

RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

STAFF REPORT

For the meeting of September 12, 2024

To: Board of Directors
From: Brad Gross, Executive Director
Subject: Executive Director's Report

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file

Reporting period July 4, 2024 – September 5, 2024

SUMMARY:

Fiscal:

- 1 Provided FY25 invoices to member agencies.

Administration:

- 1 Meetings with county counsel and outside counsel regarding ongoing operations, enforcement activities and modifications to RBRA Codes.

BCDC:

- 1 Monthly meetings with BCDC enforcement committee staff continue with positive feedback.
- 2 Requested one-year extension for remaining vessels in anchorage was approved on July 11, 2024. This sets the deadline for all vessels except safe and seaworthy to vacate the anchorage by October 15, 2025. (Letter attached)
- 3 Presented a progress update to the BCDC Enforcement Committee on August 28, 2024. (PowerPoint attached)
- 4 Met with executive staff to discuss project/agreement options.
- 5 Eelgrass Protection Zone expected to be enacted by October 15, 2024- No extensions requested.

Housing:

- 1 The program initiated May 1, 2023, and since its start:
 - 17 vouchers now issued and 14 people are housed.
 - 3 people have now transitioned to Federal Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV).

Current activities

- 2 with vouchers are in housing searches.
 - 2 persons approved to receive vouchers.
 - 1 person is in process.
- 2 Housing Team meetings every two weeks for program review and information exchange.
 - 3 Weekly meeting with South Marin Case workers.

Vessel Buyback:

- 1 One vessel reported this period.

Richardson Bay:

- 1 Communications with Harbor Master Malcolm and Deputy Harbor Master Lesberg on a consistent basis for briefings on activities in the anchorage and throughout the bay.

Eelgrass:

- 1 Working with CPS to facilitate Eelgrass Protection Zone signage project and work continues with anticipated installation by October 15, 2024.
- 2 Approximately 6 acres of eelgrass have now been planted with EPA grant funding and 3 acres funded by the Cosco Busan settlement project.
- 3 CPS continues monthly meetings with eelgrass project partners.

Sausalito:

- 1 Communications continue with Sausalito City Manager.
- 2 Future meetings with Sausalito have been scheduled.

Grants:

- 1 Received updates on all grants, grant balances and applications.
- 2 One new grant application have been submitted to support the Vessel Buyback Program, remove abandoned and derelict vessels and remove underwater debris from Richardson Bay.

Public Outreach:

- 1 Interviews with Marin IJ and ARK resulted in positive articles.
- 2 Weekly meetings with Progress Public Affairs to update and strategize.
- 3 Working with PR staff on quarterly newsletter.
- 4 RBRA staff, consultants and partner agencies attended the Galilee Harbor Mariner's Day and promoted our eelgrass restoration and protection programs.
- 5 Planning meetings for upcoming public event(s).

General:

- 1 Extensive communications and a follow up meeting with the USCG private aids team regarding the RBRA information signage program.
- 2 Communications with partner agencies and CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife regarding nesting gulls.
- 3 Harbor Master Malcolm, Board Clerk Karen Prows working with County Counsel continue to work responding to Public Records Act requests. The level of attention has increased during this reporting period.
- 4 Eleven PRAs were received this reporting period.
- 5 Eight responses provided to PRAs received during the previous reporting period.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: July 11, 2024 BCDC extension approval letter

Attachment 2: August 28, 2024 PowerPoint presentation to BCDC Enforcement Committee