

A Message from Warner Chabot, SFEI

Finding \$100 million/yr. for Bay Area shoreline climate adaptation

This is NOT a news story. It proposes how the Bay Area can secure \$100M per year to support local adaptation success.

The Challenge: The San Francisco Estuary Institute ([SFEI](#)), partners with Bay Area community leaders by providing science and tools to address climate adaptation issues. Recent trends provide a unique Bay Area adaptation opportunity. This memo suggests how to secure state policy and funding to **boldly advance local, community-based climate adaptation leadership.**

Climate change accelerates each year. The Bay Area impacts are regional. Yet, if you live near the S.F. Bay shoreline or on California's coast, your **local**, city and county provides the front-line response to sea level rise and lowland flooding. About 90% of our climate adaptation actions and solutions will evolve from **local** land use and infrastructure decisions. They need and deserve state support to increase their capacity to address this challenge.

What You Can Do: Help provide Bay Area leaders with the **capacity** to become a national model for community-based climate adaptation:

1. **Ask Our Bay Area Caucus to lead** – **Attachment #1** below, is a basic support letter & a list of policy directors for our (27 member) Bay Area Caucus.

You can either:

- a) Respond to me with your name & affiliation to be added to this policy advice letter, or
- b) Edit and send your own letter

A Summary of Some Bay Area and State Leadership:

Here's data on local and state climate efforts. They show how Bay Area can become a national adaptation leader **IF** state leaders fully support local efforts.

- **Local Leadership**- Local and regional leaders are actively creating bold, climate adaptation [tools](#) and [plans](#)
- **The LAO** - (Legislative Analyst's Office) released a powerful [report](#) and [summary](#), urging a \$100M local shoreline adaptation program,
- **The Governor** - Has a bold "[Coast & Ocean Strategic Plan](#)". He's also proposed a climate resiliency [budget](#) and [actions](#) to support local adaptation efforts,
- **New Sacramento bills** - New bills propose to: [fund local government sea-level rise planning](#), create a [California Climate Adaptation Center](#), support [regional adaptation groups plans & implementation](#), and to create a [coastal resilience and adaptation program](#).
- **The Governor and the Senate** - have both proposed climate resilience bonds to invest \$4-\$5 Billion in adaptation work,

- **A State Sea Level Rise Committee** - met in Foster City to hear local adaptation policy ideas - See [news story](#) and 2-hr. [hearing video](#)

THEN TAKE ACTION ON THE DRAFT LETTER TO BAY AREA LEGISLATORS

For the following documents, email Warnerc@sfei.org

- 1) **Draft Letter** - to Bay Area State Legislative Caucus
- 2) **Policy Comparison** - of the LAO Report, Governor's Budget & Resiliency Bond and Senate Bond measure

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