

TOGETHER BAY AREA

2022 POLICY PRIORITIES

TOGETHER Bay Area is a regional coalition of Indigenous Tribes / groups, nonprofits, and public agencies collaborating for climate resilience and equity. A primary goal of the coalition is to advance policy and public funding that support healthy lands, which are integral to a thriving Bay Area and the health of the people and communities in our 10 county region. The following items are our priorities to support climate resilient lands and communities in the Bay Area.

PRIORITY: MAJOR INVESTMENTS FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Public funding for our mission and members authorized by natural resources bonds (e.g. Proposition 68), the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, and the state General Fund, must be appropriated annually. To support our mission and members, we will:

- Advocate for the promised \$350 million general fund appropriation for the State Coastal Conservancy, to be distributed amongst programs including the Bay Area Program and Restoration Authority, in FY 22-23 state budget negotiations.
- Support development of and leverage Pathways to 30x30 and other state plans to secure public funding in FY 22-23 state budget negotiations and other stakeholder processes.
- Support funding for other programs and agencies that align with our mission and members in FY 22-23 state funding negotiations.

PRIORITY: EQUITY IN PUBLIC FUNDING

Distribution of public funding is guided by various plans, rules, and definitions. Guided by our Framework for Justice, Equity, and Belonging we will work toward equitable distribution of state funding. To support our mission and members we will:

- Ensure equity prioritization definitions meet Bay Area needs, i.e, vulnerable communities and under-resourced communities.
- Listen and learn from our members about regional needs and priorities, and share that information with key decision makers.

PRIORITY: OVERCOME CHALLENGES TO RESTORATION AND STEWARDSHIP

To enhance climate resilience of the Bay Area and our communities we must advance the pace and scale of environmental restoration and stewardship. To support our mission and members we will:

- Support the state's Cutting the Green Tape Initiative through coordination with California Landscape Stewardship Network.
- Support other efforts that align with our mission and members' work to steward lands and make them equitably accessible.