# Equitably Advancing Water Conservation in the San Francisco Bay Area

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## **Bay Area One Water Network**



Supporting efforts to ensure equitable, safe and resilient water systems.

We share information, build collaborative capacity, and advance discussions about increasing the sustainability of water supplies in the region.

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#### STORMWATER CAPTURE TO AUGMENT WATER SUPPLIES IN THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Challenges, Opportunities and Next Steps

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### Next Steps for the Bay Area One Water Network: the Bay Area's Water Supply in 2050

Nature-based Solutions for Shoreline Resiliency in the Bay Area (BAOWN & SFEP)

## **Opportunities for conservation**



- Center equity in water conservation planning to fairly distribute the benefits & costs of water conservation among the population, and avoid unintended consequences of using less water
- Open discussions
- Produce a publicly-available report (without attributions)

## Workshop Objectives



- Identify drivers and shared goals for conservation
- Share lessons and technical information
- Assess potential unintended consequences of conservation
- Strategize how to fairly distribute the benefits among the population
- Define actionable recommendations & implementation strategies
- Identify knowledge gaps & next steps

## The Program



• Today: stage-setting for context, time for Q&A

State-wide perspective

Bay Area efforts

Impacts on wastewater services

Equitable approach to rate-making

• Tomorrow: in-person meeting & breakout groups