

RICHARDSON'S BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

Thursday, October 1, 2015

5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Sausalito City Council Chambers 420 Litho Street Sausalito, CA

PUBLIC COMMENT IS INVITED CONCERNING EACH AGENDIZED ITEM PURSUANT TO THE BROWN ACT. PLEASE LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO THREE (3) MINUTES.

AGENDA

5:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

1. Minutes of August 13, 2015 Meeting
2. Review report of Harbor Administrator
3. Approval of prior expenditures for July - October 2015
4. Status report on anchorage
5. Winter preparation activities
6. Public comments invited concerning items NOT on this Agenda (3-minute limit)
7. Staff comments
8. Board member matters

NEXT MEETING: Tentatively planned for December 10, 2015. Board members please review your calendars and advise Staff as to your availability.

A COMPLETE AGENDA PACKET IS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING ON THE RBRA WEBSITE <http://rbra.ca.gov>, AND AT THE SAUSALITO CITY LIBRARY. TO RECEIVE AN ELECTRONIC MEETING NOTICE, PLEASE EMAIL REQUEST TO DON ALLEE AT dallee@marincounty.org

RICHARDSON'S BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

October 1, 2015

TO: RBRA Board
FROM: Ben Berto, RBRA Clerk
SUBJECT: October meeting

Board members:

Thank you for accommodating the October 1 meeting, which was moved up from the second Thursday regular date because the Sausalito Council Chambers are not available for the regular date. Staff does not anticipate further problems with second Thursday meetings.

This year's proposed anchorage program is still on hold, but Staff will be presenting the rationale behind the RBRA Board's adopted anchorage program to Sausalito residents and their Council at a meeting at the Spinnaker restaurant on the evening of Thursday November 12. I will be making the case to Sausalito for funding of our adopted program.

At the request of Chair Tollini, Staff is reporting on efforts to prepare for what could be a very challenging winter. We are also seeking the assistance of our law enforcement partners, and will have an oral report for the Board on those results.

Dry season water quality testing has been proceeding. The results will be reported at the December RBRA Board meeting, scheduled for December 10 – mark your calendars.

I've attached a Point Reyes Light article on the implementation status of the Tomales Bay Vessel Management Plan. It is extremely unlikely the RBRA could ever hope to match the Federal government's multi-million dollar and multi-year effort in producing the Tomales Bay plan. Implementation of it has taking considerable time. The State Lands Commission's involvement adds regulatory enforcement muscle to the current efforts. Quoting from the article, implementation details include:

To lease seafloor lands under state jurisdiction, mooring lessees will have to pay \$1,225 for applications and filings fees, as well as a rent payment predicted to cost around \$250 each year. Additionally, lease authorization requires annual inspections from a contractor at the lessee's expense, which . . . is a cost currently unknown.

Food for thought. Staff will continue to track that program's progress.

Thus far all RBRA jurisdictions with the exception of Mill Valley have paid their (March-approved funding level) invoices.

See everyone Thursday.

RICHARDSON'S BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2015

HELD AT SAUSALITO CITY HALL CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathrin Sears (Marin County), Herb Weiner (Sausalito), Marty Winter (Belvedere), Ken Wachtel (Mill Valley)

ABSENT: Erin Tollini (Tiburon)

STAFF: Bill Price (Harbor Administrator); Ben Berto (RBRA Clerk)

ADDITIONAL: Leslie Alden (Aide to Supervisor Sears)

Meeting called to order at 5:40 PM.

Election of Officers to two-year terms

Passed unanimously to move this item to the end of the agenda.

Minutes of August 13, 2014 Meeting

Minutes were approved unanimously

Harbor Administrator's Report

Mr. Price explained the NOAA grant status, that the application period hadn't opened up and that Staff would be exploring options until it did. He also reported on the OSPR spill response trailer training sessions. He outlined the SAVE grant progress, bringing the Board up to speed on the status of the 2015-16 application.

Prior expenditures

The expenditure report was accepted unanimously

Review and consider amendments to the RBRA budget lines for 2014-15 reflecting Response Trailer purchase – reallocation of funds

Staff explained that due to the swifter-than-expected build time for the trailer, the invoice had arrived prior to the end of the fiscal year although it wasn't calculated in the 2014-15 budget. Therefore, the budget had to be amended to reflect the expense and the revenue accordingly. The Board amended the budget unanimously.

Approve FY 2016 SAVE Grant application funds

Staff explained SAVE (Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange Program) was the new acronym for the former AWAFF and VTIP programs, and the need to approve the acceptance of the funds to the highest amount requested in the Grant application in order to shorten the approval process. It was presumed that the final grant amount would be lower than the \$150K requested, and Chair Sears said that this would be acceptable as long as it was understood that the grant amount could go no higher than the amount requested.

The Board unanimously approved acceptance of the funds up to \$150K.

Status Report on the Anchorage management program

Mr. Berto began the discussion by thanking Leslie Alden and Adrienne Klein for their efforts in moving the program forward. He explained Sausalito City Council's sensitivity on the issue, saying they wanted to achieve consensus within their community before committing to funding. He felt the City Manager was supportive and that there would be another Council meeting in September that should indicate a clear direction. There was a meeting scheduled with the Sausalito task force (Jill Hoffman, Herb Weiner, Adam Politzer) to bring Sausalito up to speed and get clear direction on their brand of public outreach.

Member Wachtel asked what the impact would be on the budget and Mr. Berto responded that it brought it back to the original numbers approved in March 2015. Chair Sears said that Tiburon and other jurisdictions had approved the higher tier increases but that without consensus, the increase would be set aside in the hopes that Sausalito would approve more funding later in the year. Member Wachtel asked what the timing might be on a possible Sausalito increase and Member Weiner said September 1 at their scheduled meeting. Mr. Berto stated we were planning to move ahead with the steering committee planning even though there was no increase in funding. Member Wachtel asked if the steering committee was comprised of the same people on the workshop in March and Mr. Berto responded that the group would be comprised of a broad gamut of individuals from various communities of interest.

Leslie Alden spoke about how steering committee details would be worked out with the Sausalito Council task force and would include a cross section of the community. She anticipated it meeting several times to provide input on what works for Sausalito and others, bringing in BCDC and State Lands as well. Staff would like to avoid repeating work RBRA has already done.

Member Wachtel stated there was never an idea the program would go forward without Sausalito.

Public Comments

Bill Hughes asked if the RBRA would be conducting any training for the Spill Response trailer with local harbormasters. Mr. Price responded that he was trying to set that up with the Harbormasters. Chad Carvey stated the workshop identified issues that needed new work. He also questioned how to get articles in the record – he had a recent research paper on eelgrass that showed it is spreading, and said the real issues are safety, trash, costs, and education. Barbara Salzman from Marin Audubon Society stated there was a long history with the anchorout issue. She is concerned the process is not moving forward quickly. She referenced Richardson's Bay eelgrass studies by Merkel and said those areas should be protected by moving boats out.

Staff Comments

None.

Board Member Matters

Chair Sears requested and was given an update on possible on-the-water garbage pickup. Mr. Price also noted that the Feds and through them the State is no longer is willing to pay for live-aboard pumpout services. They evidently believe that people living on the water should either pay directly or receive no service. RBRA is arranging for sewage pumpout to continue through funds from a County estuary grant. In the longer term, it is likely RBRA is going to have to pay for the operation.

Chair Sears stated that garbage and sewage pickup are critical to keep water clean.

(continued item) Election of Officers for two year terms

After a brief discussion, the Board elected member Tollini to serve as Chair, and member Winter to serve as vice-Chair

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

NOTE: The next meeting of the RBRA is tentatively scheduled for **October 1, 2015 at 5:30 PM** at the Sausalito City Hall Chambers.

RICHARDSON'S BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

HARBOR ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

October 1, 2015

WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

- **Boating and Waterways** –The grant has been issued for the Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel Exchange Program (SAVE) grant for \$128,700. We submitted the day the grant opened on 7/1/2015, but they won't approve work to begin until 10/1/2015.
- **NOAA** – After researching their Marine Debris Grant and discussions with the California grant administrator Sherri Lippiat, their nationwide grant has a 2 million dollar ceiling and requires a 1:1 match. Most grants issued last year were between \$15K – 200K. The RBRA would have to contribute \$100K for a \$100K grant. Ms. Lippiat stated that the match portion could be met through in-kind contributions, but their review process prefers cash matches. In the current grant cycle, funds from a successful grant would not be available until mid-2016 at the earliest.
- **USCG** – met with the Abandoned Vessel Committee in Benicia to discuss new legislation aimed at removing marine debris

DEBRIS REMOVAL

- 8 vessels are currently awaiting demolition, but are held up awaiting final approval of 2015-16 SAVE grant funding from Division of Boating and Waterways
- 3 boats are currently impounded.

RAPID RESPONSE

- 3 vessels recovered and secured.

WATER QUALITY

- Fall 2015 water testing is complete and the preliminary results are very good with the exception of the Gates Cooperative. However, the new Gates docks are almost complete and awaiting approval by County so the houseboats can be moved over and connected to modern sewage facilities.
- Working with California Association of Harbormasters and Port Captains to send letter of response to the Clean Vessel Act program, trying to get them to reinstate funding for pumping out live-aboard vessels

OTHER

- Sending out Rapid response letter to Belvedere residents on West Shore Road in advance of the upcoming winter
- Rebuilding two RBRA moorings
- Renewing channel markers #8 – 14 to increase visibility especially at night. Also replacing two piling that the markers are mounted on. Work to be paid for by Steckler Pacific, who maintain the channel for their marina
- Purchased a really radical pair of rockered powder skis in a selfless effort to keep the storms of El Nino from affecting Northern California

RBRA - BALANCE SHEET

July 1 - September 23, 2015

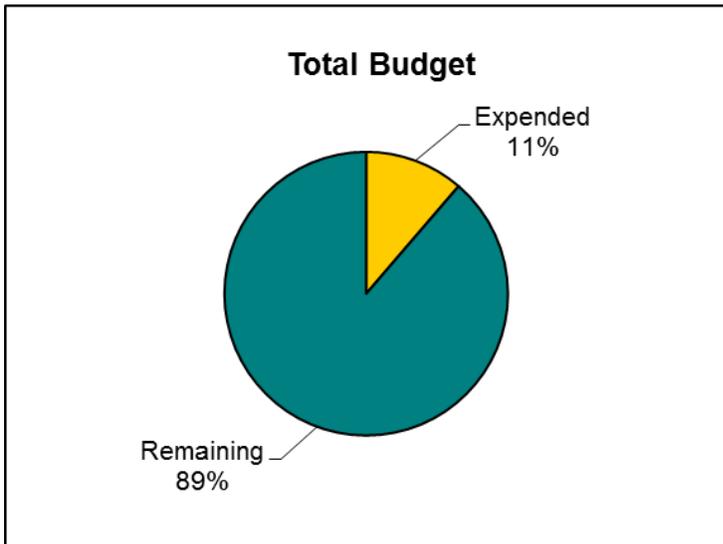
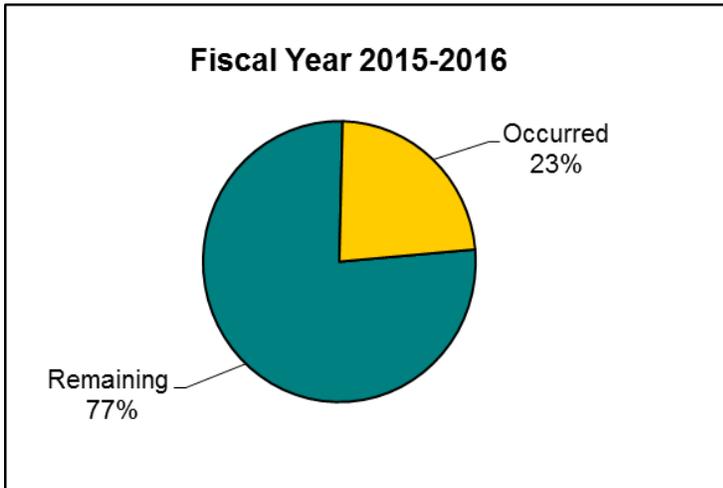
DATE	COST CENTER	DESCRIPTION	REVENUES
7/14/2015	Cash on Hand	mooring fees	-\$160.00
7/14/2015	Cash on Hand	mooring fees	-\$150.00
7/20/2015	Cash on Hand	mooring fees	-\$150.00
8/13/2015	Cash on Hand	mooring fees	-\$160.00
8/13/2015	Cash on Hand	mooring fees	-\$150.00
9/3/2015	Cash on Hand	mooring fees	-\$150.00
9/17/2015	Cash on Hand	mooring fees	-\$150.00
9/17/2015	Cash on Hand	mooring fees	-\$100.00
9/17/2015	Cash on Hand	mooring fees	-\$100.00
9/17/2015	Cash on Hand	mooring fees	-\$160.00
9/17/2015	Cash on Hand	mooring fees	-\$150.00
Mooring fees			
7/14/2015	Zahradka	Reimburse storage chrgs	-\$200.00
Boat charges reimbursal			
7/15/2015	VTIP reimbursal	State - Grant	\$200.10
8/13/2015	VTIP reimbursal	State - Grant	-\$652.25
VTIP final accounting			
9/14/2015	County of Marin	March RBRA workshop	\$9,664.00
Reimbursement for workshop			
7/27/2015	County of Marin dues	City Contribution	-\$114,368.00
8/13/2015	City of belvedere	City Contribution	-\$20,183.00
8/13/2015	City of Sausalito	City Contribution	-\$94,185.00
9/3/2015	Town of Tiburon	City Contribution	-\$26,910.00
Annual Contribution			
			TOTAL -\$248,214.15

DATE	COST CENTER	DESCRIPTION	EXPENDITURES
7/29/2015	Mt Head	Prof Svcs - Other	\$300.00
8/13/2015	Dave's Diving	Prof Svcs - Other	\$1,435.00
9/2/2015	EMS pump-out service	Prof Svcs - Other	\$212.50
9/2/2015	EMS pump-out service	Prof Svcs - Other	\$250.00
9/9/2015	Alexander - web services	Prof Svcs - Other	\$260.00
9/9/2015	Mt Head	Prof Svcs - Other	\$300.00
Contractors			
7/31/2015	Salary and benefits	Prof. Svcs - County Salary	\$7,886.54
8/31/2015	Salary and benefits	Prof. Svcs - County Salary	\$11,631.48
9/15/2015	Alliant insurance	Insurance Premiums	\$14,576.51
Annual insurance charges			
8/13/2015	AT &T broadband	Communications Services	\$40.00
8/13/2015	AT &T fax line	Communications Services	\$46.83
9/2/2015	AT &T broadband	Communications Services	\$40.00
9/2/2015	AT &T fax line	Communications Services	\$46.94
9/2/2015	AT &T broadband	Communications Services	\$40.00
8/17/2015	mobile phone	Communications Services	\$79.50
9/15/2015	mobile phone	Communications Services	\$79.50
7/1/2015	ICB - office rent	Rent & Operating Leases	\$428.00
7/31/2015	ICB - office rent	Rent & Operating Leases	\$428.00

8/13/2015	Schoonmaker - slip rent	Rent & Operating Leases	\$411.00
8/13/2015	Schoonmaker - slip rent	Rent & Operating Leases	\$243.00
8/13/2015	Schoonmaker - slip rent	Rent & Operating Leases	\$160.00
8/14/2015	Libertyship - dry storage	Rent & Operating Leases	\$240.00
9/2/2015	Schoonmaker - slip rent	Rent & Operating Leases	\$411.00
9/2/2015	Schoonmaker - slip rent	Rent & Operating Leases	\$243.00
9/2/2015	Schoonmaker - slip rent	Rent & Operating Leases	\$160.00
9/2/2015	Libertyship - dry storage	Rent & Operating Leases	\$240.00
9/2/2015	ICB - office rent	Rent & Operating Leases	\$428.00
9/8/2015	Clipper - impound slip	Rent & Operating Leases	\$240.00
9/23/2015	Clipper - impound slip	Rent & Operating Leases	\$397.95
Rental fees			
9/23/2015	CAHMPC - conference fees	Prof Development Expenses	
7/22/2015	Food and water for crew	Travel - Meals	\$41.81
9/23/2015	Marin IJ - legal ads	Misc Services - Publications &	\$802.00
9/8/2015	Office Depot - printer ink	Office Supplies	\$41.47
8/13/2015	USPS	Postage	\$15.75
9/8/2015	USPS	Postage	\$5.95
7/22/2015	West Marine - boat parts	Boat Repair Supplies	\$65.77
9/8/2015	West Marine - boat parts	Boat Repair Supplies	\$29.46
9/23/2015	West Marine - boat parts	Boat Repair Supplies	\$274.84
9/8/2015	H & M Engine Repair	Maint - contract services	\$2,454.85
9/17/2015	San Rafael Yacht - Haulout	Maint - contract services	\$420.00
9/23/2015	Day labor - paint hull	Maint - contract services	\$300.00
9/23/2015	Clipper fuel dock	Oil & Gas	\$104.10

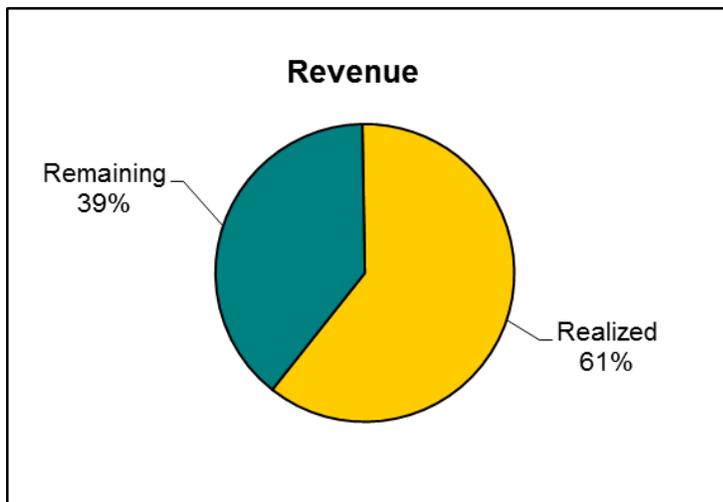
TOTAL \$45,810.75

Percent of Budget and Percent of FY2015-2016 as of September 24, 2015



Expenditures vs. Adopted Budget

Expenditures	\$46,175
Adopted Budget	\$407,508



Realized Revenue vs. Budgeted Revenue

Realized Revenue	\$248,214
Budgeted Revenue	\$408,400

RICHARDSON'S BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

October 1, 2015

TO: RBRA Board
FROM: RBRA Clerk
SUBJECT: Anchorage update

Board members:

There are a couple of areas where progress is occurring towards implementation of RBRA's FY '16 anchorage management program.

Sausalito is underwriting an RBRA-led public discussion of the anchorage program at Sausalito's Spinnaker restaurant the evening of Thursday, November 12. Towards that aim, a working group comprised of RBRA Staff, Leslie Alden of Supervisor Sears' office, RBRA Anchorage Sub-Committee members Marty Winter and Herb Weiner, the Sausalito Council Sub-Committee on the anchorage (Councilmembers Jill Hoffman and Weiner), and Sausalito City Manager Adam Politzer, are continuing to meet. Staff will report the outcome of the discussions and the presentation.

RBRA Staff is also writing a series of brief articles to be included in the City of Sausalito's *Sausalito Currents* online magazine, the first of which will have been posted Friday. The articles will assist in informing Sausalito residents (and others who subscribe) of the many issues surrounding the anchorage and RBRA's proposals.

Chair Tollini has requested Staff report on preparations on and around the water for what could be a very challenging winter. To that end, Staff has been undertaking the following:

- Post card mailers to all waterfront property owners with current contact information for the Harbor Administrator, emergency providers, and salvage companies.
- Stepped up activities with our law enforcement partners to maximize current vessel registration/ documentation and other contact information.
- Selective targeting for removal of un-seaworthy vessels lacking current registration/documentation.

An ultimate goal, which your Board has been diligently pursuing, is to create an anchorage with a reasonable number of vessels that are all securely anchored or moored. The Spinnaker presentation on November 12 will be a step towards funding this year's anchorage program in order to pursue that goal.



David Briggs TOMALES BAY: After years of hashing out plans to regulate moorings, the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and California State Lands Commission tagged permanent anchorages in Tomales Bay this past week, advising their owners to register them.

By

Beau Evans

08/13/2015

Sailboats and trawlers bobbing in Tomales Bay must now pay for moorings and abide by stricter guidelines for how and where their boats can be moored, following the launch last Friday of an

interagency mooring program that puts the final touches on a larger vessel management plan for the bay.

A collaboration of the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the California State Lands Commission, the Tomales Bay Mooring Program will allow boat owners for the first time to have their moorings legalized through state-issued, 10-year leases. Those leases require moorings to be inspected by an independent contractor and to be located outside of sensitive eelgrass beds, the spread of which in recent years spurred agencies to shrink some of the acreage allotted for moorings. A total of 165 moorings are authorized among nine zones in the bay, which includes 35 moorings for Lawson's Landing. Mooring leases are prohibited from being sold, rented or sublet.

Private mooring owners and waterfront property owners—in other words, anyone who already has a bay mooring—have first dibs to apply for the leases through a three-month advance opportunity. On Monday, mooring owners received laminated tags hooked to their moorings that, if green, detailed how to begin the lease application process or, if yellow, signaled that the mooring must be removed at the owner's expense because it is outside one of the designated zones.

Though it's too early to tell what, exactly, the program's total price tag will be, securing a mooring lease from the state will entail an assortment of costs and fees. Despite concerns that the program may be cost-prohibitive for some owners, others are pleased by the prospect of having legal status for their moorings.

"We're no longer outlaws," said George Clyde, a 17-year Marshall resident who helms a Grady-White named "Kingfisher." "Now we know it's legal and I can keep it and pass it down to my children. But for a number of people, it's going to be a hardship."

To lease seafloor lands under state jurisdiction, mooring lessees will have to pay \$1,225 for applications and filings fees, as well as a rent payment predicted to cost around \$250 each year. Additionally, lease authorization requires annual inspections from a contractor at the lessee's expense, which, according to local contractor Mark Sutton, is a cost currently unknown.

"We haven't worked up any kind of fee schedule yet," said Mr. Sutton, whose Inverness-based Dixon Marine Services, Inc., provides mooring installation, maintenance and inspection services for several oceanographic and engineering firms.

Mr. Clyde noted that he does not expect the number of moorings to reach the 165-capacity anytime soon. Drawing from a survey he recalled being done several years ago, he estimated that between 80 and 100 moorings exist in the bay, though that number, he said, is hard to pin down accurately.

"It's hard to know what's a mooring and what's not," he said. "A lot of them are just kind of 'place keepers' that aren't actually used."

In Tomales Bay, most moorings consist of a series of heavy chains connecting from a boat to one or two 55-gallon drums filled with concrete, which hold the boat in place due to both the weight and by the suction effect that's created when the muddy seabed swallows a drum. This type of anchor will be allowed to stay, while others will have to go, such as used engine blocks, tires or "other found materials that could harm the Bay," said Karen Reyna, the resource protection manager for the Greater Farallones, in an email.

Because of the new annual inspections, Mr. Clyde felt optimistic that the program would foster safer mooring practices. Sometimes, he said, an insecure anchor may drag slowly across the seabed, causing its boat to drift and threaten to damage not only the surrounding benthic habitat but also other boats, docks and homes.

Of particular concern to the Greater Farallones is the protection of eelgrass, a type of seagrass that grows in beds along shallow waters and hosts an array of marine life including algae, invertebrates, seabirds and endangered coho salmon. Coastlines across the country have lost over 50 percent of their seagrasses over the last century, predominantly due to land development, increased sedimentation, use of fertilizers and anchors and moorings. Recent 2013 data from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife that showed an increase in eelgrass beds in mostly the southern part of the bay even prompted the Greater Farallones to reduce the size of two mooring zones in Inverness, though both remain large enough to accommodate more vessels than are currently moored there, the national sanctuary stated.

"We would love to shine a light on this habitat and also bring interest to the community about how protecting eelgrass has both environmental and economic benefits," Ms. Reyna said.

The mooring program wraps up efforts between the Greater Farallones and the State Lands Commission to finalize the Tomales Bay Vessel Management Plan, which was established in 2013 after work began in 2007. The Greater Farallones took the lead on the program's policy minutiae, and the lands commission is tasked with its implementation.