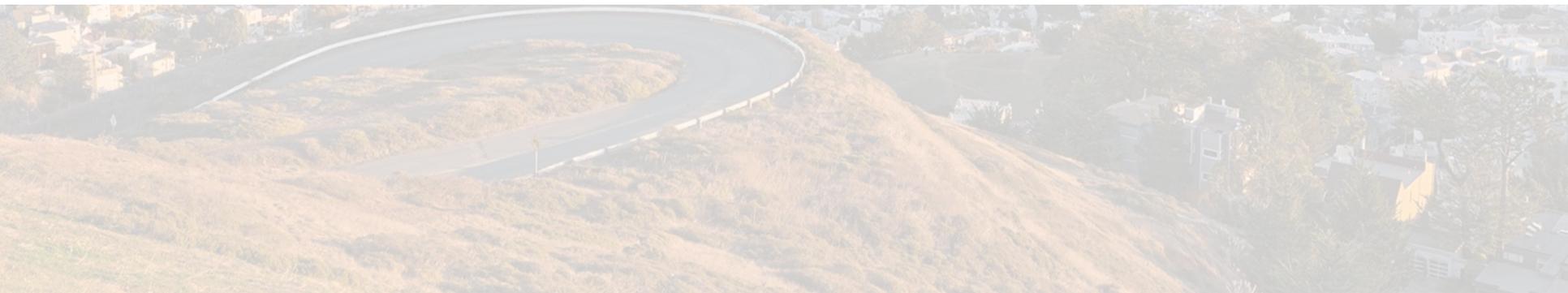




# Bay Area Regional Collaborative (BARC) Executive Director's Report

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# State Legislative Background: 2020 Climate Adaptation & Resiliency Focus

Prior to COVID-19, several resiliency bills were being developed in the CA Legislature. Examples:

- Resilience bonds (SB 45, AB 3256, Governor's Budget)
- Establishing regional roles in climate adaptation (AB 2148)
- Strengthening climate adaptation planning requirements and funding programs (AB 2621, AB 1992, SB 1100)

In 2020, BARC can promote a coherent and resource-efficient climate adaptation structure.

# Establishing Roles and Responsibilities in Climate Adaptation & Resiliency

## State Government

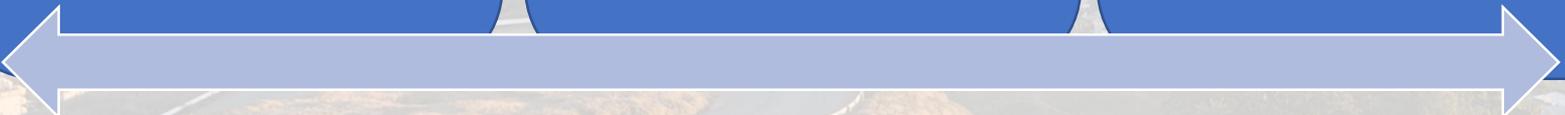
- Deploy resources to regions & local governments
- Set policy to create enabling environment for action
- High level statewide guidance

## Regional Government

- Targeted grant programs to local government
- Technical assistance and guidance to support local action
- Regional strategy w/ guiding principles, performance metrics

## Local Government

- Inclusive advanced adaptation planning
- Identification of risk management strategies
- Project implementation & financing strategies
- Project maintenance



BARC's recommendations are based on the Bay Area's experience and emphasize clear roles and responsibilities for each level of government. These roles address the varying needs and abilities of regions across the state without creating unnecessary new layers of bureaucracy.

# BARC's Proposed Recommendations on Climate Adaptation & Resiliency



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**Recommendation 1:** Designate Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) as the Regional Agencies to Support Climate Adaptation and Resilience Efforts at the Regional Scale

- *In the four major metropolitan areas of the state, MPOs can deliver planning, funding, and guidance most efficiently and equitably to local governments.*

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**Recommendation 2:** Establish a Regional Grant Program to Fund Regional Planning Guidance, Local Advanced Adaptation Planning and Prioritization of a Pipeline of Climate Adaptation and Resilience Projects

- *To ensure the state's major metropolitan areas are prepared to deliver critically needed climate adaptation projects once significant funding for capital improvements becomes available, we recommend the Legislature first appropriate \$40 million in funds to support regional and local agency advanced adaptation planning, with the **majority of funds being distributed to local stakeholders.***

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**Recommendation 3:** Leverage Any Forthcoming Funds (e.g., Resilience Bond, State/Federal Infrastructure Stimulus, or Other Mechanism) to Both Respond to the Impacts of COVID-19 and Advance Climate Adaptation and Resilience Objectives

- *Bond or stimulus funds can support the development of infrastructure projects that help rebuild our economy and create jobs, while also meeting climate adaptation objectives*

# BARC's Proposed Recommendations on Climate Adaptation & Resiliency

**Recommendation 4:** Strengthen the Bond's Support of the Bay Area's Most Socio-Economically Vulnerable

- *We recommend that state-designated low-income communities be designated as eligible recipients of funds targeted to both disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations. (not the narrow definition of disadvantaged communities used to distribute Cap-and-Trade funds)*

# Next Steps

With approval by BARC Governing Board, BARC will engage state lawmakers, regional partners and colleagues from other regions across the State to advance the recommendations for Climate Adaptation and Resiliency



# Thank You!

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