

June 24, 2020 Enforcement Committee Meeting

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Subject: Marin Conservation League comment not on agenda

Dear BCDC Enforcement Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Richardson Bay Regional Agency Transition Plan. My name is Terri Thomas and I represent the Marin Conservation League. I have five points that we hope you will consider in response to the most recent Transition Plan:

- 1). We accept the RBRA enforcement priority plan as a step in the right direction

- 2). Since 1984 we have supported the public-reviewed Richardson Bay Special Area Plan and urged that its findings, policies and maps be adopted and that steps be taken to implement the plan. Our support of the document still stands. With that in mind, we urge you to set a sunset date for deferred enforcement to ensure that the momentum for implementation continues.

- 3). Marin Conservation League (MCL) sent RBRA a letter on Feb. 20, 2020 supporting the BCDC requirements in your 2/3/2020 letter to RBRA. We continue to encourage compliance to required actions and timelines

4. MCL wants to emphasize the high value of Richardson Bay for fish, seabirds, migratory waterfowl and harbor seals. In addition to eelgrass, habitats include: Marine, estuarine, sub-tidal, marshes, rocky shoreline. and sandy-pebble beaches, as well as mudflats, which provide important feeding habitat for shorebirds. All should be considered as important for local ecosystem health and the bio-diversity of Richardson Bay.

- 5). MCL encourages BCDC and the RBRA to actively protect and restore ecosystems of Richardson's Bay and especially eelgrass habitat, which is an Essential Fish Habitat and Habitat of Special Concern under the Magnuson Steven's Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

Thank you,

Terri Thomas