



# **Adapting to Rising Tides** Bay Area Flood Explorer

May 17, 2018

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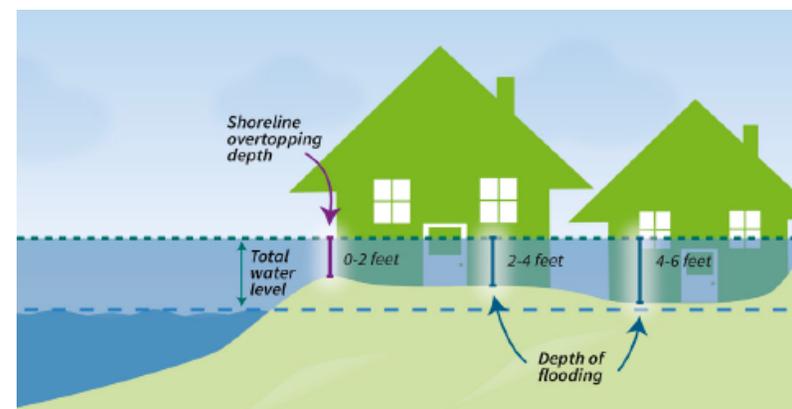
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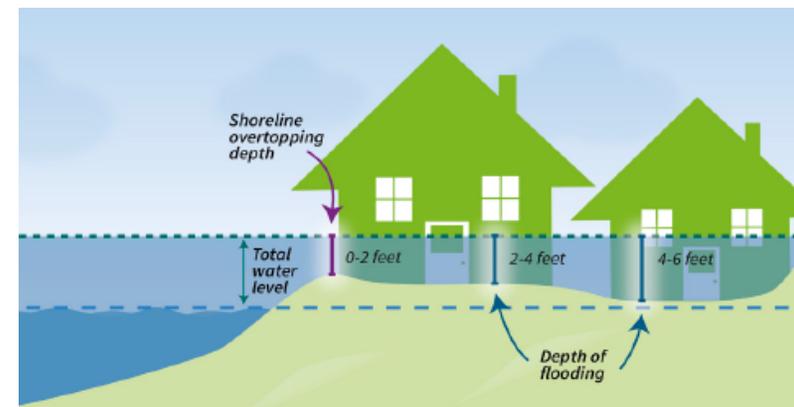
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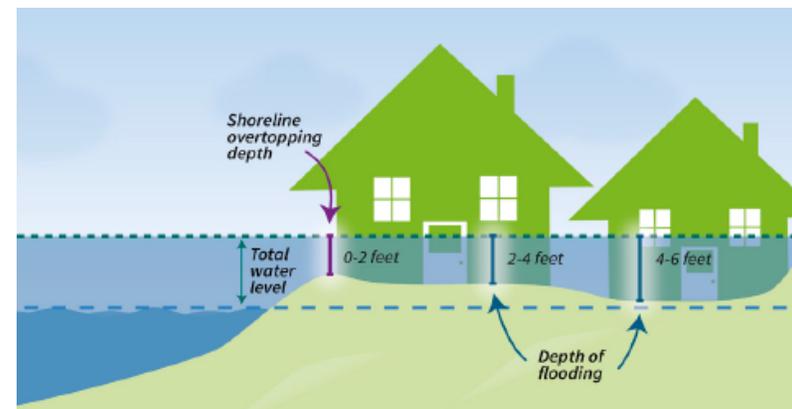
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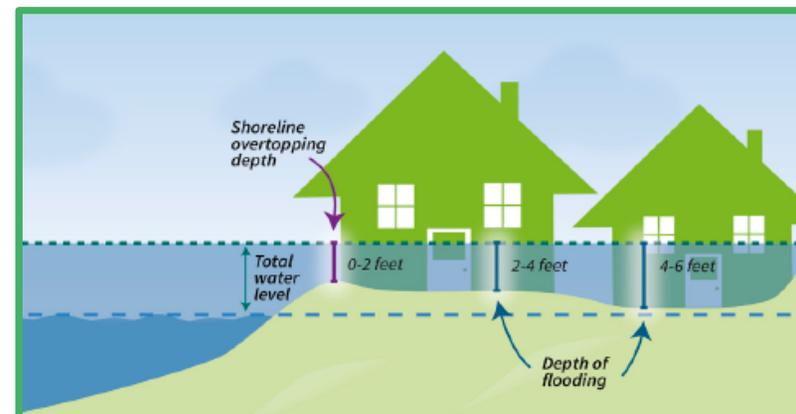
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# Audience and Goals

## AUDIENCES:



Planning  
Partners



Public  
Agencies



Elected Officials  
and their staff



General  
Public

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## WHAT DOES THE FLOOD EXPLORER ACHIEVE?

- #1.** Enable users to **explore and interact** with maps
- #2. Educate** users about flooding from sea level rise and storms
- #3.** Describe **intended uses** for maps
- #4.** Data **download** for technical users
- #5. Connect** the public to existing adaptation efforts



Adapting to Rising Tides

# Bay Area Flood Explorer

The Adapting to Rising Tides program has developed this tool to help Bay Area communities learn about current flooding and future flooding due to sea level rise by exploring local flood maps, identifying areas of greatest risk, and downloading the data for further analysis. This data increases understanding of what could be at risk without future planning and adaptation, helping Bay communities, governments, and businesses to drive action.

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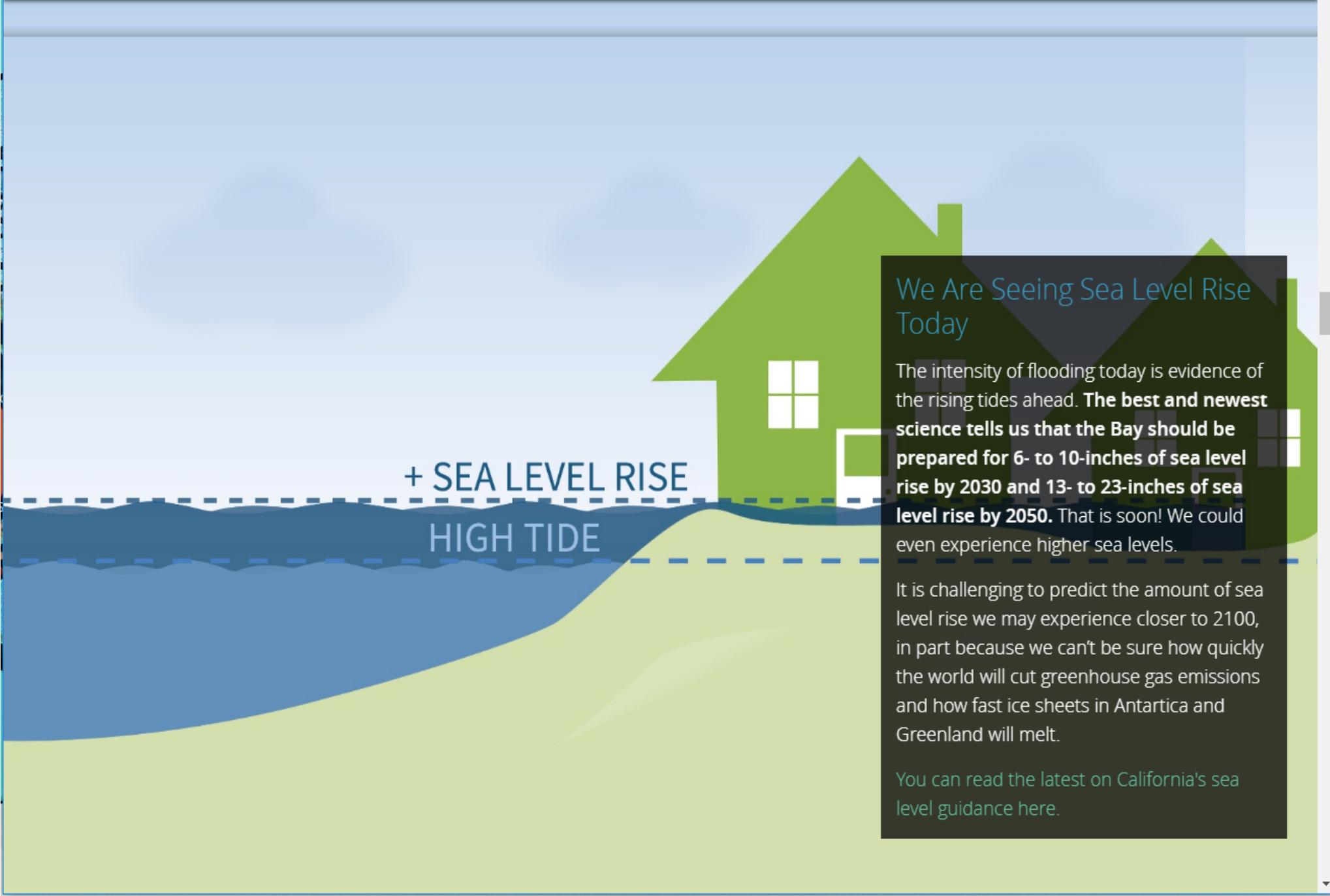
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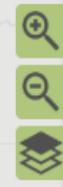
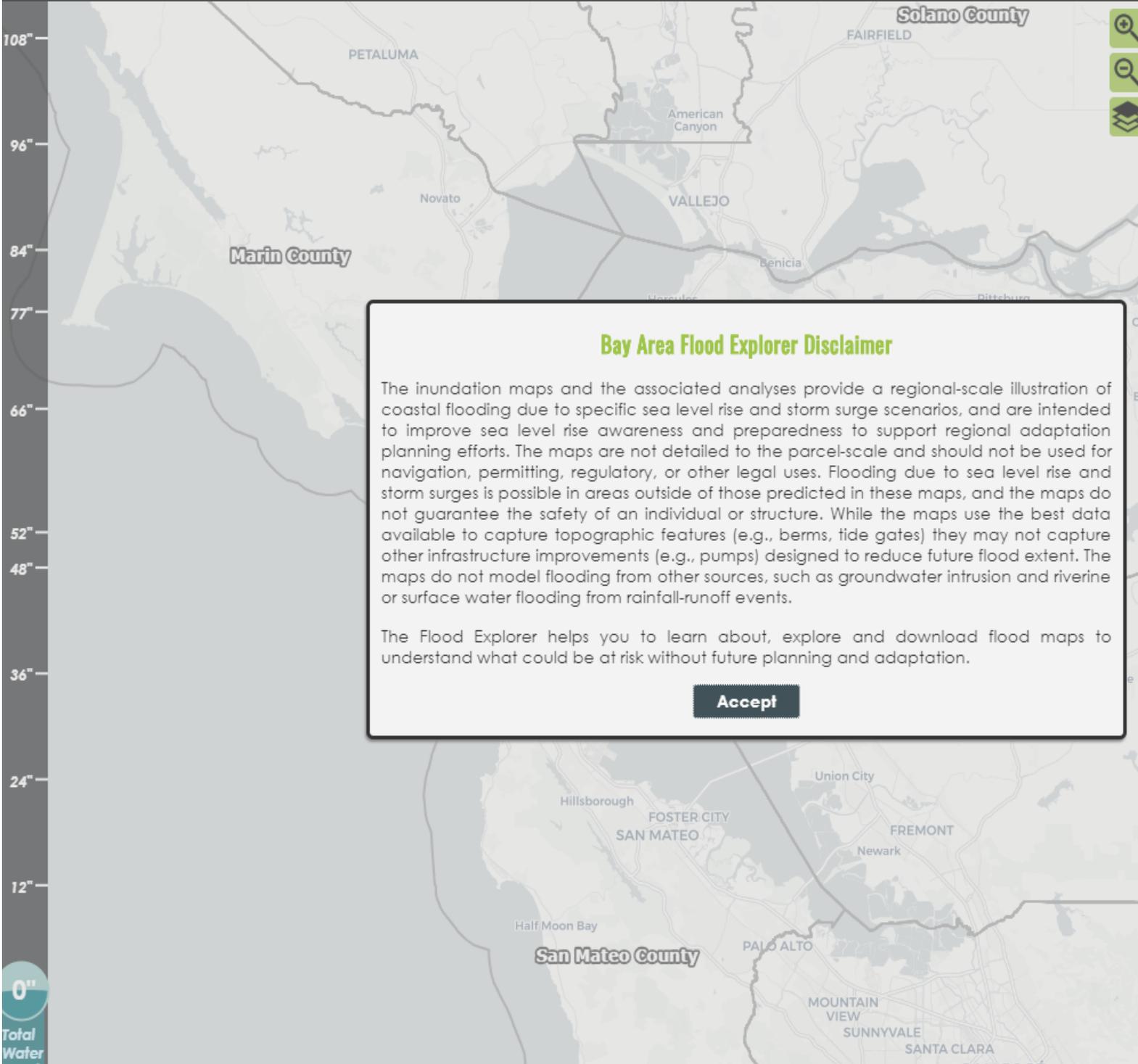


## We Are Seeing Sea Level Rise Today

The intensity of flooding today is evidence of the rising tides ahead. **The best and newest science tells us that the Bay should be prepared for 6- to 10-inches of sea level rise by 2030 and 13- to 23-inches of sea level rise by 2050.** That is soon! We could even experience higher sea levels.

It is challenging to predict the amount of sea level rise we may experience closer to 2100, in part because we can't be sure how quickly the world will cut greenhouse gas emissions and how fast ice sheets in Antarctica and Greenland will melt.

You can read the latest on California's sea level guidance [here](#).



FLOODING SCENARIOS

By Total Flooding Scenario Choices

No flooding condition selected. To change the Total Water Level, use the slider at the left of the screen.

LAYERS + LEGEND

Toggle layers on/off and control transparency below. Use water Slider to control Total Water Level at left.

Depth of Flooding

Transparency slider and legend for Depth of Flooding with color-coded categories: 12+ feet, 10-12 feet, 8-10 feet, 6-8 feet, 4-6 feet, 2-4 feet, 0-2 feet.

Shoreline Overtopping Depth

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Bay Area Flood Explorer Disclaimer

The inundation maps and the associated analyses provide a regional-scale illustration of coastal flooding due to specific sea level rise and storm surge scenarios, and are intended to improve sea level rise awareness and preparedness to support regional adaptation planning efforts. The maps are not detailed to the parcel-scale and should not be used for navigation, permitting, regulatory, or other legal uses. Flooding due to sea level rise and storm surges is possible in areas outside of those predicted in these maps, and the maps do not guarantee the safety of an individual or structure. While the maps use the best data available to capture topographic features (e.g., berms, tide gates) they may not capture other infrastructure improvements (e.g., pumps) designed to reduce future flood extent. The maps do not model flooding from other sources, such as groundwater intrusion and riverine or surface water flooding from rainfall-runoff events.

The Flood Explorer helps you to learn about, explore and download flood maps to understand what could be at risk without future planning and adaptation.

Accept



24"

Total Water Level

Total Water Level Slider



### FLOODING SCENARIOS

By Total Flooding Scenario Choices

The selected Total Water Level of 24" represents similar flooding above mean higher high water in Alameda County under the following scenarios:

Sea Level Rise	+	Storm Surge
0"		5-year
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At the county scale, these scenarios present average water levels that are representative of

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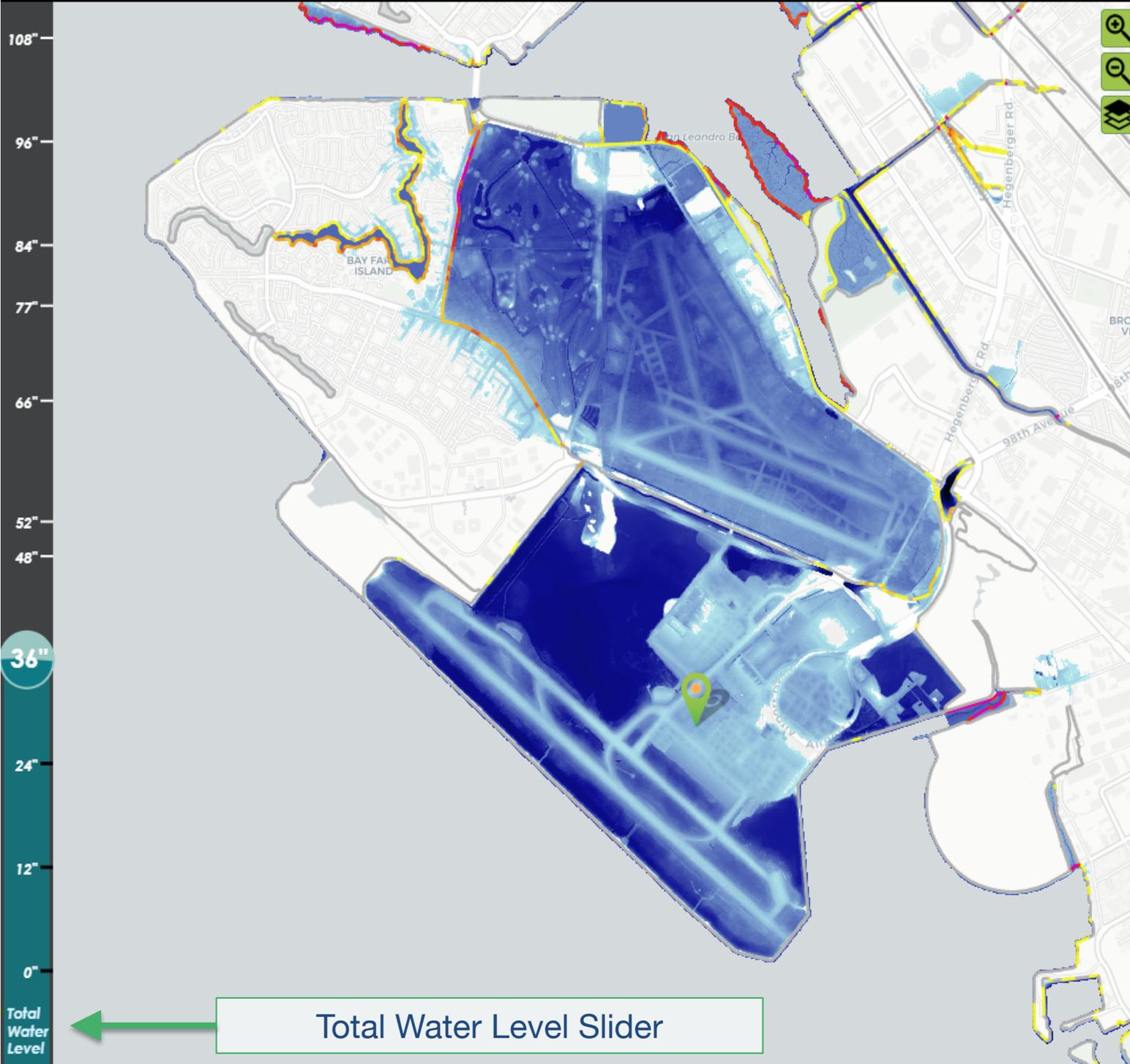
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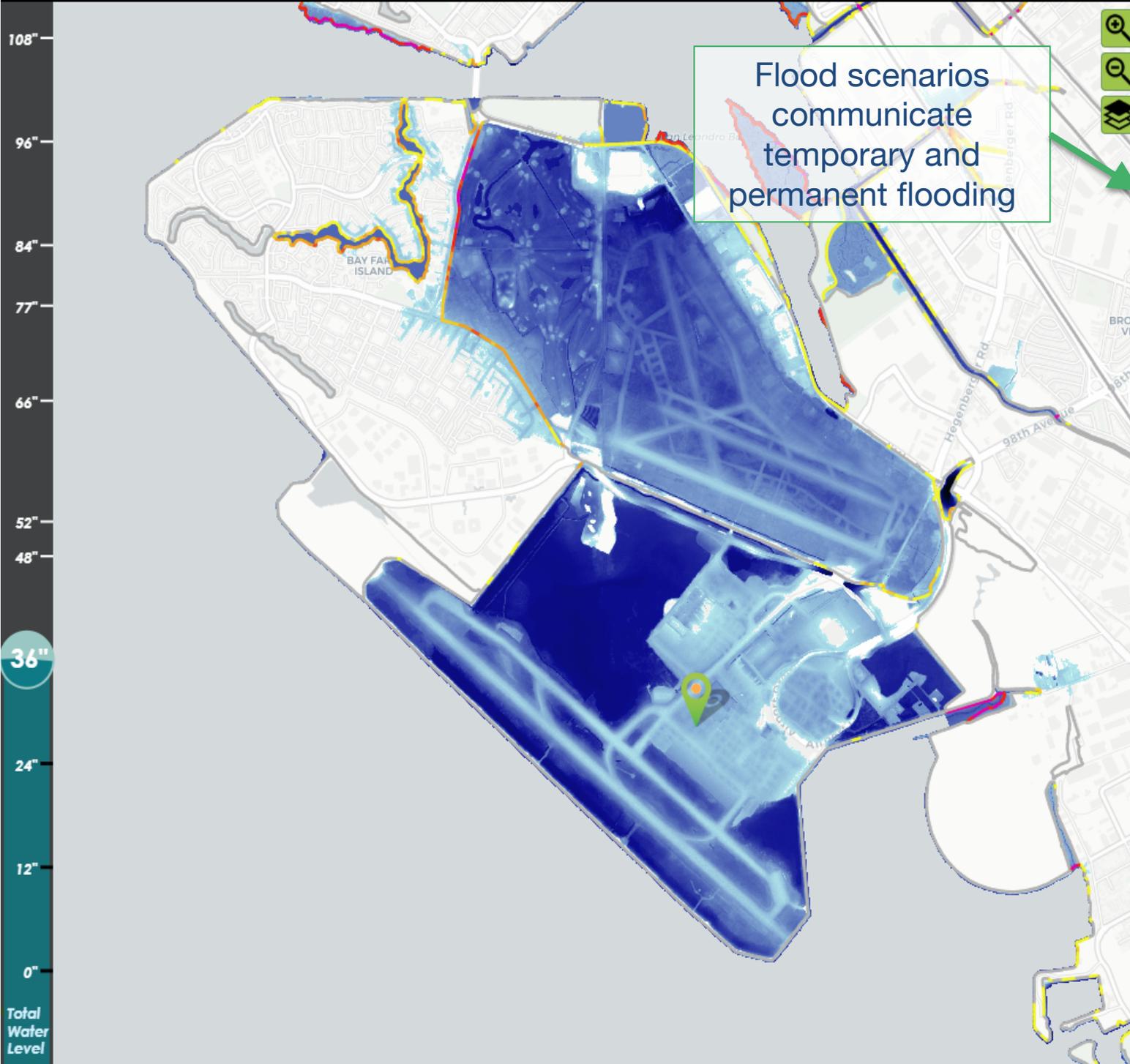
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Flood scenarios communicate temporary and permanent flooding

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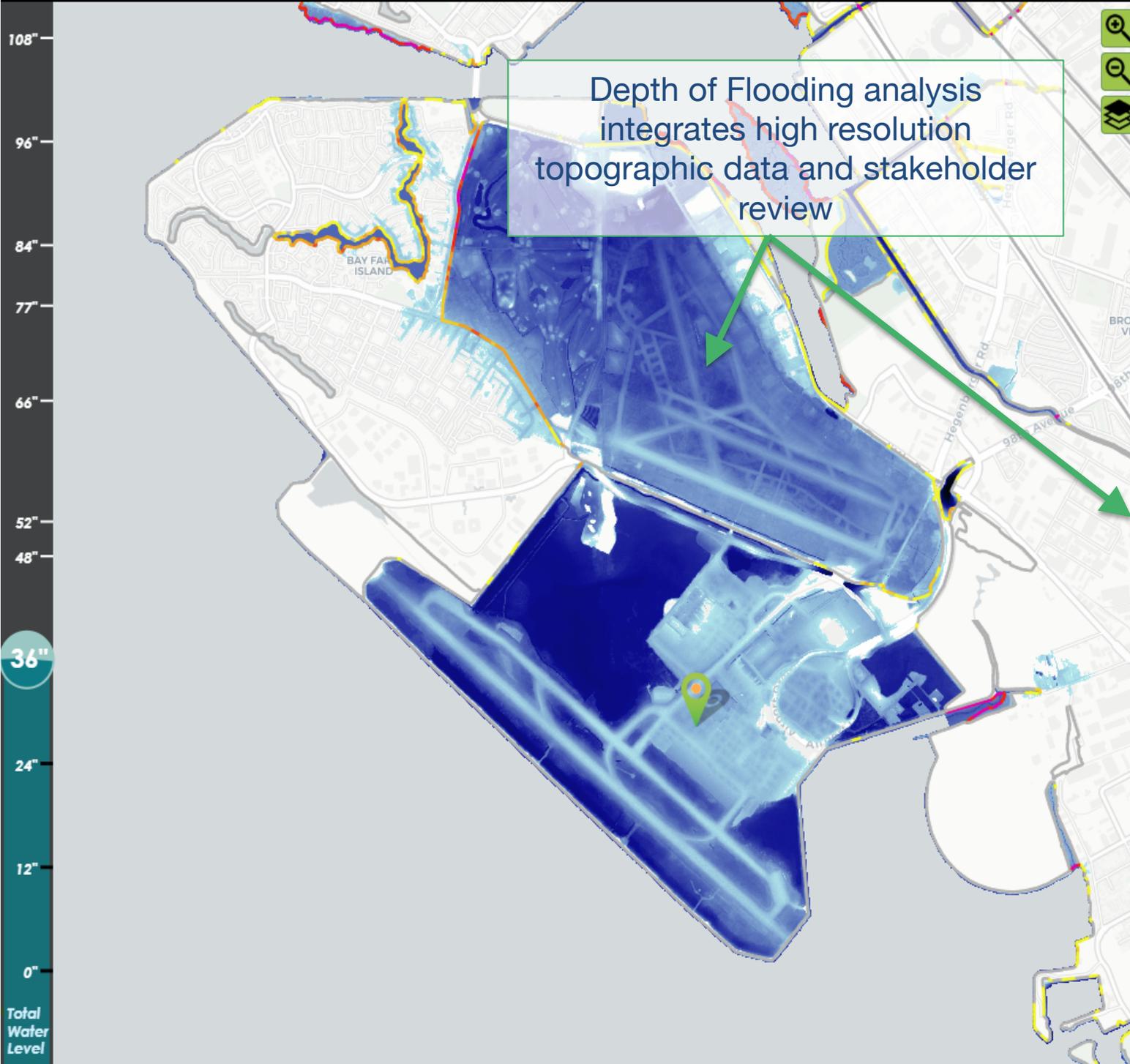
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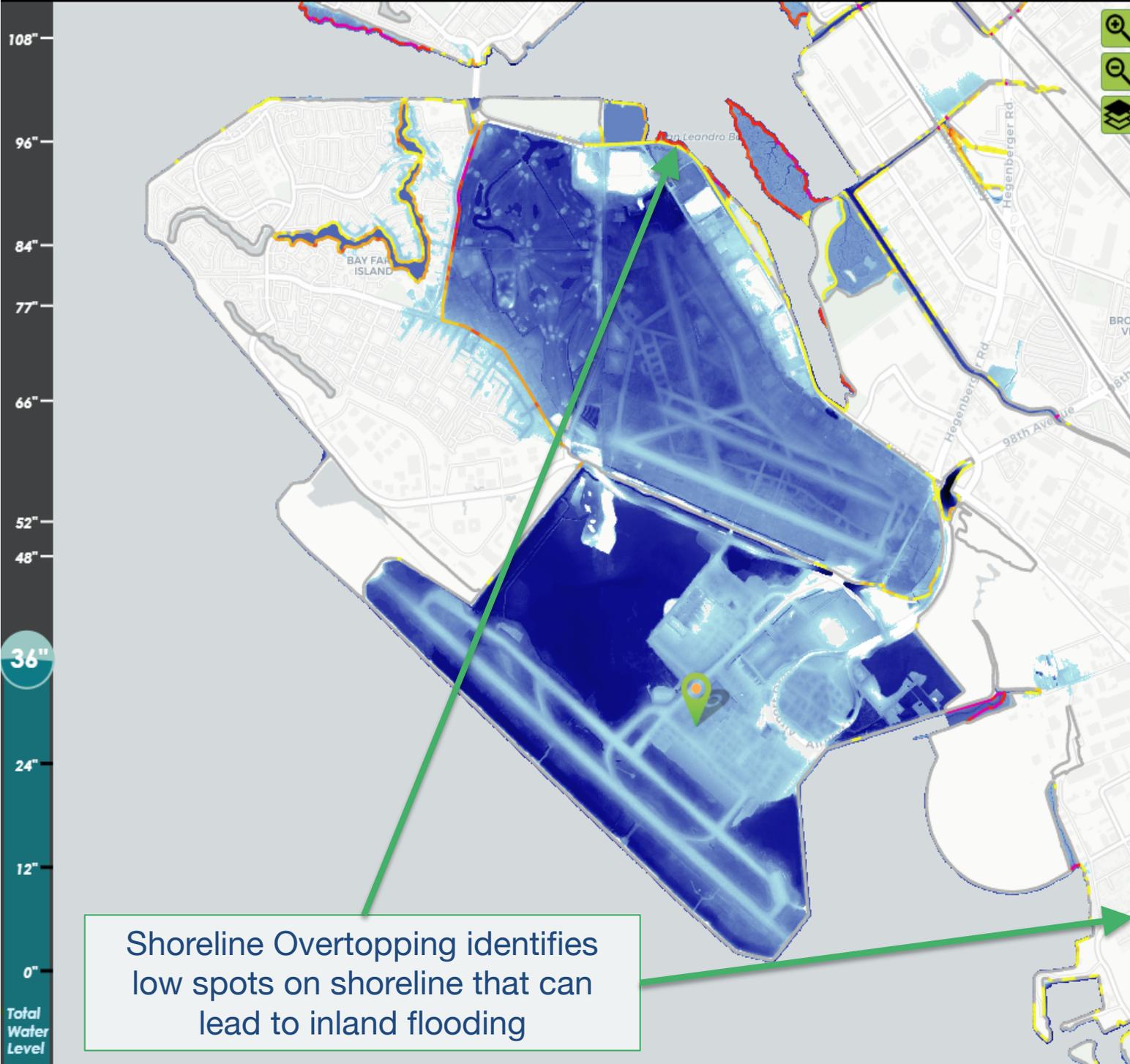
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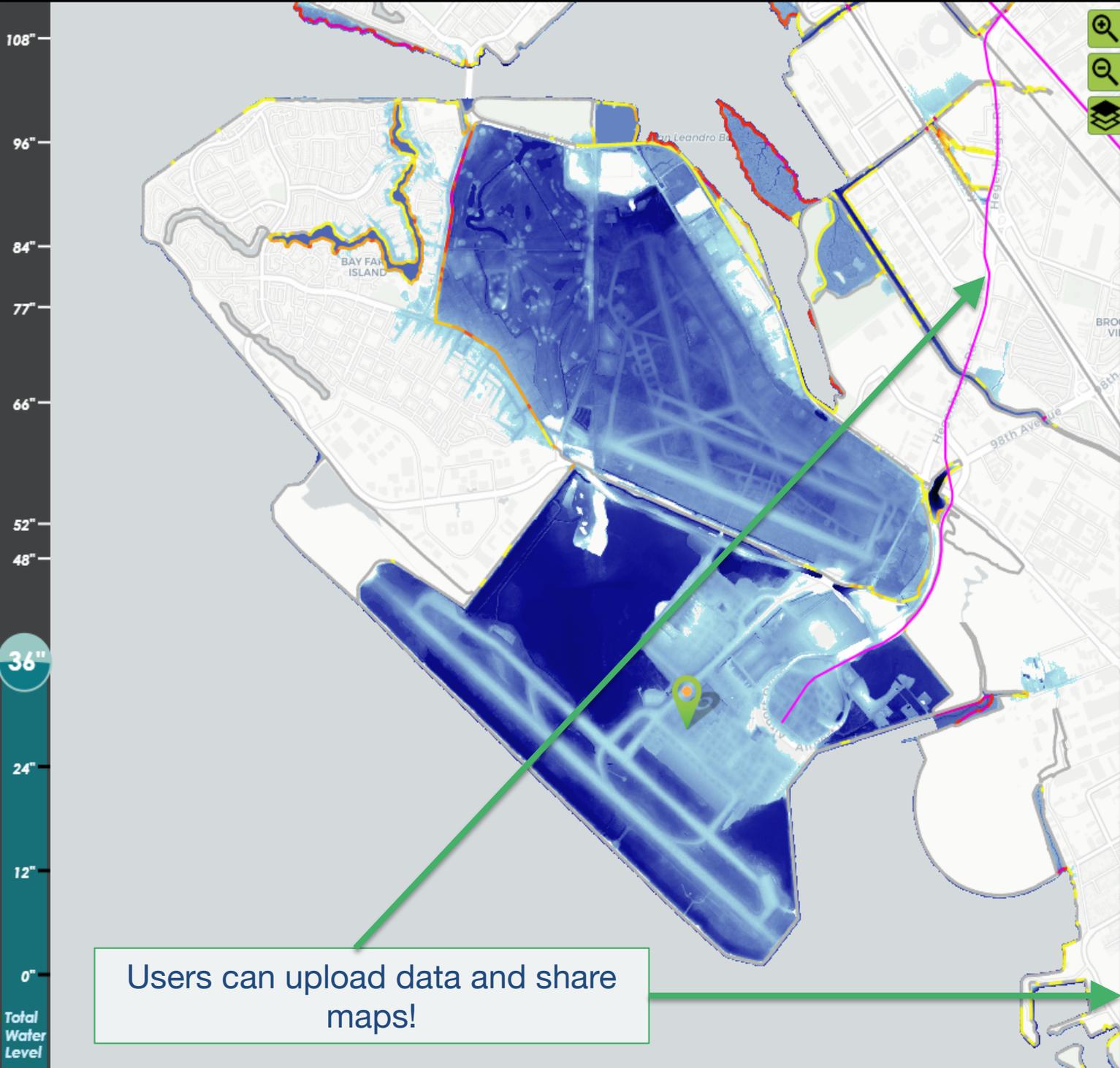
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Disconnected Low-lying Area

San Francisco Bay Counties

Transparency: [slider]

Counties

Selected County

User Defined Area

Opacity: [slider]

— User Defined Area

Clear

Upload

Users can upload data and share maps!

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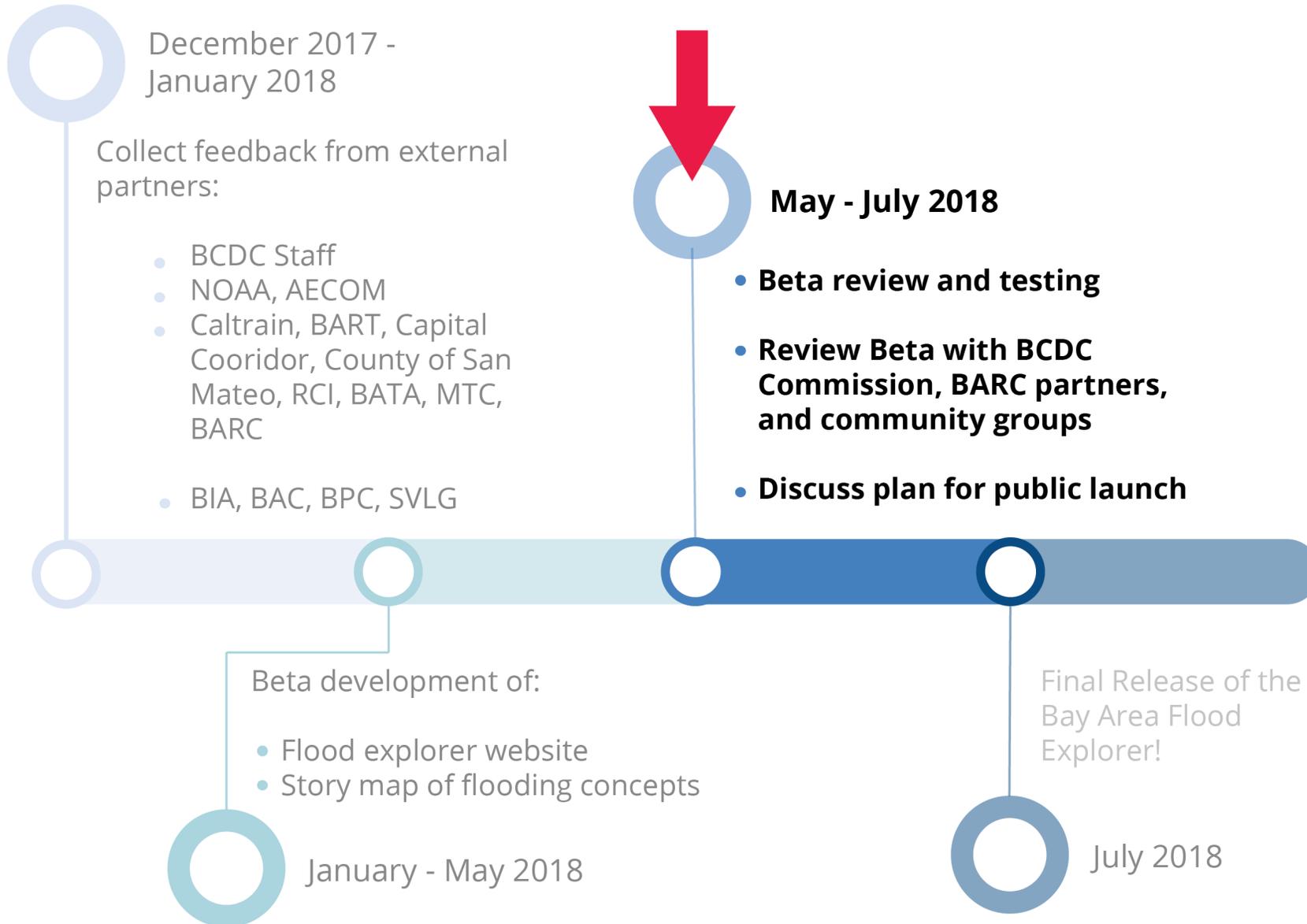
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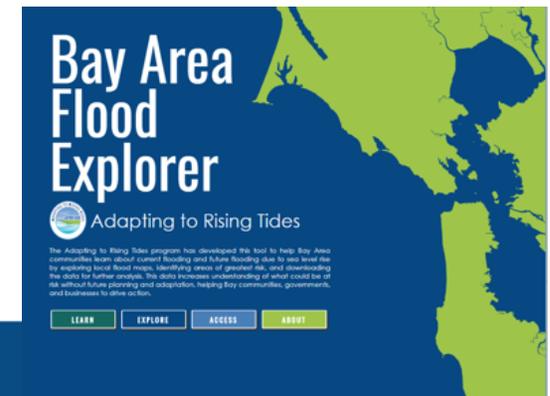
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# Feedback from BCDC Commissioners

## QUESTIONS FOR COMMISSIONERS:

**#1.** Are you or your colleagues interested in **reviewing the Beta site** and providing feedback?

**#2.** Do you know additional **people we should reach out to** for further Beta site review?

**#3.** Any additional thoughts or questions on flood explorer?



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Bay Area Flood Explorer. The background is a dark blue map of the Bay Area with a light green overlay. The main title "Bay Area Flood Explorer" is in large white font. Below it is the "Adapting to Rising Tides" logo, which includes a circular icon of a house and water. A paragraph of text describes the program's purpose: "The Adapting to Rising Tides program has developed this tool to help Bay Area communities learn about current flooding and future flooding due to sea level rise by exploring local flood maps, identifying areas of greatest risk, and downloading the data for further analysis. This data increases understanding of what could be at risk without future planning and adaptation, helping Bay communities, governments, and businesses to drive action." At the bottom, there are four buttons: "LEARN" (green), "EXPLORE" (blue), "ACCESS" (blue), and "ABOUT" (green).