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REGISTER NOW FOR EL NIÑO BRIEFING!

ABAG and CalOES are collaborating to bring jurisdictions and special districts panels to discuss how cities and counties can prepare for this winter's predicted strong El Niño storms on **Wednesday, December 16 from 2-4 pm.**

This timely, free briefing will be held at **Oakland Museum's James Moore Theatre, 1000 Oak Street, in Oakland, CA.**



This program is offered at no charge, but space is limited, so **register soon!**

ABOUT ABAG RESILIENCE PROGRAM

The Resilience Program of the Association of Bay Area Governments seeks to promote a more sustainable, resilient, and prosperous region where our communities are prepared to withstand and quickly recover from the effects of earthquakes and natural hazards. [Learn more.](#)

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City of Oakland and ABAG Complete Innovative Recovery Planning Project

The City of Oakland retained an ABAG-led consultant team earlier this year to assist the City in developing a disaster recovery program that will help the City govern during the recovery phase after a major disaster. The ABAG team adapted national materials developed by FEMA, including a **Disaster Recovery Framework**, to guide the values and benchmarks of a strong recovery, **Recovery Support Functions**, identifying how different sectors will achieve recovery, and a draft **Recovery Ordinance**, designed to be adopted after a disaster to help enable a successful recovery process. The project culminated in a workshop with City staff to help establish consensus around the new program and prepare staff to undertake recovery actions after a disaster. For more information, contact **Genevieve Pastor-Cohen.**

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New Floodwall for Bay Area Wastewater Treatment Plant

In October 2015, the Vallejo Sanitation and Flood Control District was awarded a hazard mitigation grant to construct a new floodwall around the district's wastewater treatment facility. The district was eligible for the grant through the State of Emergency following the August 2014 South Napa Earthquake. Subsequently, FEMA released new data that placed the wastewater treatment plant in the 100-year floodplain; projected sea level rise makes the flooding even more severe in coming years. The conceptual design is currently in the RFP process. For more information about the project view the full story [here](#), or contact [Zoeanne Tafolla](#).

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New 2015 State Laws will Bolster Future Climate Action & Adaptation Planning

The recent legislative session saw a number of bills signed into law that will bolster climate action and adaptation planning in California. See a longer summary of each bill [here](#).

- **SB-350:** Establishes a renewable energy portfolio standard target of 50% by 2030.
- **AB-1482:** CNRA will update State Climate Adaptation Plan in 2017 and update every three years.
- **SB-379:** Cities and counties must review and update their general plan safety elements to address climate adaptation and resilience strategies. Jurisdictions must act the next time they revise their Local Hazard Mitigation Plans after 2017, or, if a local agency has not adopted a hazard mitigation plan, before 2022.
- **SB-246:** Requires OPR to establish an Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program to align state, regional, and local strategies. The State's Adaptation Planning Guide will be updated in 2018.

Governor's Office of Planning and Research Updating General Plan Guidelines

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research is in the midst of updating the General Plan Guidelines for jurisdictions. The new guidelines specifically integrate a more comprehensive approach to addressing climate change in several elements, including the Safety Element. A draft for public comment was released in October. Public comment ends December 18. To review the guidelines and provide feedback, click [here](#).

Los Angeles Enacts Groundbreaking Seismic Retrofit Laws

The City of Los Angeles voted unanimously in October to mandate the retrofit of non-ductile concrete buildings and soft story buildings, covering about 15,000 buildings within the city. Building owners will have seven years to retrofit wood-frame soft story buildings, which are relatively easier and less expensive to retrofit, and 25 years to retrofit concrete buildings, which are more disruptive and can be far more expensive to retrofit. To view the ordinance, click [here](#). For more information on the law, click [here](#).

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