

RICHARDSON'S BAY REGIONAL AGENCY
STAFF REPORT

For the meeting of: February 10, 2022

To: Board of Directors

From: Beth Pollard, Project Consultant
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Subject: Adoption of Transition Plan 2.0 to augment the RBRA Transition Plan by establishing refined goals, as well as objectives and strategies

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

After Board discussion and public comment, accept and publish the Public Draft Transition Plan 2.0, request public input and comment for a period of thirty days, and return to this Board on April 14, 2022 for discussion and adoption of the Transition Plan 2.0 as may have been amended.

Motion: Direct staff to seek public input on the Public Draft Transition Plan 2.0 and return to this Board on April 14, 2022 for discussion and adoption of the Transition Plan 2.0 as may have been amended.

BACKGROUND:

On June 11, 2020, the Board of Directors adopted a Transition Plan to guide RBRA future actions for achieving the goal of a safe, healthy, and well-managed Richardson's Bay. In addition to this goal, the plan laid out a transition vision and principles, as well as policies related to eelgrass/environment, the relocation of vessel occupants into safe housing, and movement towards fewer anchored vessels and an eventual sunset date for vessels to remain on the bay.

DISCUSSION:

In line with the Transition Plan, RBRA has since adopted an Eelgrass Protection and Management Plan, executed a settlement agreement with the Bay Conservation & Development Commission (BCDC), supported efforts to engage vessel occupants on relocating to safe housing, and seen the anchored vessel population drop to fewer than 80 vessels.

To further refine RBRA's trajectory towards the Transition Plan goals, principles, and

policies, a Transition Plan 2.0 has been drafted to establish targeted goals and objectives, along with strategies for their achievement. Strategic elements are included in the plan to illustrate intended approaches in support of the transition. Through this Plan 2.0, the Board provides policy direction to staff to develop specific follow-up actions that meet the plan parameters.

Transition Plan 2.0 contains three categories of initiatives:

- Eelgrass Habitat
- Safe Housing
- Vessel Enforcement

While each category contains its own goals, objectives, strategies, and strategic elements, there is overlap between the categories that recognizes the interconnectedness of RBRA's various efforts in pursuing the transition of the bay,

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Each category in the plan outlines resources needed that have been identified to date to accomplish the identified strategies. Specific expenditures to execute the strategies will be planned and realized within the limits of Board approved budgets.

NEXT STEPS:

Staff will widely publicize the Public Draft Transition Plan 2.0 and seek input from stakeholders, interested parties and the general public. The Public Draft will be available for comment for thirty days (ie until March 12). Staff will then review and address the comments received as necessary and appropriate and return to this Board on April 14, 2022 for further review and discussion. All written comments received will be provided to the Board.

Upon adoption of Transition Plan 2.0, staff will develop and implement specific work program actions to achieve the goals and objectives in line with the strategies.