

# **RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY**

## **RESOLUTION NUMBER 12-22**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY ESTABLISHING A VESSEL BUYBACK PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, eel grass has value as a foundational element to a healthy marine environment and habitat for the herring and anchovy fisheries and the birds which are native to or stop in Richardson Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, vessels anchored within the eelgrass beds cause damage to the eelgrass; and

**WHEREAS**, the Richardson Bay Regional Agency (RBRA) is committed to protecting and restoring the eelgrass beds of Richardson Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, the RBRA entered into an Agreement with the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) in August of 2021 that requires certain actions by the RBRA and outlines goals to be reached for removal of all illegally anchored vessels and floating homes in Richardson Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, RBRA codified an Eelgrass Protection Zone and developed an Eelgrass Protection and Management Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, RBRA desires to facilitate the removal of vessels and floating homes from the waters of Richardson Bay, and in particular from the Eelgrass Protection Zone, and believes incentives are preferable to enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, accordingly RBRA has identified funding for a vessel buyback program; and

**WHEREAS**, RBRA wishes to implement the Program to facilitate and advance the removal of vessels from the Bay; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

In order to expedite the removal of vessels from Richardson Bay, and to prioritize incentives over enforcement, the Board hereby adopts the Vessel Buyback Program, as proposed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Richardson Bay Regional Agency on June 23, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Four (Lynch, Ryan, Wickham, Moulton-Peters)

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

CERTIFICATION:

*Stephanie Moulton-Peters*  
Stephanie Moulton-Peters (Jun 27, 2022 17:03 PDT)

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Stephanie Moulton-Peters - Board Chair

*Karen Prows*  
Karen Prows (Jun 27, 2022 15:24 PDT)

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Karen Prows, Board Clerk








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