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A Message from Baykeeper's Executive Director

On Our 25th Anniversary, Baykeeper Looks Ahead to Many More Years for a Healthy Bay

This year, Baykeeper celebrates 25 years of protecting and restoring San Francisco Bay. It's a great opportunity to look back on our remarkable history of progress toward a cleaner, healthier Bay.

It's also a chance to look ahead to the threats the Bay will face in the next 25 years. Chemicals released in today's pollution could harm the Bay for generations. New pollution sources will emerge, and some existing sources will grow worse. Sea level rise caused by global climate change threatens to compound the impacts of pollution, and inundate our shorelines and communities.

Now more than ever, our magnificent and beloved Bay needs the strongest protections. Baykeeper's vision is a San Francisco Bay ecosystem with the resilience to weather the pressures of climate change, and the vitality to support thriving communities, safe recreation, and flourishing wildlife.

With your support, we'll achieve that vision. We've been San Francisco Bay's most determined and effective advocate for 25 years, and we're ready for the challenges ahead.

Throughout our 25 years, Baykeeper has been a leader in establishing strong pollution laws based on sound science, both nationwide and here at home. And we've put those good policies to work for the Bay, using expert advocacy and legal action. With the help of our outstanding supporters, we can and will devise effective solutions to protect the Bay—whatever the coming challenges.

Thank you for sharing our determination that tomorrow's generations will inherit a healthy, vibrant San Francisco Bay.

Deb Self, Baykeeper Executive Director

Baykeeper Was Founded to Reverse San Francisco Bay's Decline into Pollution



In 1989, no one was out on San Francisco Bay looking for pollution, and polluters were free to dump waste into the Bay. Alarmed by the Bay's slow poisoning from thousands of sources, research scientist Dr. Michael Herz and a visionary group of volunteer board members founded San Francisco Baykeeper.

Baykeeper began patrolling San Francisco Bay by boat. Bay Area residents responded by volunteering, reporting pollution, and donating funds. The new organization soon became known for reining in polluters and preventing pollution—and has gone on to change the fate of San Francisco Bay.



Major Bay Polluters Compelled to Stop Toxic Contamination

A 25-Year History of Cleaning Up Toxics

Baykeeper has stopped toxic pollution from sites all around San Francisco Bay, including industrial facilities, landfills, active and decommissioned military bases, and a fleet of decaying military ships.

In 1998, we worked with a coalition to compel the Unocal and Exxon oil refineries to stop polluting the Bay with selenium, a substance lethal to birds and other wildlife. In 2002, we required Dow Chemical's Pittsburg plant to keep cancer-causing chemicals from contaminating Suisun Bay. In 2010,

with Arc Ecology and NRDC, we secured the cleanup of the Ghost Fleet of Suisun Bay to stop the decaying ships from poisoning the Bay ecosystem.

Plus, as part of our settlements, Baykeeper requires polluters to pay penalties that fund improvements to Bay water quality. In 25 years, Baykeeper cleanup agreements have resulted in more than \$10 million in funding for other nonprofits' work to protect and restore San Francisco Bay.



2014: Victories to Reduce Industrial Pollution in the Bay

Today, toxic rainy-season runoff from industrial facilities is one of San Francisco Bay's most pervasive pollution problems. The Bay Area has more than a thousand industrial sites, including scrap metal yards, shipping terminals, auto wreckers, and steel fabricators. Most are not doing what's required to keep heavy metals and toxic chemicals from contaminating the Bay. This pollution places a heavy burden on the Bay's ecosystem and wildlife.

Baykeeper's Bay-Safe Industry Campaign is curbing this source of Bay pollution. So

far we have secured agreements requiring cleanup at more than 20 industrial facilities, including Levin-Richmond Terminal Corporation, a major source of Bay pollution. The company handles hundreds of thousands of tons of toxic materials on the Richmond Channel, often stored in large exposed piles along the shoreline. After two years of pressure from Baykeeper, the company agreed to install extensive controls to protect the Bay from toxic runoff.



Millions of Gallons of Sewage Kept Out of the Bay

A Strong Record of Making the Bay Cleaner and Safer

For years, sewage spills have been a major threat to Bay health, releasing bacteria and other pathogens into the water. But Baykeeper has made significant progress toward reducing sewage pollution in San Francisco Bay, making the water cleaner and safer for wildlife and for swimmers, surfers, sailors, and beach-goers.

In 2000, Baykeeper led a coalition of neighborhood and environmental groups to win crucial changes in the

redevelopment of San Francisco's Mission Bay neighborhood. The improvements prevented annual overflows of 30 million gallons of sewage into the Bay.

Since 2006, Baykeeper's Sick of Sewage Campaign has compelled 20 of the worst-polluting cities and sewage districts in the Bay Area to upgrade leaky pipes and outdated infrastructure. As a result, some cities have already reduced sewage spills by 75% or more.



2014: A Breakthrough to Protect the Bay from Sewage

This year, in a landmark solution to a long-standing sewage pollution problem, Baykeeper won an agreement that will reduce, and eventually end, the release of millions of gallons of undertreated sewage from East Bay cities into San Francisco Bay. The changes will lead to an enormous improvement in the Bay's health.

Sewer agencies serving Oakland, Berkeley, and seven other East Bay cities agreed to

make major investments in an aggressive effort to replace outdated pipes and infrastructure over the next 21 years. This victory is a result of joint legal action by Baykeeper, the US Environmental Protection Agency, and the California Water Board.

Baykeeper will continue to monitor the upgrades closely, to ensure the cities are effectively reducing Bay pollution.



San Francisco Bay is Better Protected from Oil Spills

2007: Taking the Lead When Oil Contaminated the Bay

In 2007, the oil tanker *Cosco Busan* spilled 53,000 gallons of heavy fuel into San Francisco Bay. Oil stained shorelines and beaches, and killed thousands of birds and other Bay creatures. Baykeeper patrolled Bay waters and coastlines, advocated for more resources to rescue wildlife and clean up the spill, and urged officials to share critical information with concerned residents.

We then helped the Coast Guard to develop key recommendations for improving future oil spill response. That report has become the basis for oil spill planning improvements across the nation. Since then, Baykeeper has led the development of new legislation and local planning for oil spill prevention and response efforts.



2014: New State Law Will Increase Safeguards for California Waters

In 2014, Baykeeper helped orchestrate the passage of a new state law that better protects all California waterways from oil spills. The law provides the state's rivers, lakes, and creeks with oil spill protections previously given only to California coastal waters. The law also expands funding for the rescue and care of wildlife threatened by an oil spill.

Now Baykeeper is working to stop the oil industry's push to increase the shipment of crude oil into the Bay Area by rail. Shipping oil here in long trains of tank cars creates a substantial risk of oil spills in the watershed and for communities near railroad tracks.



And onward to the next
25 years...



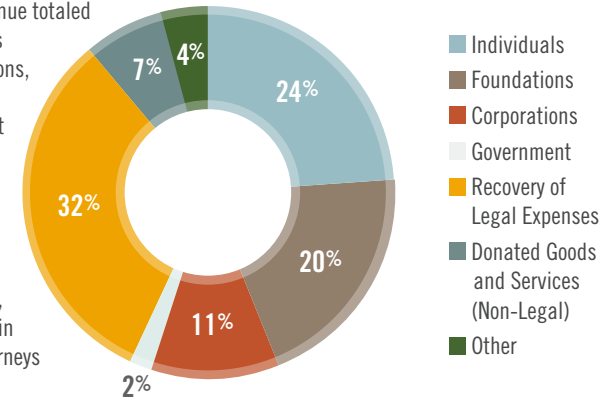
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2014 Financial Highlights

July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

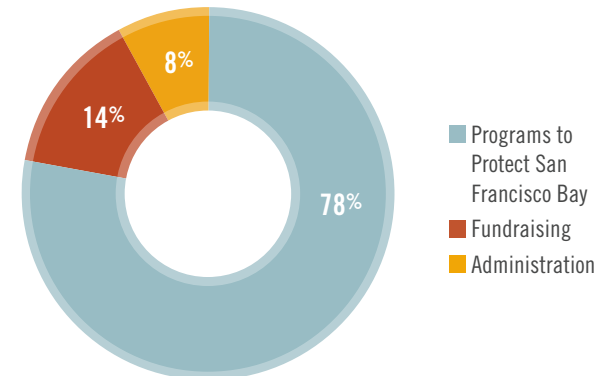
Revenue

During 2013-2014, Baykeeper revenue totaled **\$2,108,670**. Support from generous individuals, foundations, corporations, and government grants totaled **\$695,836**. When we settle a lawsuit against a polluter, the Clean Water Act allows Baykeeper to recover the fees and costs of bringing the case and monitoring for reductions in pollution; in 2013-2014, this amounted to **\$392,921**. In addition, we received the value of **\$890,000** in donated services from outside attorneys (not included in chart).



Expenses

During 2013-2014, Baykeeper's expenses totaled **\$2,185,850**. We spent **\$1,701,613** on programs to strengthen clean water laws and compel polluters to stop contaminating San Francisco Bay. Baykeeper keeps other expenses very low, spending **\$303,024** on fundraising and **\$181,214** on administrative costs.



Why Were Expenses Higher Than Revenue?

For the past three years, Baykeeper has strategically invested upfront costs in an expanded legal docket of high-impact, multi-year cases to protect San Francisco Bay. When these cases settle in future fiscal years, our upfront fees and costs will be recovered. Baykeeper is dedicated to investing our resources effectively to achieve the greatest possible benefit to the Bay.

These figures are preliminary. Baykeeper's full audited financial statements will be available once completed at www.baykeeper.org.

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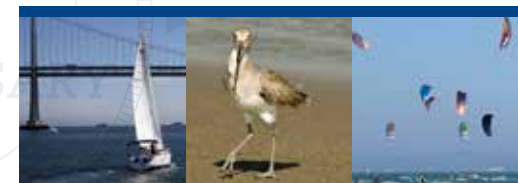
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