



BAY AREA PUBLIC TRUST (BAPT) GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR A RESILIENT SF BAY

June Commission Briefing

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PROJECT TEAM

- Joint project between the California State Lands Commission (SLC) and BCDC.
- Ascent: Consultant assisting with outreach and compiling the final report.



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

- **Goal:** Provide guidance on Public Trust consistency in waterfront development projects in the face of rising sea levels.
- **Final product:** Report providing ‘guiding principles’ for waterfront development.
- Guiding principles will highlight ways to maximize public benefits, invest in adaptation, and achieve multi-beneficial projects.



PUBLIC TRUST BACKGROUND

- The Public Trust Doctrine is a common law doctrine protecting the public's use of California's waterways for fishing, boating, water-based recreation, natural habitat protection, and other water-oriented activities.
- Since 1938, SLC has been the administrator/guardian of these valuable public lands, and holds the lands in 'trust' for the people of CA.

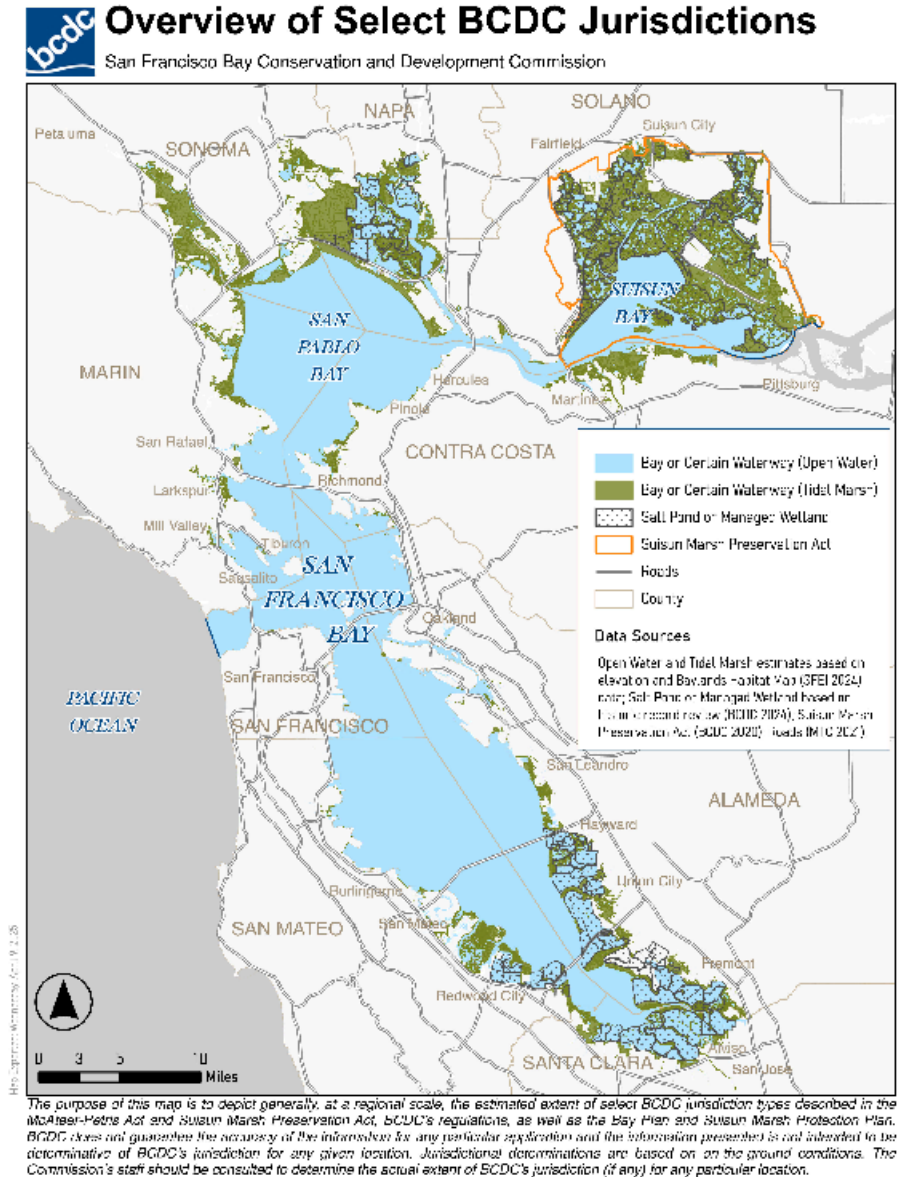


Public bench along Martinez shoreline

PROJECT OUTREACH

- The guiding principles will be informed through engagement and outreach with ports, harbors, local governments, Tribal governments, business and developer groups, environmental, and community-based organizations.

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NEXT STEPS



Vallejo Ferry Terminal

- Analyze outreach results
- Develop ‘Guiding Principles’
- Come back to the Commission with a more in-depth presentation
- Write final report sections
- Public comment

TIMELINE



Conduct
outreach



Introduce
project to
Commission



Analyze
outreach
results



Develop
Guiding
Principles



Release
report for
public
comment



Final Report

Dec 2025 – June 2026

June 18, 2026

Ongoing

Oct, 2026

Jan, 2027

April, 2027



Aquatic Park and Hyde St. Pier, San Francisco

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