TAKING A STAND FOR SAN FRANCISCO BAY.

2017 ANNUAL REPORT
THANK YOU FOR STANDING UP FOR SAN FRANCISCO BAY

A Message from Baykeeper’s Executive Director

Your support for the Bay this year has been more vital than ever. The federal government is rolling back clean water protections and weakening the EPA, while climate change and sea level rise loom as future threats. The health of San Francisco Bay hangs in the balance.

Because you stand with us, Baykeeper is on the front lines to fight for the Bay. Our scientists are using sound data to advocate for stronger local laws. Our field investigators are on the water identifying and stopping pollution. And our legal advocates are in court securing new protections that make the Bay healthier, safer, and more resilient.

You can be proud of the results. Together we are preventing the expansion of oil and coal facilities that put the health of the Bay at risk. We are keeping trash, sewage, and industrial heavy metals out of the water. And this year, we said goodbye to the last of the 57 decaying Ghost Fleet military ships that poisoned the Bay and local wildlife for decades.

Thank you for joining us in taking a stand to protect San Francisco Bay. And thank you for sharing our vision that the Bay will be healthy for all and bring joy to future generations.

Baykeeper Executive Director
Sejal Choksi-Chugh

YOUR BAY DEFENDER

Baykeeper is the only organization patrolling San Francisco Bay for pollution.
WETLAND PROTECTION
Bay wetlands need to be built up, to protect shorelines from sea level rise. Baykeeper is advocating for dredged sediment to be used to replenish Bay wetlands.

INDUSTRIAL TOXINS
40 industrial facilities around the Bay Area must stop polluting the Bay with toxic runoff because of Baykeeper’s Bay-Safe Industry Campaign.

SEWAGE SPILLS
Sewage spills in the Bay harm fish and birds and can sicken people. Baykeeper’s legal actions are reducing spills from 20 cities around the Bay.

TOXIC COAL
No coal in Oakland! Baykeeper is in court to stop a new coal terminal that could expose the Bay and local communities to toxic coal dust.

OIL TANKERS
Phillips 66 has proposed to drastically increase oil tankers on the Bay. Baykeeper is standing up against this bigger risk of oil spills.

ABANDONED BOATS
Hundreds of boats are abandoned each year, polluting the Bay with fuel, sewage, and trash. Baykeeper is helping to develop legislative and legal solutions for cleanup and removal.

GHOST FLEET
Victory! 57 decaying Ghost Fleet ships were removed as a result of Baykeeper’s legal action to protect the Bay from toxic pollution.

SAND MINING
Sand mining worsens erosion at Ocean Beach and damages Bay habitat. Baykeeper is fighting to stop sand mining companies from taking too much sand from the Bay.

TRASH RUNOFF
San Jose is cleaning up the city’s high levels of trash and toxic runoff to the Bay, thanks to Baykeeper’s legal action.

STOPTING POLLUTION IN 2017 ALL AROUND SAN FRANCISCO BAY
VICTORY FOR THE BAY

TOXIC GHOST FLEET CLEANUP COMPLETED THIS YEAR

Thanks to Baykeeper’s legal action, the 57 decaying military ships of the Ghost Fleet have now been removed from San Francisco Bay. The surplus ships were stored in Suisun Bay, a northern San Francisco Bay inlet. They poisoned the Bay’s ecosystem for decades, shedding paint chips and rusting metal pollution at levels harmful to wildlife and people.

Baykeeper successfully required the federal government to remove the fleet, starting with the worst ships first. The cleanup will prevent 50 tons of heavy metals and 14 million gallons of oil and wastewater from entering the Bay. It will also keep 38,000 cubic yards of PCBs out of the water, protecting wildlife and people from this persistent toxin.

Thank you for supporting this major victory for a healthier San Francisco Bay!

Contribution Revenue

During 2016-17, Baykeeper received $742,440 in contributions from foundations, corporations, and generous individual 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 2016-17, Baykeeper recovered $601,394 in legal expenses. When Baykeeper wins a Clean Water Act lawsuit, the polluter may be required to reimburse a portion of our legal costs to bring the case and future costs to make sure pollution is reduced. We are now investing these funds in new advocacy and legal work to protect San Francisco Bay.

2017 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
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SO MORE PEOPLE CAN EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF SAN FRANCISCO BAY

Champion swimmer Kim Chambers on why she supports Baykeeper

“I have benefited greatly from San Francisco Bay and all its wonders. I can’t imagine my life without it,” says Kim. “I want the Bay to be protected for future generations, so more people can experience the magic.”

And that’s why she’s an enthusiastic Baykeeper supporter. “I know Baykeeper is responsible for helping to keep the Bay as clean as possible. And the Bay is cleaner than it’s ever been before. I feel I have an obligation to help and I want to do whatever I can for Baykeeper.”

If the Bay is polluted, Kim believes swimmers will be affected first. “We’re like the canaries in the coal mine. And thanks to Baykeeper, we’re still alive, well, and singing some pretty good songs.”

Above, Kim jumps into the Bay for the start of the Baykeeper Bay Parade.
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