

Marin Sea Level Rise Governance Steering Committee

Project Overview

Recognizing the need for a comprehensive strategy to effectively plan and implement sea level rise adaptation projects across jurisdictions and stakeholders, the County is sponsoring a project to understand the potential for a multi-jurisdictional governance structure and decision-making framework to address sea level rise (SLR) across Marin County.

Key phases of this effort include:

- **Conduct Research and Stakeholder Engagement** to understand community and agency priorities, challenges, and needs as they relate to sea level rise planning and project implementation. *(Spring 2024 to Early 2025)*
- **Identify Governance Structure Alternatives** based on input received in Phase 1 and prioritize and refine alternatives in collaboration with stakeholders from across the county. *(Early 2025 to Summer 2025)*
- **Develop Recommendations** for an alternative multi-jurisdictional governance structure and decision-making process to be approved by the County Board of Supervisors. *(Summer 2025)*

Additional details about the project may be found online at marinslr.org.

Steering Committee Overview and Purpose

We recommend the formation of a **Steering Committee that is composed of geographically representative elected officials** and are seeking two elected officials from West Marin, **including one from Bolinas Community Public Utility District**. The Steering Committee will inform the overall project process, representing the perspectives and interests of their constituents and agencies. If the goal of this project is to identify a widely accepted multi-jurisdictional governance structure, the purpose of this **Committee is to ensure that the project is conducted in a way that results in a recommendation that reflects the needs of the broader community**. The Steering Committee will guide communication and stakeholder engagement plans, and review and approve the final recommendation. Committee members are intended to coordinate with other relevant entities from within their jurisdictional boundaries and to represent these perspectives on the Committee.

Steering Committee Participation Considerations

We recommend the formation of a **Steering Committee that is composed of elected officials with the following perspectives:**

- Prior or current involvement in adaptation planning in Marin County,
- Currently manage infrastructure that may be impacted by sea level rise, or
- Currently represent communities and/or businesses that may be impacted by sea level rise.

The first Steering Committee meeting will be hosted in November 2024 (hybrid or in-person), with all meetings thereafter being scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of the month from 1:30pm to 3:00pm (for those who participate in the BayWave Executive Steering Committee, this time slot is intended to capitalize on the regular BayWave meeting time). This **Committee would meet regularly at an approximately three-month interval through the duration of the project.**