## RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

March 23, 2023

Honorable Toni G. Atkins Chair Senate Rules Committee State Capitol, Room 400 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for confirmation of Ramona Fernandez as Deputy Director of the Division of Boating and Waterways

Dear Senator Atkins and Members of the Senate Rules Committee:

I am writing to express my support for the confirmation of Ramona Fernandez as Deputy Director of the Division of Boating and Waterways. As the Executive Director of the Richardson Bay Regional Agency, I am confident in my assessment that Ms. Fernandez has the necessary skills, experience, and dedication to excel in this role.

Ms. Fernandez has dedicated her career to protecting California's waterways and ensuring safe and responsible boating practices. She has served the Division of Boating and Waterways for over 10 years in various positions, most notably her past years as the assistant deputy director.

As Deputy Director Ms. Fernandez has been instrumental in developing and implementing programs that promote safe boating practices, protect the environment, and enhance public access to waterways. She has also worked tirelessly to build partnerships with stakeholders and to ensure that the Division's programs are responsive to needs of California's diverse communities.

In conclusion, I urge you to confirm Ramona Fernandez as Deputy Director of the Division of Boating and Waterways. Her experience, leadership, and dedication make her an outstanding candidate for this important position, and I am confident that she will continue to make significant contributions to the Division and to the people of California.

Sincerely,

Brad Gross, Executive Director