

MCL Water & Watershed Speaker Program

Programs held at Central Marin Police Headquarters Community Room

250 Doherty Drive, Larkspur (Parking at Piper Park behind headquarters building)

PLANNING FOR SEA LEVEL RISE IN MARIN COUNTY

Assessing the Risk and How to Adapt to Higher Waters

Thursday, February 25, 2016, 4:00 – 5:30 PM

(Note Change of Time – to 4 PM)

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County Senior Planner Chris Choo and Senior Engineer Roger Leventhal will discuss studies underway on the likely impacts to Marin's bay shoreline from projected sea level rise in coming years. These studies, known as vulnerability assessments, are a crucial first step to prepare the County's defense against encroaching waters.

A study of the County's West Marin coastline, called CSMART, has been completed and the East Marin study, BAYWAVE, is underway along the bayfront from Novato to Sausalito. Planner Chris Choo heads up the study team which includes representatives of all East Marin cities, towns, and special districts.

The vulnerability assessment is intended to identify what is likely to be flooded under three different sea level rise scenarios, map these assets, and compute possible costs of adapting to higher waters and stronger storm and tidal surges. Assets to be studied include homes, businesses, roads, utility infrastructure (pipes and pumps), recreational and environmental resources.

All MCL members and guests welcome without charge. Program co-chairs are Priscilla Bull (pril2@aol.com) and Ann Thomas (athomas1@pacbell.net). Contact us anytime with questions or comments.

The MCL water speaker series is continuing on intermittent months. At this time we are considering speaker topics for March, May, and June 2016. There will not be programs in April, July, or August. Suggestions for topics and speakers are welcome.