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Subject: No new boat harbor in the Marina District

Catherine & Ross, I'm a longtime Marina District resident with serious concerns about the proposed new boat harbor.

Why would Park & Rec erect the new harbor, if our existing City infrastructure is already crumbling? Municipal Pier is literally falling into the Bay and Aquatic Park is a rundown mess, but we are considering a new "water park" ...this frankly makes no sense.

The storm drains in front of our Marina home have been clogged for over a decade and DPW's misguided closure of the Pierce Street Outfall now causes flooding on Marina Blvd that dumps raw sewage directly into St Francis Yacht Harbor during storms, yet we are going to disregard these issues and invest in a new boat harbor?

The City has an \$800 million+ structural budget deficit, which probably worsens in the future as more taxpayers and businesses depart SF, shouldn't these PG&E funds be used for either toxic remediation as intended, or transferred into City reserves? Federal debt bailouts from Washington DC are a thing of the past, the City should be prioritizing its balance sheet for municipal survival.

I'm curious about the now frequent dredging undertaken by Dutra Companies at the mouth of the west harbor by the Wave Organ. Sand accumulation there was caused by the misguided construction of the breakwater perpendicular to the seawall. Adding a huge new breakwater likely exacerbates this now serious issue. Park & Rec should be honest about the semi-annual cost of dredging, and not hide their financial statements, as they have in the past.

As an SF Bay boater and past slip renter in the East Harbor, the surge there is constant and very damaging to boats and docks alike. The surge at the proposed location will also be significant, this is not a smart nor protected location for a harbor.

Does Park & Rec plan to circumvent environmental studies related to the project, as they attempted to do while surreptitiously trying to convert the former Navy degaussing station into a restaurant in 2013?

The message neighbors sent in 2013 was to not commercialize Marina Green. Same message today, but even more urgent given the now dire financial condition of the City.

Poor decisions by SF administrators have nearly ruined this once great City, please listen to the public, we deserve better. The new harbor will be an eyesore and will only benefit Park & Rec coffers and a few wealthy boaters, no one else.

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Subject: Re: No new boat harbor in the Marina District
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Mr. Harris,

Thank you for your interest in the San Francisco Marina East Harbor and Outside East Harbor joint remediation/cleanup project.

We acknowledge your opposition to and concern about the proposed land use change associated with East Harbor Alternative 3 (Renovation), which is preferred by PG&E and the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (RPD). The proposed land use change components include expansion of West Harbor and the creation of a shallow water recreation area in the southern portion of East Harbor. Others have expressed similar concerns.

We also recognize your concern about the sewer infrastructure/flooding issues in the Marina District. This issue falls outside of the purview of the East Harbor/Outside cleanup. The Water Board's Wastewater Division and our Executive Officer are engaged with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission regarding the function of the combined storm/sewer system, permitting, and enforcement.

The decision to expand the West Harbor Marina (land use change) will be made by RPD rather than the Water Board. The Water Board is not a land use agency meaning that we do not determine what the land use will be. That authority belongs to the City of San Francisco who also owns the property via RPD. Hence, we recommend that you follow the RPD process for their Marina Improvement and Remediation Project, which is described on this webpage:

<https://sfrecpark.org/1160/San-Francisco-Marina-Improvement-and-Rem>. Also, you could reach out to RPD's project manager (monica.scott@sfgov.org) to ask questions about the maintenance dredging performed at West Harbor and about the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process for the proposed land use change. My understanding is that RPD anticipates starting CEQA in December 2023 or early 2024.

PG&E and RPD are working together on both the land use change and associated cleanup. The Water Board's role is to oversee the cleanup of contaminated sediment to ensure long-term protection of human health and the environment. Cleanup activities are anticipated at East Harbor and just outside of East Harbor. No cleanup activities are planned at or offshore of the Marina Green.

Let me know if you have questions.

Regards,

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