

Draft PBA 2050 Comment Form submission

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Comment Wonderful vision for the Plan. Two other comments related to Sea Level Rise: 1. Impacts to groundwater from sea level rise should be considered and discussed along with SLR in this report. There are significant impacts that will need to be planned for. There are different assumptions used for SLR in the Bay Area. • 2' by 2050 Plan Bay Area 2050 • 3.5' used by OPC Principles for Aligned State Action (wastewater treatment plants are recommended to use this which builds in a margin of safety but I find this number vague. SLR and the margin of safety aren't clearly defined that I can find. • Various levels in OPC 2018 State Guidance to assume based on risk aversion which assumes higher SLR for critical infrastructure. • USACE uses a different calculation for SLR that is different than what CA uses One could see how anticipating changes that are to occur could be problematic when they're not aligned, especially when some assumptions build in margins of safety and others do not. Perhaps Plan Bay Area 2050 could include explanation in the Plan about why the 2' assumption is used, how it relates to the OPC guidance, and also coordinate (if not already) with the regional entities on assumptions. Thank you. [1] mailto:[REDACTED]