

# Protecting a Vital Employment Base on San Diego Bay

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# Who We Are

- Nonprofit organization representing more than 300 businesses on San Diego Bay
- Represent diverse industries from manufacturing to attractions to hospitality



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## Protecting the Bay, Protecting Jobs

We are dedicated to:

1. Protecting the environment
2. Enhancing trade, commerce and tourism







# Why We Are Here

1. Environmental stewardship
2. Preserve economic engine
3. Prevent loss of vital defense contracts





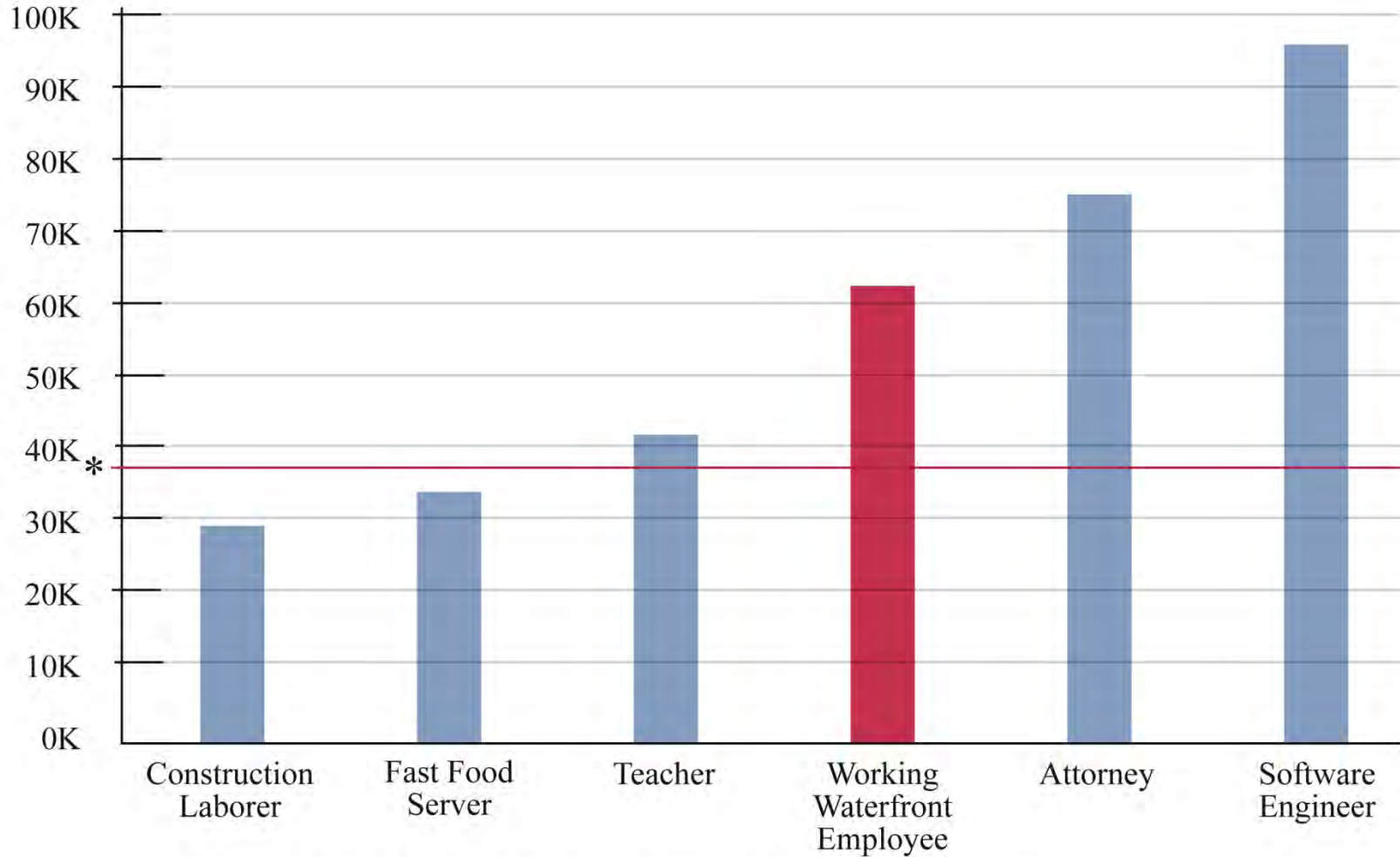
# Working Waterfront Numbers

- Supports 42,000 jobs in the region
- Provides family-supporting salaries
- We need to protect and grow this sector





# Vital Jobs for the Middle Class



\* The average annual salary in San Diego County is \$38,705 (Source: Employment Development Department)



- If, and how, to clean up the Bay
- 20 years of discussion with Water Board and stakeholders
- Expert panel has recommended cleanup order







# Bay is Healing Itself

- Recent testing shows improvement
- New sediment is covering old
- Creating a natural “cap”
- Natural attenuation is the best approach







# What's at Stake?

1. Health of the Bay
2. National competitiveness
3. National security
4. Direct shipyard jobs
5. Overall economic impact of industry





# A Balanced Solution is Needed

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1. Resolve 20 years of discussion
2. Monitoring provides peace of mind
3. Minimal impact on the community



# Our Request

- Natural attenuation is the best choice for environment and economy
- However, if something must be done, adopt the current order as it is written