BCDC and Environmental Justice and Social Equity

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Mission

BCDC protects and enhances San Francisco Bay and encourages the Bay's responsible and productive use for this and future generations.
Future Flooding will Impact Vulnerable Communities
Environmental Justice and Social Equity Bay Plan Amendment

Goal:
Amend the San Francisco Bay Plan to incorporate principles of environmental justice and social equity into the planning, design, and permitting of shoreline projects in and along the San Francisco Bay.
Identified Sections for the Amendment

• Public Access
• Shoreline Protection
• Mitigation
• New section on Environmental Justice and Social Equity
Potential Policy Changes

- Public Access and Environmental Justice
  - Community involvement in design
  - Culturally appropriate and inclusive
  - Language access
  - Programming
  - Access to the public access
Potential Policy Changes

- Shoreline Protection and Environmental Justice
  - Adjacent impacts
  - Community involvement in design
  - Contaminated lands
  - Water access
  - Prioritization of vulnerable communities in adaptation
Potential Policy Changes

• **Mitigation and Environmental Justice**
  – Social impacts
  – Community involvement in all mitigation project phases, including job creation
  – Location of mitigation

Source: Port of San Francisco
Potential Policy Changes

- Environmental Justice and Social Equity
  - Recognition and acknowledgement
  - Terms and guiding principles
  - Required community outreach and engagement
  - EJ/equity analysis
  - Coordination
Further Potential Changes

• Further Issues to be explored in other BCDC policies, plans, and procedures

  – Public process and meeting accessibility including language access
  – Improved community outreach and engagement
  – Internal workforce development
  – Staff training
BCDC joins other agencies

California Coastal Commission

CalEPA California Environmental Protection Agency

Bay Area Air Quality Management District

San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
Thank you!

Questions? Comments?

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