



Baykeeper Executive Director Sejal Choksi-Chugh

### THANK YOU FOR BEING A CHAMPION OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY

#### A Message from Baykeeper's Executive Director

Because you stood with Baykeeper, it's been a year of breakthroughs for San Francisco Bay. Together, we won major victories this year to prevent trash and toxic pollution and stop excessive sand mining in the Bay. Thank you!

We also succeeded in stopping immediate threats on the water. My new favorite example of the Baykeeper team in action emerged during 2016's Super Bowl extravaganza. The morning after dazzling fireworks displays over the Bay, Baykeeper's Pollution Hotline received reports from swimmers and hikers of plastic fireworks debris littering the Bay and washing up on beaches. We investigated and alerted the government agencies that should have regulated the shows. When the agencies declined to follow up, Baykeeper secured an agreement directly with the fireworks display company to make sure future displays over the Bay would use proven methods to keep pollution out of the water.

After the same company's July 4th fireworks displays, Baykeeper held two investigative cleanups on the San Francisco and Berkeley shorelines. Our staff and volunteers found no fireworks debris. That's real progress, and you can trust that Baykeeper will keep monitoring to protect the Bay from future fireworks pollution.

This victory, and all of Baykeeper's victories this year, are a tribute to you. Your support for our work is making the Bay safer for recreation, healthier for wildlife, and more sustainable for us all. Thank you for being a true champion of our beloved San Francisco Bay.

Sejal Choksi-Chugh, Baykeeper Executive Director



# SAFE THRIVING THE SAN FRANCISCO B A Y





#### A YEAR OF BIG VICTORIES FOR SAN FRANCISCO BAY

#### Protecting Dungeness Crab, the Bay, and Ocean Beach

For years, private companies have been allowed to remove too much sand from San Francisco Bay's floor. Excessive sand mining makes erosion worse at Ocean Beachendangering the habitat of the threatened western snowy plover and reducing beach access for surfers, kiteboarders, and beachgoers. Sand mining also harms habitat for species like Dungeness crab and Chinook salmon.

Baykeeper sued to put a stop to this damage, and this year we won a crucial legal ruling to rein in excessive sand mining. As a result, the California state government is required to set new sand mining limits that prioritize the public's use and enjoyment of the Bay's sand. Now Baykeeper is ensuring that proper limits are adopted to protect Ocean Beach, wildlife, and San Francisco Bay, for all to enjoy.

# Keeping Trash and Toxics out of the Bay

Baykeeper secured a critical new agreement this year requiring San Jose to keep trash, toxic runoff, and sewage out of San Francisco Bay. During rainstorms, highly polluted runoff from San Jose is washed into Guadalupe River and Coyote Creek, then into the Bay. The pollution endangers seals, birds, and other wildlife, and can sicken people who spend time on the Bay.

Under our agreement, San Jose will install devices that remove trash from runoff and upgrade its leaking sewer system. And San Jose has committed to invest in Bay-friendly infrastructure projects to reduce runoff pollution, capture more rainwater, and increase green space. Thanks to Baykeeper's efforts, the city with some of the most polluted runoff in the Bay Area can now become a leader in stopping this pollution.



# MORE VICTORIES TO MAKE SAN FRANCISCO BAY HEALTHIER

Baykeeper has secured legal agreements requiring more than 36 Bay Area industrial facilities to stop polluting San Francisco Bay with toxic metals. So far 18 of them have successfully reduced their pollution under our watch.

Baykeeper helped defeat two proposals to expand oil refining and crude oil transport in the Bay Area. Because of advocacy by Baykeeper, our partner groups, and local residents, the developer of a crude oil storage facility in Pittsburg canceled the project, and Benicia rejected Valero's bid to expand its oil refinery rail yard.

Baykeeper helped defend the Bay from coal pollution. Baykeeper, our partner groups, and local residents took a stand against a proposal to transport coal into Oakland in open train cars, shedding toxic dust—and Oakland's City Council banned coal shipment and exports through the city. Baykeeper advocacy also helped secure a new California law

that bars state funding for future coal export projects.

Baykeeper regularly patrolled the Bay in the Baykeeper boat, investigating pollution. On one patrol, we discovered that debris from the demolition of the old Bay Bridge was falling into the Bay. Baykeeper followed up and got netting put in place that protects the Bay from future contamination.

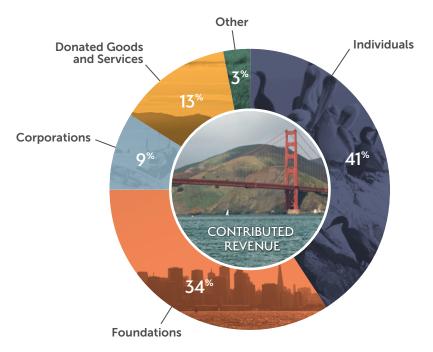






#### 2016 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 1, 2015 - JUNE 30, 2016



## Contributed Revenue

During 2015-16, Baykeeper received \$765,286 in contributions from foundations, corporations, and generous donors like you. This support enabled Baykeeper to achieve the successes for a healthy San Francisco Bay shown in this annual report. Thank you!

#### Legal Revenue

During 2015-16, Baykeeper recovered \$664,288 in legal expenses. When Baykeeper wins a lawsuit against a polluter, we are reimbursed for a portion of our legal costs to bring the case and for future costs to make sure pollution is reduced. In 2015-16, this included substantial recovery from our four-year lawsuit to stop excessive sand mining in the Bay, which resulted in a planned revenue surplus of \$303.546. We are now investing these funds in new advocacy and highimpact legal work to protect San Francisco Bay.

# Total Expenses

During 2015-16, Baykeeper expenses totaled \$1,292,514. We directed \$782,882 (60%) to programs to stop pollution in San Francisco Bay. Administrative costs remained stable at \$152,100 (12%). We directed \$357,532 (28%) to fundraising as a planned strategic investment in building our capacity to better protect San Francisco Bay.

These figures are preliminary. Full audited statements will be available once completed at baykeeper.org.



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#### We love the many moods of San Francisco Bay

"We love the many moods of the Bay-the changes in light, color, and movement," say Helen and Allan Ridley. They spent many years appreciating San Francisco Bay from the San Francisco home of Helen's parents, Helen and Thomas Merigan. "The Bay was part of our family life. My father often urged us to look out and notice the light on the Bay or a passing ship or fleet of racing sailboats." Helen recalls.

Helen's dad also took her fishing for striped bass around the Bay in the 1950's. Helen and Allan have sailed and been swimming in the Bay. Both were high school biology teachers.



"We studied about the Bay ecosystem with our students and saw the efforts to save and regulate the Bay. At this date, the most pressing need is enforcement of the many regulations for water quality and shoreline protection. We see Baykeeper filling this role."

Helen and Allan also look at the leadership and operation of groups they support, to see if the mission is the driver for the work of the staff. "We like the 'on the Bay' and 'in the court room' presence of Baykeeper. And we like knowing that those who use the Bay-fishermen, sailors, kayakers, and swimmers—support Baykeeper. Baykeeper protects this priceless body of water that gives such pleasure to us all."

















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