Adapting to Rising Tides



Eastern Contra Costa Adapting to Rising Tides Project DRAFT Resilience Goals November 2019

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Governance:

Provide necessary funding, resources, and appropriate political and social support so that government agencies, private entities, and communities in Contra Costa can work collaboratively to address sea-level rise through the adaptation framework of protect, accommodate, or retreat.

Improve coordination between all levels of government agencies, including between those with Bay and Delta jurisdictions to support cohesive planning for current and future flooding across the entire Contra Costa Shoreline.

Create structures through which community voices are elevated and prioritized by government agencies.

Comments:		



Society and Equity

Focus on actions that support communities, prioritizing those with characteristics that make them vulnerable or disadvantaged, in developing resilience through increasing accessible affordable, safe and healthy housing, services, commerce, jobs, recreational opportunities, transportation, and information about risk. Prioritize protection and adaptation of the least mobile communities and their assets.

Protect the health, safety, and welfare of all who live, work, and recreate in Contra Costa County. Educate community members and business owners about how to mitigate hazards associated with flooding, particularly risks when chemical storage sites are flooded. Focus on making critical infrastructure, such as wastewater treatment sites and hospitals, resilient to flooding so they remain functional during disasters.

Prioritize important transportation assets, especially bridges and roads that are sole routes for communities for emergency evacuation and access to emergency services. Identify other evacuation resources (ex: boats) ahead of time and formalize plans for how to use these resources in case of emergency.

Ensure communities are engaged in risk preparedness and have a voice and agency in shaping policies around responding to risk.

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Economy

Maintain and improve local economic vitality and equitable access to diverse employment opportunities by preserving the function of major employment centers, infrastructure, and utilities while enhancing accessibility of local employment.

Promote resilience of the industrial sector, especially on the northern waterfront, current and future job sites on the shore, and the interconnected networks and systems they rely on.

Development associated with increasing local employment should move forward through a process that values community participation and prioritizes habitat preservation and restoration.

Improve understanding of risks to levees and flood protection and prioritize local investment in vulnerable levees that provide protection to communities and important assets and infrastructure.

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Environment

Protect and improve the environment by preserving and restoring habitats, particularly tidal
wetlands, continuing to improve air and water quality, and safely addressing contaminated
lands.

Prioritize the use of natural and nature-based approaches for flood protection where possible
and appropriate to improve community and economic resilience. Where possible, emphasize
the importance of agricultural lands in preserving future areas of retreat from sea-level rise.
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