

# San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

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## RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE

# Senator John Laird

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*Whereas*, Senator John Laird has dedicated his career to public service on all levels of government; and,

*Whereas*, Senator Laird served as the California Secretary for Natural Resources for eight years promoting the protection and wise use of the State’s natural resources; and,

*Whereas*, during that time he also served as Chair of the California Ocean Protection Council, focusing on the protection and management of the State’s coastal areas and resources; and,

*Whereas*, since 2020 Senator Laird has served as a State Senator representing District 17, which encompasses a large portion of California’s coast; and,

*Whereas*, the Senator has leaned on his experience as a former Mayor and Agency Secretary to continue his work to protect and preserve coastal areas in the face of rising sea levels, which threatens coastal communities and coastal resources across the State; and,

*Whereas*, Senator Laird has always recognized that local, regional, and statewide planning and adaption efforts are critical to protect coastal resources and residents, and also to protect and promote the state’s economic engine that relies on the coast; and,

*Whereas*, in the 2022 legislative session Senator Laird introduced Senate Bill 867 to further local government planning and adaptation efforts to address challenges posed by rising sea levels in California’s coastal zone, including the San Francisco Bay shoreline; and,

*Whereas*, Senator Laird reintroduced the legislation the following year as SB 272; and,

*Whereas*, the Senator worked with a wide range of stakeholders to understand and address their concerns while moving the bill through the State Legislature twice; and,

*Whereas*, the Governor signed SB 272 in September 2023, thus ensuring that local governments will plan for resilience and adaptation to rising sea levels with the targeted assistance of the State; and,

*Whereas*, SB 272 is congruent with and furthers BCDC’s Adapting to Rising Tides and Bay Adapt programs, which will be central to BCDC’s implementation of SB 272 for San Francisco Bay.

*Therefore Be It Resolved* that the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission hereby thanks Senator Larid for his persistence in developing and advocating for such State policies; and,

*Therefore*, BCDC hereby recognizes and honors the Senator’s unfailing commitment to champion California’s coastal areas and increase coastal protection, including the San Francisco Bay.

R. ZACHARY WASSERMAN, Chair

