



Fisherman's Wharf, Inner Lagoon

PUBLIC SEA LEVEL RISE EDUCATION INITIATIVE UPDATE

BCDC and the Exploratorium

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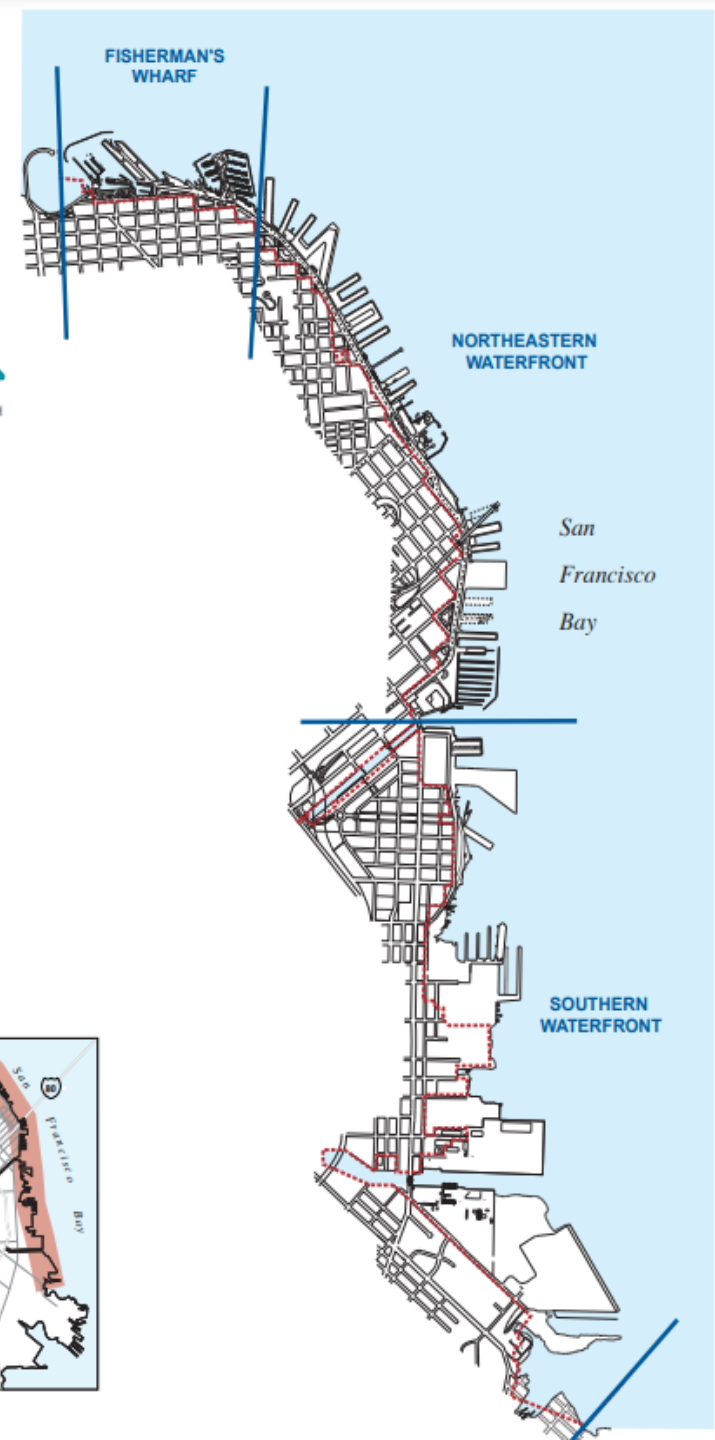
PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

1. Bay Plan Amendment 3-17 Background
2. Education Initiative Refresher
3. Exploratorium Permit Amendment Overview
4. Project Update from Exploratorium staff

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Geographic Vicinities

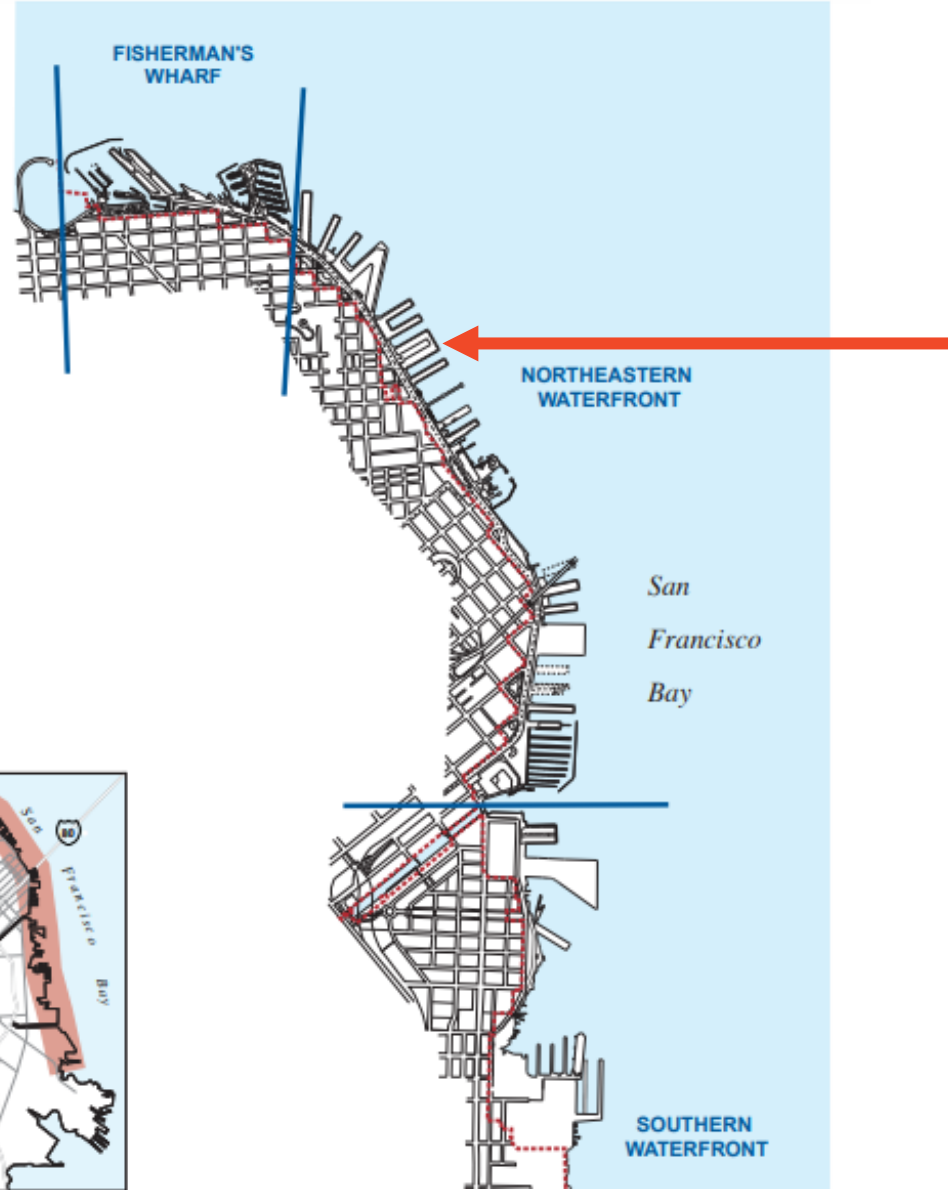
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PIERS 15/17 PUBLIC BENEFIT SWAP

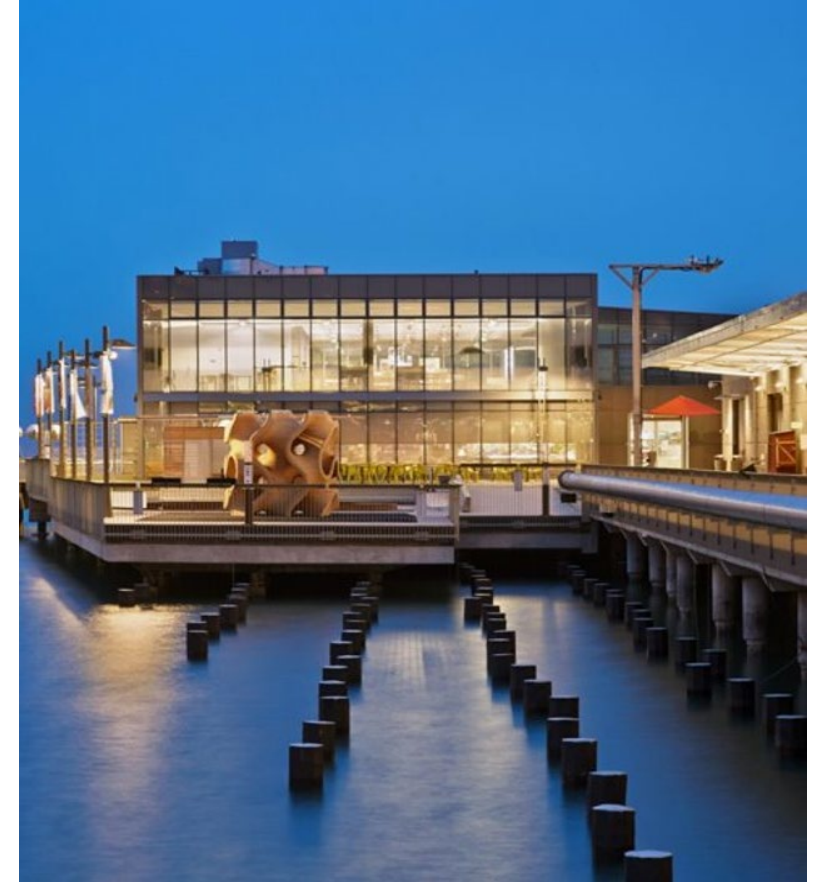
1. The Commission approved BPA 3-17 in August 2025, which amended the San Francisco Waterfront Special Area Plan (SFWSAP).
2. Part of BPA 3-17 approved a public benefit swap at Piers 15 and 17: Changing a fill removal requirement for the Exploratorium to instead require a Public Sea Level Rise Education Initiative.
3. Established four new policies in the SFWSAP requiring the Education Initiative.

BACKGROUND

PIERS 15/17 PUBLIC BENEFIT SWAP

SLR Public Education Initiative:

- Policy 1: Primary goals of increasing awareness and understanding
- Policy 2: Initiative shall be free and publicly accessible. Lists SLR content topics.
- Policy 3: Focuses on timelines and performance metrics.
- Policy 4: Initiative shall incorporate equity, EJ, and community engagement in its development.



The Exploratorium at Piers 15/17

UPDATES

PERMITTING THE SLR EDUCATION INITIATIVE

- BCDC, the Exploratorium, and Port of SF collaborated to amend the Exploratorium Permit to incorporate the Education Initiative.
- Outlined where along the Embarcadero education exhibits could be placed to ensure no disruptions to other public access.
- Includes requirements for implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.
- Permit was approved in June 2026.



Pedestrian connection between Piers 15/17



Aquatic Park and Hyde St. Pier, San Francisco

THANK YOU

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