

RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

STAFF REPORT

For the meeting of July 11, 2024

To: Board of Directors
From: Brad Gross, Executive Director
Subject: Executive Director's Report

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file.

Reporting period May 1, 2024 – July 5, 2024

Out of office May 13-28

SUMMARY:

Fiscal:

- 1 Worked with Regional Government Services on FY25 billing rate increase of 2.6%. This is below the approved FY25 budget amount requiring no contract amendment.
- 2 Worked with County Budget Office to determine account balances for carry over fund for accounts 40RBRAEPA and 40RBRAHOUS.
- 3 Provided FY25 invoices to member agencies.

Administration:

- 1 Meetings with County Counsel and outside counsel regarding ongoing operations, enforcement activities and modifications to RBRA Codes.

BCDC:

- 1 Monthly meetings with BCDC enforcement committee staff continue with positive feedback.
- 2 Requested one-year extension for remaining vessels in anchorage waiting for housing based on Program ability to engage and house 1-2 persons per month.
- 3 Eelgrass Protection Zone will be enacted by October 15, 2024- No extensions requested.

Housing:

- 1 The program initiated 5/1/23, and since its start:
 - 13 vouchers issued and 14 persons housed.

- 3 persons have now transitioned to Federal Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV).

Current activities

- 1 with voucher is in housing search.
 - 2 persons approved to receive vouchers
 - 1 person is in process.
- 2 Housing Team meetings every two weeks for program review and information exchange.
 - 3 Weekly meeting with South Marin Case workers.
 - 4 Outside contractor completed one-year housing program review (Attachment 1).

Vessel Buyback:

- 1 One vessel reported this period.

Richardson Bay:

- 1 Communications with Harbor Master Malcolm and Deputy Harbor Master Lesberg on a consistent basis for briefings on activities in the anchorage and throughout the bay.

Eelgrass:

- 1 Working with CPS to facilitate Eelgrass Protection Zone signage project and work continues with anticipated installation by 10/24.
- 2 BCDC permits for project received on 6/5/24.
- 3 CPS continues monthly meetings with eelgrass project partners.
- 4 The Adaptive Management Plan (RAMP) is now being implemented and to date, 2 acres of new eelgrass have been planted in Richardson Bay via EPA grant funding, and 2.5 acres funded by the Cosco Busan incident.

Sausalito:

- 1 Communications continue with Sausalito City Manager.
- 2 Future meetings with Sausalito have been scheduled.
- 3 Partnered with Sausalito PD to assist in vessel disposal via the VTIP program.
- 4 RBRA accepted a voluntary turn in from the City of Sausalito.

Grants:

- 1 Received updates on all grants, grant balances and applications.
- 2 Received updates on Housing and EPA grants to carry forward funds for FY25.

Public Outreach:

- 1 Weekly meetings with Progress Public Affairs to update and strategize.
- 2 Working with PR staff on quarterly newsletter.

- 3 Planning meetings for upcoming public events in August and October.

General:

- 1 Harbor Master Malcolm, Board Clerk Karen Prows working with County Counsel continue to work responding to Public Records Act request. The level of attention has leveled off in this reporting period.
- 2 No new PRAs received this reporting period.
- 3 Two responses provided to PRAs received during the previous reporting period.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Temporary Housing Placement Program First Year Review June 2024