

2021 Progress, Gaps & Needs Survey

for Sea Level Rise Adaptation in the Bay Area



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A **snapshot of progress** around the Bay, with special focus on barriers to effective sea level rise (SLR) planning and adaptation at local jurisdictions.

Directors of Planning and Public Works at 9 counties, 54 cities, and 2 special districts were invited to participate in spring 2021.



92%
Indicate they have insufficient **staff & funds** to adequately plan & prepare for SLR

55%
Have unmet **staffing needs for SLR planning**, of those 2/3 don't have plans to hire

over 65%
Report **hiring personnel** to work on SLR-related tasks, but most them work on SLR less than 1/4 of the time

over 50%
Of the vulnerability assessments that have been done identify risks to **disadvantaged & socially vulnerable** groups

45%
Do not have an **adaptation plan** at all

55%
Want training on **adaptive management**

almost 2/3rds
Indicate a lack of **state legislation to provide direction** is a key barrier

under 42%
Currently use **technical tools & resources** that may be necessary for effective SLR planning

Responses varied by topic, so data summarized above are the results from 17 to 27 Respondents from 5 Counties • 20 Cities • 2 Special districts