

RICHARDSON'S BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

ORDINANCE NUMBER _____

OF THE RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY AMENDING THE RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY CODE

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

WHEREAS, the Board has engaged with the community and stakeholders and to hear and understand 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 on September 8, 2021, the Richardson Bay Regional Agency (the Agency) entered an agreement with the Bay Conservation and Development Commission concerning removal of occupied vessels and preservation of habitat and committing the Agency to enforcement of provisions of the Richardson Bay Regional Agency Code (the Code), particularly those concerning limitation on the location and duration of anchoring; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to revise the Code to clarify and strengthen those limitations and provide for clear and effective means of enforcing them; and

WHEREAS, the Board has expressed support for the goal of a safe, healthy, and well-managed Richardson Bay,

In consideration of the foregoing, the Board of Directors of the Richardson Bay Regional Agency does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Adoption.

The Richardson Bay Regional Agency Code is hereby amended to read as set forth in Attachment 1.

Section 2. California Environmental Quality Act.

This ordinance is a regulatory action for the protection of natural resources and the environment and is therefore exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15307 and 15308.

Section 3. Severance Clause.

The Board declares that each section, sub-section, paragraph, sub-paragraph, sentence, clause, and phrase of this ordinance is severable and independent of every other section, sub-section, sentence, clause, and phrase of this ordinance. If any section, sub-section, paragraph,

sub-paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase is held invalid, the Board declares that it would have adopted the remaining provisions of this ordinance irrespective of the portion held invalid and further declares its express intent that the remaining portions of this ordinance should remain in effect after the invalid portion has been eliminated.

Section 4. Publication.

A summary of this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper published in Marin County within fifteen days after its adoption.

Following a duly noticed public hearing, the foregoing ordinance was introduced at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richardson Bay Regional Agency held on August 11, 2022, and was adopted by the following vote on September 8, 2022.

BOARD MEMBERS:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

SIGNED:

STEPHANIE MOULTON-PETERS
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

ATTEST:

KAREN PROWS
CLERK OF THE BOARD

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JENNA BRADY
AGENCY COUNSEL

Date: _____