

RICHARDSON'S BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

RESOLUTION NUMBER 06-20

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RICHARDSON'S BAY REGIONAL AGENCY ADOPTING A TRANSITION PLAN FOR THE RICHARDSON'S BAY REGIONAL AGENCY ANCHORAGE

WHEREAS, it is the intention and responsibility of the Board of Directors of the Richardson's Bay Regional Agency ("Board") to make decisions affecting the future of Richardson's Bay; and

WHEREAS, during the past three years the Board has gathered and analyzed data and information including a 2019 Mooring Feasibility & Planning Study, 2019 bathymetric and eelgrass surveys, vessel censuses, vessel standards and a Safe Harbor Plan developed by the Richardson's Bay Special Anchorage Association, Audubon California eelgrass findings, results of outreach to connect vessel occupants with housing and social services, and other informational resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board has engaged with the community and stakeholders to hear, understand and consider concerns and suggestions about impacts of vessels and their occupants on the bay, habitat, ecosystems, and the shoreline; historical and cultural ties to the anchorout tradition; and risks to the health and safety of vessel occupants, public safety and other personnel, and shoreline residents; among other comments; and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted ordinance regulations that clarify and strengthen conditions for vessels to anchor on the bay, and expanded its enforcement priorities to include all unoccupied vessels and time limits on vessels entering the bay; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Richardson's Bay Special Area Plan (the Special Area Plan) Residential Vessels and Floating Structures policy 1, the Board has adopted ordinances setting limits on the length of time vessels may remain anchored in the Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Conservation & Development Commission (BCDC) has conveyed its expectations for removal of such overstaying vessels and preservation of habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Special Area Plan's Aquatic and Wildlife Resources policy 1 calls for the protection of eelgrass beds; and

WHEREAS, the Board is cognizant of public and private resource constraints; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to advance the goals of the Special Area Plan by providing for a safe, healthy, and well-managed Richardson's Bay,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in consideration of the data and information, community and stakeholder suggestions and concerns, actions and outcomes to date, and resource constraints, the Board does hereby adopt a Transition Plan as presented to the Board this day with a vision, goal, principles, and policy direction for a safe, healthy, and well-managed bay.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Richardson's Bay Regional Agency on June 11, 2020.