

STOPPING  
THREATS TO  
SAN FRANCISCO  
**BAY**

2018  
ANNUAL  
REPORT





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## TOGETHER, WE'RE DEFENDING SAN FRANCISCO BAY

### A Message from Baykeeper's Executive Director

It's been a year of constant threat for San Francisco Bay.

The oil industry is pushing to drastically increase the number of oil tankers on the Bay. We won a victory to ban coal exports—and now a developer is challenging it, in a bid to transport millions of tons of toxic coal across the Bay. A federal agency's poor dredging practices and a multinational corporation's excessive sand mining are threatening the Bay's wetlands. And the federal government continued its assault on clean water protections.

In times like these, San Francisco Bay especially needs passionate defenders like you. Because of your support for Baykeeper's work, our scientists, lawyers, and policy advocates are on the front lines every day to protect the Bay. We're winning stronger laws and holding polluters accountable. When the Bay faces a major threat, we dedicate the resources and expertise to make an impact. And we succeed, because you stand with us.

Together we are: preventing a disastrous oil spill; keeping coal pollution out of the Bay; compelling industrial polluters to stop their contamination; protecting the Bay from trash; fighting to restore the Bay's wetlands; and refusing to let federal rollbacks harm the Bay.

Thank you for sharing Baykeeper's commitment to protecting this beautiful Bay that we all cherish.

Sejal Choksi-Chugh  
Baykeeper Executive Director




## FINDING AND STOPPING POLLUTERS

Baykeeper is the only organization patrolling San Francisco Bay for pollution. Here, we captured drone footage of an oil spill in the Oakland Estuary, and followed up to get the pollution stopped.




# LEGAL ACTION AND ADVOCACY TO HOLD POLLUTERS ACCOUNTABLE IN 2018



## STOPPING TOXIC INDUSTRIAL POLLUTERS

Baykeeper required 23 industrial facilities to clean up their illegal toxic contamination of the Bay.



## PREVENTING COAL AND OIL EXPANSIONS

Baykeeper is blocking industry attempts to increase coal exports and double the number of oil tankers on the Bay.



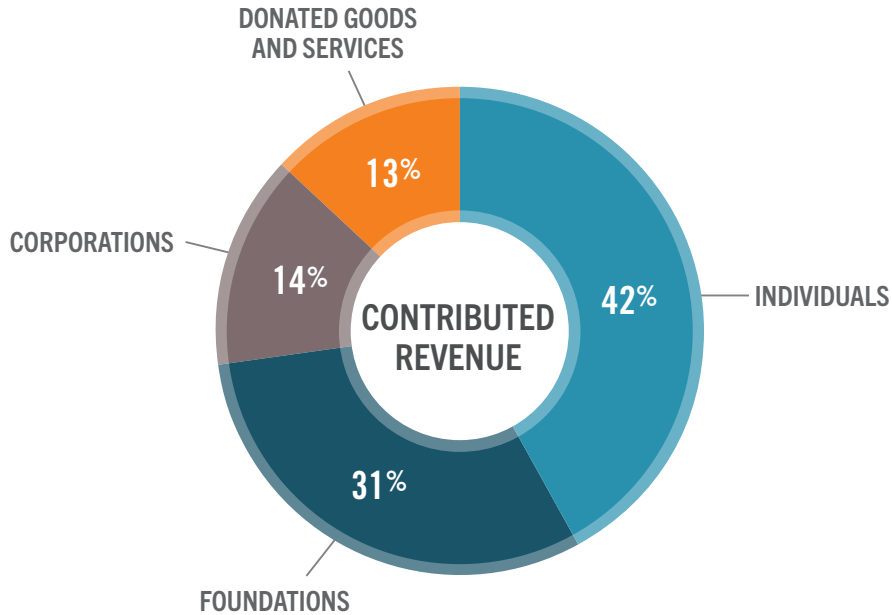
## KEEPING TRASH & SEWAGE OUT OF THE BAY

Baykeeper's legal actions are requiring cities to stop high levels of trash and sewage from contaminating the Bay.



# 2018 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2018



## BUILDING A MORE RESILIENT SAN FRANCISCO BAY

### Preparing the Bay for Sea Level Rise with ShoreView

Baykeeper photographed the Bay’s shoreline from our patrol boat to create ShoreView, an online Street View-style tool showing where rising tides will threaten the Bay with flooding and increased pollution. We’ll use ShoreView to help the Bay Area plan for protecting the Bay from toxic shoreline sites and future sea level rise.

### Standing Up for the Bay’s Wetlands

Wetlands are one of the Bay’s best defenses against storm surges and rising sea levels. But excessive sand mining and poor dredging practices rob wetlands of the sediment they need to survive. Baykeeper is fighting in court for more sustainable sand mining and improved dredging practices.

### Preserving Vital Freshwater Flows to the Bay

The health of the Bay depends on fresh water from upstream rivers and the Delta, but too much of this fresh water is diverted for industrial agriculture and arid cities. Baykeeper is advocating for more fresh water to flow to the Bay—enough to restore decimated populations of native fish like salmon and allow diverse wildlife to thrive.

### Contributed Revenue

During 2017-18, Baykeeper received \$847,914 in contributions from foundations, corporations, and individual donors. Your generosity enabled Baykeeper to defend San Francisco Bay from the biggest threats and hold polluters accountable. Thank you!

### Legal Revenue

During 2017-18, Baykeeper recovered \$859,114 in legal expenses. When we win 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 the pollution is reduced. We invest these funds in new advocacy and legal work to protect San Francisco Bay.

### Total Expenses

Baykeeper’s expenses for 2017-18 totaled \$1,724,401. We directed \$1,215,752 (71%) to programs to stop polluters and other threats to the Bay. We invested \$345,242 (20%) in fundraising to build our capacity to protect San Francisco Bay. Administrative costs made up \$163,407 (9%).

These figures are preliminary. Full audited statements will be available once completed at [baykeeper.org](http://baykeeper.org).



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## LOVE FOR THE BAY RUNS IN THE FAMILY

### Baykeeper Board Chair Peter Molnar on why his family supports Baykeeper

“Our family’s work and life are intertwined with San Francisco Bay,” says Peter Molnar. An avid Bay sailor and swimmer, he’s also the manager of his family-owned Poseidon Vineyard, which borders the Napa wetlands that generate the fog key to the fruit behind the wine’s quality. Peter’s wife, Jess Parker, founded 510-Waterline, where she teaches paddle boarding and yoga on the Bay.

“The Bay is the center of our life here. We want clean and safe water for recreation and for our kids be able to enjoy the Bay,” he says. “Baykeeper’s scientific, legal, and on-the-water presence are key tools in making sure the Bay is protected and resilient.”

Peter has supported Baykeeper for many years. He’s been a dedicated volunteer since becoming a research intern and then volunteer

skipper 23 years ago. He still takes the helm of the Baykeeper boat on regular pollution patrols. Peter has served on the Baykeeper Board of Directors since 2011, and as the Board Chair since 2016. He founded the annual Bay Parade, our on-the-water celebration of a thriving Bay. And his family created the Golden Rivet trophy to honor swimmers and Baykeeper supporters. Peter and his vineyard partners also produce the annual *Rosé for the Bay*, a fine Pinot Noir rosé to benefit Baykeeper.

“My family and I support Baykeeper because it’s an exceptionally effective and focused organization,” says Peter. “We’re proud to partner with Baykeeper and have a lasting impact on San Francisco Bay.”

*Above, Peter Molnar and Jess Parker with son Gabriel (left) and daughter Eszter (right).*





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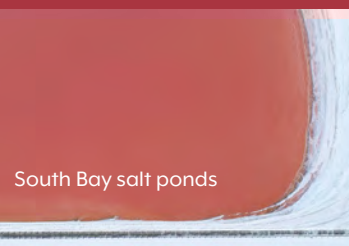
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