

FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT

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Thanks for fighting the good fight with us!

It's a challenging time for the Bay. Cities are polluting local creeks (and making excuses in court). The fossil fuel industry is harming Bay Area communities (emboldened by the Trump Administration). Federal agencies are diverting Bay waters at the bidding of wealthy political interests (while killing endangered fish).

But because of you, Baykeeper is defending the Bay—and winning! You're supporting our scientists in the field, investigating pollution. You're helping our advocates strengthen laws and build community partnerships. And you're keeping our lawyers in court to hold polluters accountable.

Baykeeper's unique combination of science, advocacy, and legal action has been a winning strategy for the Bay and all the people and wildlife who depend on it. Now, that's more important than ever.

Your love for San Francisco Bay is what powers this work. Thank you for joining us in the fight for the future of the Bay.

Warmly,

Sejal Choksi-Chugh
Executive Director





Investigating Pollution

For several years, Baykeeper's investigators sampled stormwater runoff flowing from Sunnyvale and Mountain View into local creeks. **We discovered that the cities' runoff contained dangerous levels of *E. coli* bacteria, many times higher than what the law allows.**

We used this evidence to file a lawsuit under the Clean Water Act. The case went to trial this summer, and the cities claimed their local creeks didn't need to be safe for recreation. Baykeeper's attorneys argued that the cities have a responsibility to keep harmful contamination out of the water.

We'll keep up the fight to make our local creeks safe to play in, and we'll keep investigating stormwater pollution around the Bay.

Your support will keep Baykeeper's investigators in the field and on the water, catching polluters.



Stopping Polluters

Auto dismantling is a dirty business. Heavy metals, fuel, and plastic from the process can pollute the environment and the Bay. That's what Baykeeper's scientists found when we investigated four Bay Area car scrapyard facilities. So we took legal action and required the company that owns the sites to clean up its act.

In a bonus win, we arranged for the hefty settlement funds to go to UC Davis's fish lab. The lab was facing federal budget cuts, so **this critical funding is helping care for the Bay's last remaining Delta Smelt.**

We'll continue to stop polluters and maximize our legal wins—for the benefit of fish, wildlife, and everyone who loves the Bay.

Because of you, Baykeeper will hold polluters accountable and defend the Bay.



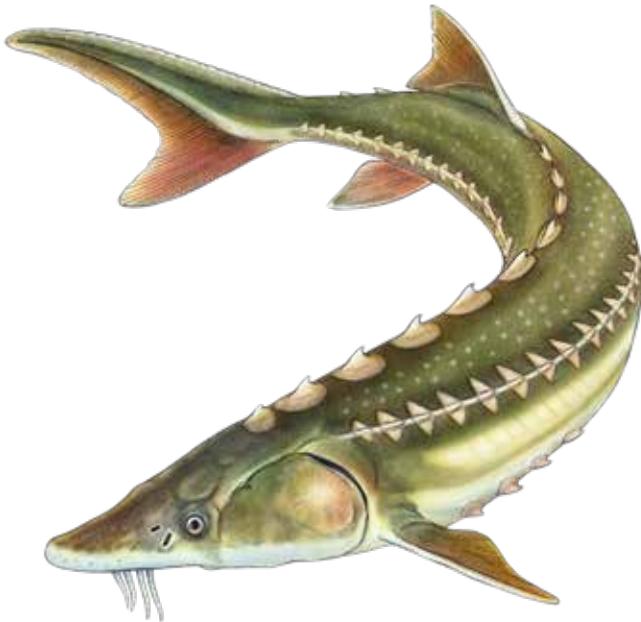
Fighting for Healthy Communities

The fossil fuel industry has a dangerous plan to build a carbon waste pipeline in the Bay. The project proposes to drill an injection well into North Bay wetlands and run miles of carbon pipelines through communities in Solano and Contra Costa counties, resulting in up to 45 miles of pipeline under the Bay.

We aren't about to let this proposal go through without a fight. Baykeeper and our partners formed a new coalition of environmental, health, and grassroots community groups to educate the public and policymakers.

We'll be on watch for new carbon threats to the Bay and ensure decisionmakers are investing in climate solutions that won't expose communities to deadly carbon leaks.

With you by our side, Baykeeper and our partners will fight to protect Bay Area communities.



Defending Fish and Wildlife

We recently uncovered the unlawful killing of endangered Bay fish species by Trump's Bureau of Reclamation—and took action to stop it.

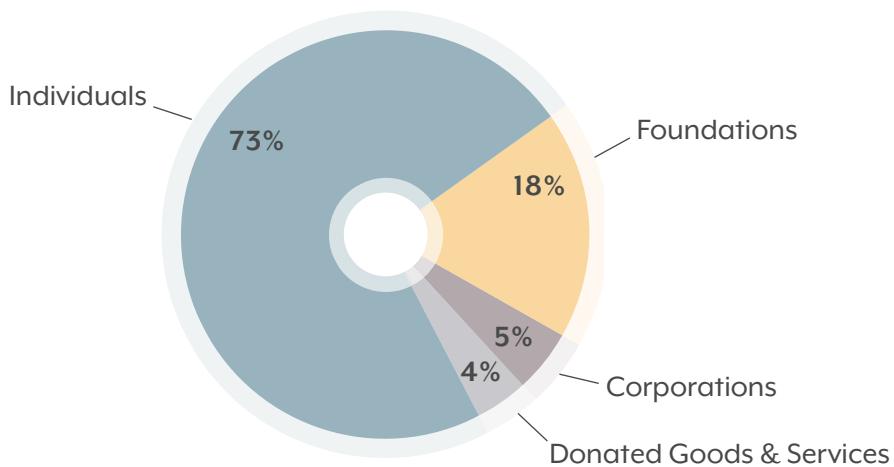
The Bureau has been operating water pumps in a way that causes two rivers in the Delta to flow backwards, on average, rather than toward the Bay. **The stronger this reverse flow, the higher the losses of native fish, including winter-run Chinook Salmon, Central Valley Steelhead, and Green Sturgeon.** These are serious violations of the Endangered Species Act, so we put the Bureau on legal notice, citing the agency's own extensive evidence that it broke the law.

We'll keep watchdogging government agencies and standing up to protect Bay fish.

With your support, Baykeeper will hold the Trump Administration accountable and protect wildlife.

2025 Financial Highlights

Contributed Revenue



Your generous support is protecting San Francisco Bay, holding polluters accountable, and creating a more resilient Bay Area for people and wildlife. Thank you!

Baykeeper's operating expenses and legal costs totaled \$4.2 million this year. We spent 82% on programs to stop polluters and defend the Bay, while 13% went to fundraising to build our capacity and 5% went to administrative costs.

We also earned a top four-star rating from Charity Navigator, recognizing our good governance, sound financial management, and effective impact for defending San Francisco Bay.

You can find full financial reporting at baykeeper.org.

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