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Re: Notification of EPA Funding Status (EPA-R9-SFBay-26-01)

Dear Brad Gross:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has selected the Richardson Bay Regional Agency to receive funding through the San Francisco Bay Program's Water Quality Restoration Grants for your application "Richardson Bay Water Quality Recovery Initiative - Collaboratively Improving Water Quality by Removing Legacy Debris and Restoring Eelgrass." We are pleased to support your application to remove marine debris and restore eelgrass habitat in Richardson Bay.

EPA's San Francisco Bay Geographic Program supports water quality improvements for the Bay through a competitive grant cycle. Projects selected for funding address the Clean Water Act program priorities including the need to restore wetland habitats, reduce nutrients, improve stormwater, remove contaminated soils, and provide current scientific data for land and water managers. This project aligns with appropriate statutory authorities and the Administration's "Pillar 1: Clean Air, Land, and Water for Every American" from the "Powering the Great American Comeback" initiative.

We received over \$197.8 million in project requests in response to this year's solicitation and your application is one of 20 selected to share the approximately \$82 million available in Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026. EPA looks forward to working with you to communicate the important water quality benefits and impact that your project brings to the San Francisco Bay.

One of EPA's San Francisco Bay Program Office Project Officers, Dan Hossfeld, will contact you soon to provide instructions for completing the grant application process. Congratulations and thank you for your important work to improve San Francisco Bay and its watersheds.

Sincerely,

Tomás Torres
Director, Water Division