

Restoration Incentives

Brainstorming Section



Problem:

Wetlands reduce storm surge, wave energy, and absorb flood waters. Many of the baylands are subsided and the natural sediment supply is not sufficient to quickly reach marsh elevation and therefore need sediment or soil to restore habitat, function, and provide sea level rise benefits.

Restoration projects already face planning, funding, and regulatory burdens, and have expressed a preference for not increasing requirements.

Questions:

1. How can BCDC and/or the region help restoration projects better assess whether a site needs sediment/soil to address subsided lands or rising seas?
2. How can BCDC encourage or incentivize restoration projects to include beneficial reuse of sediment or soils in their project?
3. How can BCDC and/or the region help create partnerships between restoration sites and nearby dredging projects to increase resilience and beneficial reuse?
4. Should restoration projects be required or encouraged to look at sediment needs over time?