

RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

RESOLUTION NUMBER 07-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY AFFIRMING THE TEMPORARY NATURE OF THE PROPOSED MOORING FIELD

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 a settlement agreement (SA) 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 in Richardson Bay; and

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

WHEREAS, additionally and in accordance with the SA, the RBRA has embarked on a plan to install a mooring field in the Anchorage Zone, to be completed by December 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the SA stipulates that if the moorings are to remain beyond October 15, 2026, additional permitting from BCDC is required; and

WHEREAS, despite the possibility of the moorings being of beneficial use to visiting boaters in the long term, the RBRA has heard and respects the objections of neighboring Sausalito council members; and

WHEREAS, the RBRA Board of Directors is, in 2026, unlikely to pursue a permit for continued use of the mooring beyond October 15, 2026 in the face of opposition from representatives of the City of Sausalito,

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

1. The Board has received input from representatives of the City of Sausalito, and finds that:
 - a. The RBRA Board of Directors, in keeping with the letter and intent of the Settlement Agreement, affirms the temporary nature of the mooring field; and
 - b. The RBRA Board, based on information available as of this date, additionally affirms its intent not to apply for an extension of the temporary permit for the mooring field.
 - c. The RBRA Board reserves its right, based on new information or changed circumstances, to consult with stakeholders and adopt a different position in the future, but in no circumstances any earlier than April 15, 2025.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of May, 2022.

Votes:

CERTIFICATION:

Stephanie Moulton-Peters - Board Chair

Karen Prows, Board Clerk