



SF Bay Stewardship Alliance

Promoting informed conservation and responsible development of The Bay for the enjoyment of all

Alliance & BCDC Update

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BCDC Update



- Continue to operate as before; delay & focus on \$\$\$, not enhancing the environment
 - No action on citizens advisory panel as required by law
 - Still raiding Bay Mitigation and other funds
 - Unjustified delays in permitting and dredging
- Voted (21 to 0) to double permit fees & include entire project costs in calculations
 - Bay Planning Coalition, Silicon Valley Leadership Group & Other's Objection Letter
- Leadership & Governance continue to be the biggest issues
 - No changes in permitting process; No performance reviews
 - New "Social Justice" amendment may cause major issues without guidelines
- Enforcement Committee continues to meet twice monthly with no results
 - Concern audit recommendations being misapplied to generate \$\$\$
 - Deferring on Richardson Bay issues – no meaningful engagements

Legislative Initiatives



- What is the current thinking?
 - How can we Help
 - Priorities: Climate, Housing & Transportation, Economy?
- Ideas:
 - Refocus on promoting and assisting responsible planning and regulation
 - Move away from excessive regulation and overzealous enforcement
 - Reform the permitting process first, then enforcement
 - Become a resource for promoting balanced, responsible development
 - Support priority developments by cooperating early in the permitting processes
 - Educate and coordinate stakeholders among the over-lapping local state and federal agencies and regulations to accelerate priorities
 - Act to protect the environment IF other agencies are not doing so