento

ABAG Finance Authority Executive Committee

11/16 @ 10:30 a.m., 375 Beale Street, Room 8302, Tomales Room, San Francisco

ABAG Legislative and Governmental Organization Committee

11/17 @ 3:30 p.m., 375 Beale Street, Board Room, 1st Floor, San Francisco

ABAG Finance and Personnel Committee

11/17 @ 5 p.m., 375 Beale Street, Board Room, 1st Floor, San Francisco

ABAG Executive Board Meeting

11/17 @ 7 p.m., 375 Beale Street, Board Room, 1st Floor, San Francisco

ABAG PLAN Claims Committee (teleconference)

11/17, 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., 375 Beale Street, Mayacamas Conference Room, 7th Floor, San Francisco

Bay Area Regional Collaborative Governing Board

11/18 @ 10 a.m., 375 Beale Street, Board Room, 1st Floor, San Francisco

San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Board Meeting

11/30 @ 1:00 p.m., 375 Beale Street, Board Room, 1st Floor, San Francisco

More information available on [ABAG's website](#)

