

# RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

## RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,782,586; AUTHORIZING FUNDS OF \$2,782,586 IN FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 INTO PROJECT ACCOUNT #40RBRAEPA; AND PLANNED EXPENSES OF \$2,782,586, BUDGET AMENDMENT #1. THIS PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE THROUGH FY27 AND PROJECT FUNDS TO BE TRACKED AND REPORTED ANNUALLY. STAFF WILL RETURN TO THIS BOARD ANNUALLY DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS SEEKING APPROVAL TO CARRY FORWARD UNSPENT FUNDS AND TO PROJECT ANNUAL EXPENSES.**

**WHEREAS**, eel grass has value as a foundational element to a healthy marine environment and habitat for the herring and anchovy fisheries and the birds which are native to or stop in Richardson Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, vessels anchored within the eelgrass beds cause damage to the eelgrass; and

**WHEREAS**, the Richardson Bay Regional Agency (RBRA) is committed to protecting and restoring the eelgrass beds of Richardson Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, the RBRA entered into an Agreement with the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) in August of 2021 that requires certain actions by the RBRA and outlines goals to be reached for restoration and management of eelgrass, and improvements in water quality in Richardson Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, the RBRA wishes to develop and begin implementation of a restoration and adaptive management plan for eelgrass in Richardson Bay; and

**WHEREAS**, the RBRA working with its contracted consultants requested grant funding from the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and implement said plans; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant Notice to Proceed was received on May 10, 2023, and expenses are expected to begin in fiscal year 2023-24; and

**WHEREAS**, this project is planned over four years, and expenses will be reimbursed to and will be maintained in project account #40RBRAEPA, managed by the County of Marin Budget Office; and

**WHEREAS**, each year RBRA staff will report as part of the annual budget planning process on the use of these grant funds, and each year, with this Board’s approval, unexpended funds will carry over to the following year throughout the duration of this project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Richardson Bay Regional Agency Board of Directors by adoption of this resolution hereby authorizes Budget Amendment #1, and accepts grant funding of \$2,782,586 from the Environmental Protection Agency, and authorizes in its fiscal year 2023-24 budget an increase to project account #40RBRAEPA of \$2,782,586 in revenue and \$2,782,586 in expense appropriations.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted this 8th day of June 2023, by the following vote of the Board of Richardson Bay Regional Agency, to wit:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAIN:

CERTIFICATION:

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Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Board Chair

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Karen Prows, Board Clerk