

# Board of Directors Meeting

## San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District

## AGENDA

January 27, 2025

4:00 PM

1. **Swear In Board Members \*** San Mateo County Supervisor Lisa Gauthier, Redwood City Vice Mayor Kaia Eakin
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Public Comment** Persons wishing to address the Board on District-related matters not on this Agenda, as well as items listed under Action to Approve the Consent Agenda, may speak for up to two minutes; comments on Agenda items shall be heard during that item for up to two minutes.
4. **Action to Set the Agenda and Approve the Consent Agenda**
  - A. Approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2024 District Board meeting
5. **Regular Business**
  - A. Discuss and take action to elect Board officers; confirm, establish, and appoint members to Board committees; and appoint Board members to external agencies
  - B. Authorize the CEO to execute a contract with O'Connell & Dempsey to advance OneShoreline's interests with the federal government
  - C. Discuss two Requests for Proposals to evaluate the feasibility of, plan, and design project elements to provide resilience for developed, natural, and recreational areas along Colma Creek
  - D. Receive an update on the Millbrae and Burlingame Shoreline Resilience Project
6. **Chair's Report \***
7. **CEO's Report \***
8. **Board Member Reports and Items for a Future Agenda \***
9. **Adjournment**

## Agenda Item 5A

Elect Board officers; appoint members to Board committees and to external agencies

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### Current Board officers and committee assignments

Chair: *vacant*      Vice Chair: Debbie Ruddock

Committees (up to three members):

Finance (standing): Marie Chuang, Donna Colson, Lisa Gauthier

Personnel (*ad hoc*): Marie Chuang, Donna Colson,

Strategic Planning (*ad hoc*): Adam Rak, Debbie Ruddock,

Government Affairs (*ad hoc*): Lisa Gauthier, Adam Rak, Debbie Ruddock

Representative to the SFCJPA: *vacant*; alternate Ray Mueller

Representative to the ACWA JPIA: Lisa Gauthier; alternate Finance Director Lucy Dong

## Agenda Item 5B – Authorize the CEO to execute a contract with O’Connell & Dempsey to advance OneShoreline’s federal interests

- After an informal competitive procurement process in early 2024, the Board’s Government Affairs Committee and CEO decided to engage Mia O’Connell of O’Connell & Dempsey for an initial term from 3/1/24-12/31/24.
- During this term, Mia O’Connell focused her efforts on securing funding for a Corps of Engineers project to build resilience for the flood-prone Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside Wastewater Treatment Plant that serves Half Moon Bay and communities north of that City.
- Funding for this project was included in the House of Representatives FY2025 appropriations bill but Congress has yet to pass any appropriations bill for the FY. More recently, Mia O’Connell and OneShoreline have engaged Corps staff to ready the Corps to engage in this project, in addition to her work to secure authorization for a new Corps study of measures to adapt the entire Bay Area to rising sea levels.

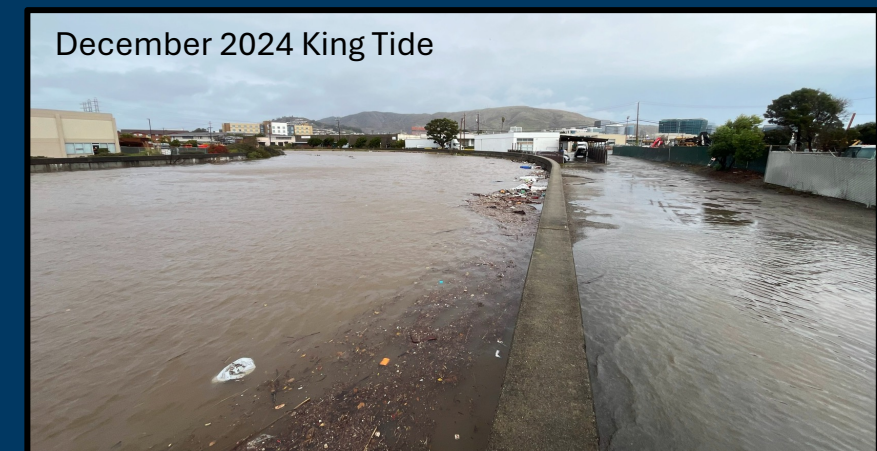
**RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:** Authorize the CEO to execute a 14-month Agreement with O’Connell & Dempsey from Feb. 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 with a not-to-exceed amount of \$98,000, with an option to extend the term for up to an additional 14 months (through May 31, 2027) and increase the not-to-exceed amount to \$196,000.



## Agenda Item 5C

### Colma Creek Requests for Proposals

- The Colma Creek Watershed is the largest in San Mateo County and includes areas of five cities and unincorporated County lands.
- When it was established, OneShoreline assumed the assets and liabilities of the former County Flood Control District, including infrastructure along Colma Creek built between 1964 and 2006 to contain a 50-year storm based on historic data.
- Considering that today's storms and tides exceed previous events, the age of this infrastructure, and the new opportunities associated with land use plans in South San Francisco, OneShoreline is now focused on managing its infrastructure to be climate resilient and transforming the Creek from a walled-off liability into a community asset.
- Staff have been working with local partners to develop RFPs for near-term no-regret improvements and long-term planning.



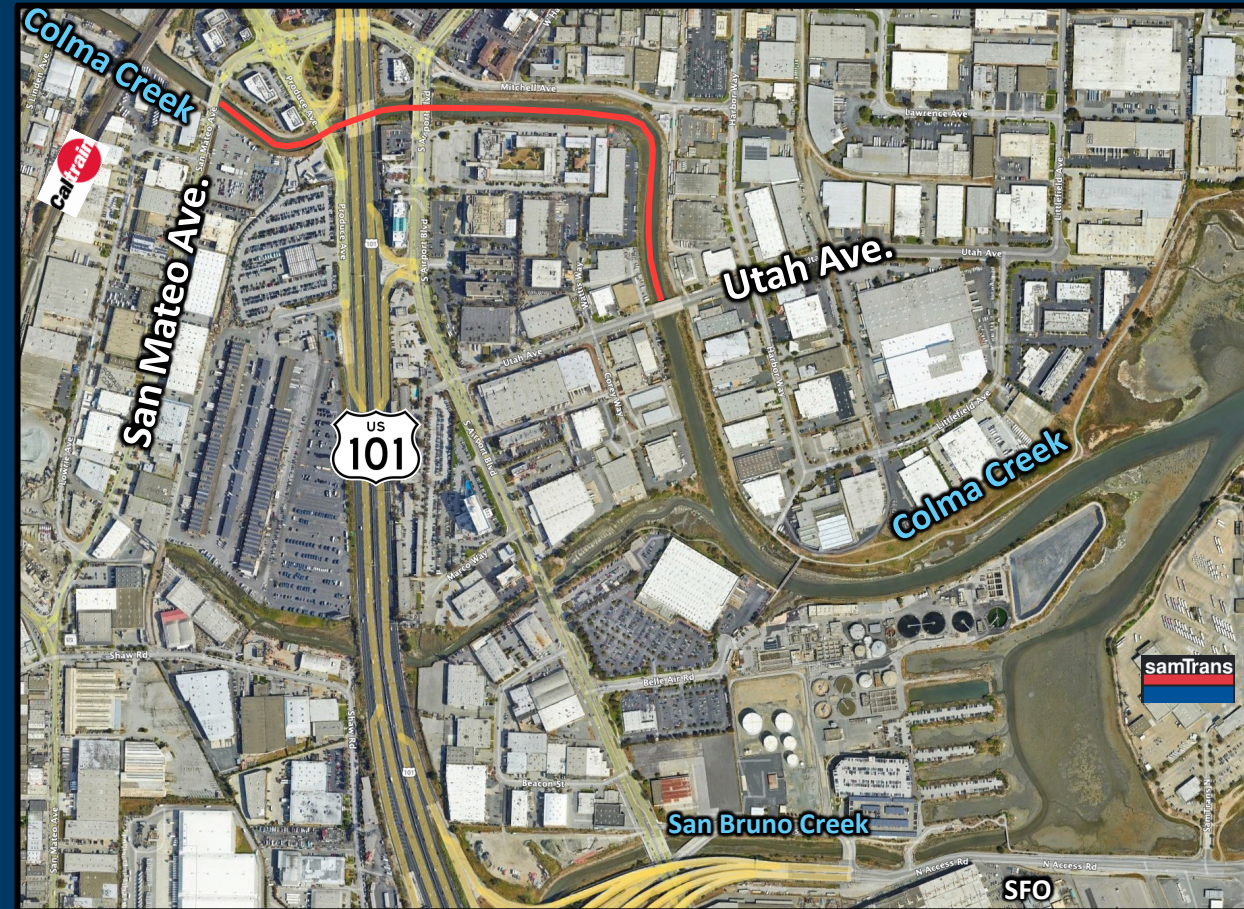
# Colma Creek Planning and Design RFP – San Mateo Ave to Utah Ave

## Goals

- Increase flow capacity
- Improve ecological function, including native habitat
- Increase public access and safety
- Build infrastructure, habitat, and public access spaces that are resilient to future conditions

## Scope

- Develop conceptual designs and analyze the technical, land rights, and economic feasibility of those concepts
- Develop detailed construction packages and cost estimates
- Complete the CEQA process and secure necessary permits
- Facilitate stakeholder and public engagement



# Colma Creek Watershed Plan of Opportunities and Feasibility RFP

## Goals

- Increase system capacity to reduce flood risks
- Water quality
- Resilience for infrastructure, ecological functions, and recreational opportunities
- Public safety along creek banks

## Scope

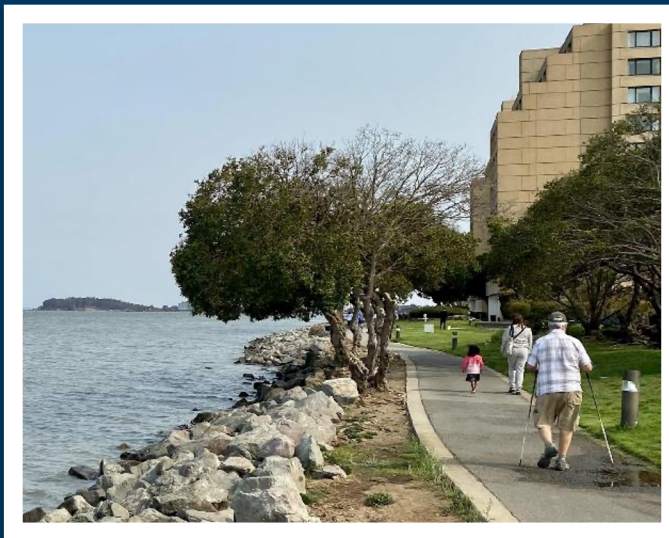
- Review and integrate existing plans and reports
- Update hydrology and hydraulic modeling to incorporate climate change
- Identify and evaluate opportunities to provide flood protection, and new habitat and recreation
- Develop and assess opportunities to increase channel capacity in the context of local land use policies
- Create a list of priority multi-benefit projects and outline next steps for implementation



# Agenda Item 5D – Update on the Millbrae and Burlingame Shoreline Resilience Project

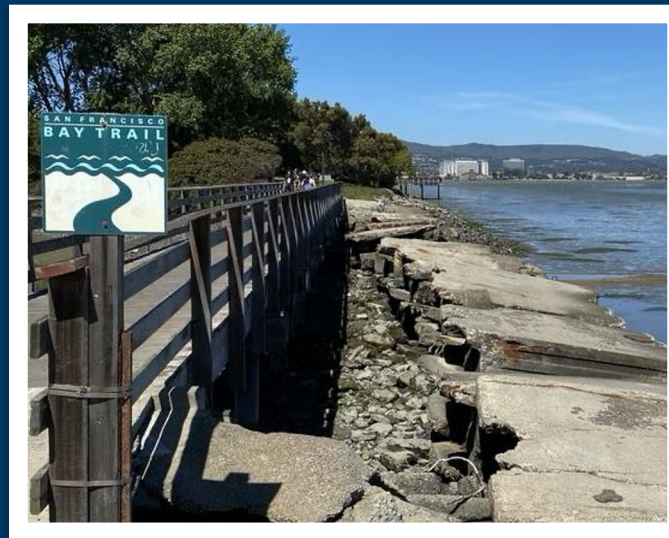
**Goal: Long-term climate resilience against sea level rise and extreme storms for developed, natural, and public access areas**

## Coastal Flood Protection



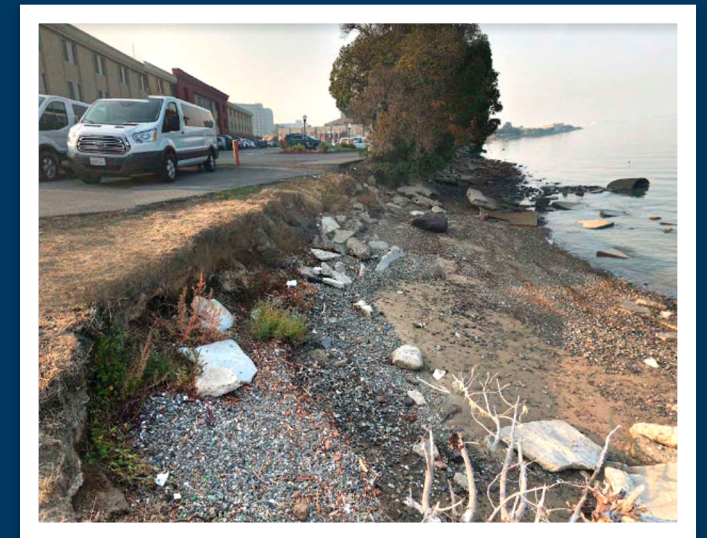
**Protect shoreline area against current coastal hazards and future sea level rise**

## Public Access + Recreation



**Enhance the shoreline area experience today and in the future**

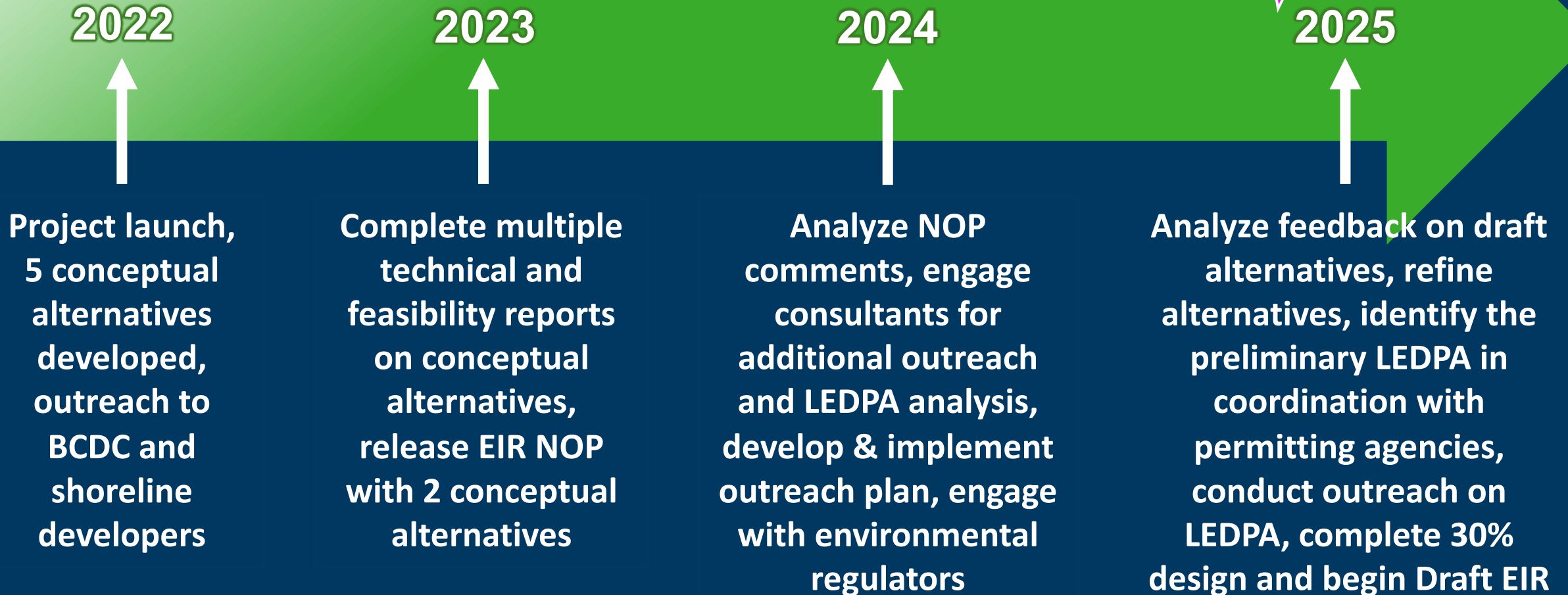
## Habitat



**Promote healthy and sustainable ecosystems along the Bay shoreline**

**Primary constraints: 6 creeks/lagoons, heavily urbanized, FEMA accreditation, high-flying birds**

# Project Progress to Date and Next Steps in 2025



# Community Outreach and Engagement

Community outreach and engagement from Sept. 25 – Dec. 5, 2024 to receive feedback on three draft project alternatives

- 3 presentations to governing bodies: OneShoreline Board, Millbrae & Burlingame City Councils
- 4 OneShoreline-hosted public events
- 9 presentations to community-based organizations
- 10 Project vetting partner meetings
- 146 participants at all engagement events
- 155 sign-ups to the project mailing list
- 1,648 views of project website
- 29,384 social media impressions



## What We Heard: Major Themes

- Bay Trail and public access improvements
- Engineering details
- Infrastructure reliability
- SFO coordination and bird strikes
- Living shorelines and Bay fill concerns
- Funding strategies
- Range of alternatives and evaluation criteria
- Regional collaboration



# What We Heard: Outreach and Engagement Design

## Refined Messaging

- The “costs” of doing nothing
- Reducing risk of potential infrastructure failure
- Possible benefits to Millbrae’s Bayfront Park and connection to the rest of the Bay Trail
- Groundwater flooding and limitations of this project
- Renderings of alternatives
- Focus on pros and cons of alternatives

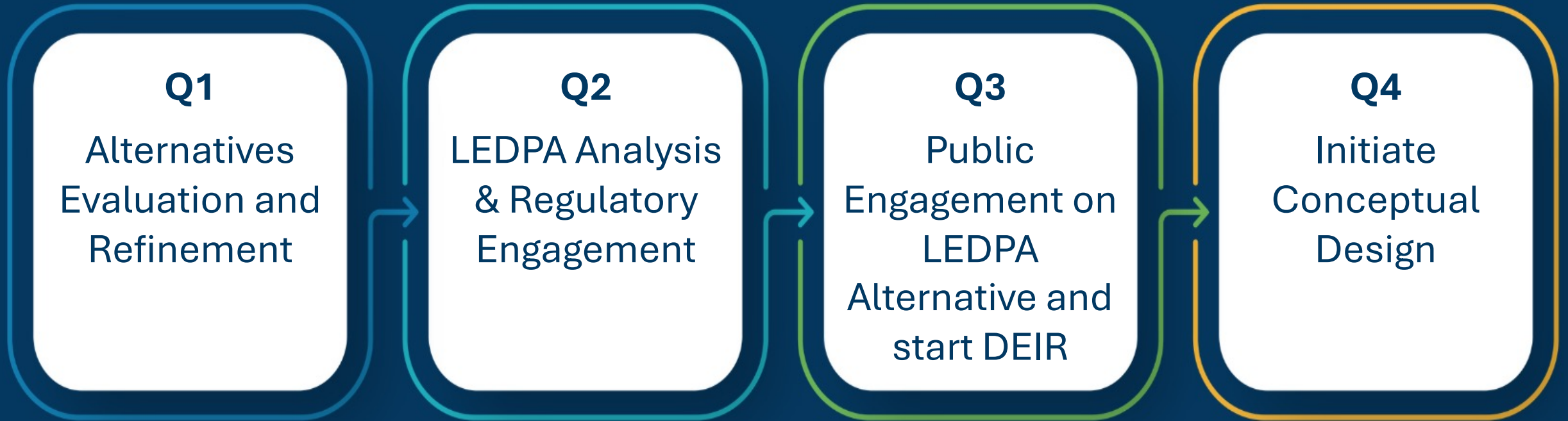
## Events and Logistics

- Continue briefings with project vetting partners and core CBOs
- Hold one in-person community meeting since attendance numbers were lower when split between two
- Continue offering an online meeting option, but consider a “meeting” instead of webinar format
- Prioritize intercept outreach along Bay Trail with anglers and other users

## Promotion

- Consider outreach to youth organizations
- Tweaks to social media strategy and Eventbrite language
- Try radio PSAs for next public engagement phase

# Anticipated 2025 Schedule





**Next two scheduled Board meetings**

**February 24, 2025 at 4:00 PM**

**March 24, 2025 at 4:00 PM**