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TO: All Commissioners and Alternates

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SUBJECT: Approved Minutes of November 3, 2022 Hybrid Commission Meeting

1. **Call to Order.** The virtual meeting was called to order by Chair Wasserman at 1:02 p.m. The meeting was held online via Zoom and teleconference. Instructions for public participation were given by Chair Wasserman.

Chair Wasserman asked Ms. Atwell to proceed with Agenda Item 2, Roll Call.

2. **Roll Call.** Present were: Chair Wasserman, Commissioners Addiego, Ahn, Beach, Brown (represented by Alternate Gilmore), Butt, Eckerle, Eklund, El-Tawansy (represented by Alternate Ambuehl), Gioia, Gorin, Gunther, Hasz, Lucchesi (represented by Alternate Pemberton), Moulton-Peters, Peskin, Pine, Ranchod (represented by Alternate Nelson) and Spering (represented by Alternate Vasquez) and Wagenknecht (joined after Roll Call).

Chair Wasserman announced that a quorum was present.

Not present were Commissioners: Association of Bay Area Governments (Burt), Department of Finance (Almy), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (Blake), Governor (Eisen, Randolph), Santa Clara County (Lee), Senate Rules Committee (Showalter)

3. **Public Comment Period.** Chair Wasserman called for public comment on subjects that were not on the agenda.

Chair Wasserman gave instructions for participating in the virtual meeting. He emphasized the following: Commissioners must have their cameras on, instruction for public attendees was given, those in attendance at 375 Beale Street were socially distanced, comments must be focused and respectful and emails received were noted.

Alison Madden addressed the Commission: Thank you, Chair Wasserman and Commissioners. I appreciate the opportunity to speak. I wanted to say, I did speak this issue last meeting. And I wanted to further address the Commission in part because, Chair Wasserman, I think other business and the Vice Chair was also away. I wanted to repeat this comment and I will send photos in advance of the next meeting.

And it pertains to three really nice looking vessels that have been on San Francisco Bay probably since before I was born, at least two of them. One is my vessel. It's a World War II Higgins ship-to-shore vehicle, a vessel. They were made and they were mahogany at the time and it's been fiber glassed over. And it has a really darling custom designer cabin on it.

So it's not a flipping home, it's a vessel. But it would be viewed as a houseboat. It does have a swim deck with two really excellent high-powered outboards. And so it's capable of its own propulsion around a marina.

So this is something that I've had appraised by a captain in Sausalito. I bought it for 100,000. It is worth 250,000 to 350,000. And I cannot find a single marina that will allow it to be located. And I need to leave Dock Town Marina. I believe I have found an interim spot.

And this is the kind of thing that I've spoken about where people are losing the value of their property because of what harbormasters feel is a really excessive enforcement.

The other one is actually a functioning vessel. It's a flat top Delta Cruiser home. It has inboard, onboard engines. One needs to leave Blue Marina, actually Blue is taken out of the public trust and they can have any kind of vessel or live-aboard but it recently changed hands.

But there is somebody trying to sell a flat top cruiser home that's called a houseboat even though it has working engines and he cannot locate it anywhere in any marina on San Francisco Bay because it has a flat top. And that is how afraid harbormasters are and marina operators to take something that can be called a houseboat even when it's a vessel.

And so I just want to give examples and I'll send photos. These are really nice looking.

The third is a restored historic tug and it's very much like mine. It has capable of propulsion with outboard motors. And they also can't find a location.

And so, I just really want to call your attention to look at this and say, things that were on San Francisco Bay maybe even before BCDC came into existence, before I was born; there really should be a place for them and people shouldn't be afraid of being able to locate it. And I'm talking not live-aboards, just being able to have a safe place for their property.

So thank you very much for listening to me, I appreciate it.

Chair Wasserman moved to Approval of the Minutes.

4. **Approval of Minutes of the October 20, 2022 Meeting.** Chair Wasserman asked for a motion and a second to adopt the Minutes of October 20, 2022.

MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved approval of the Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Peskin.

The motion carried by a voice vote with no abstentions or opposition.

5. Report of the Chair. Chair Wasserman reported on the following:

a. **Next BCDC Meeting.** We will not need to hold our November 17 meeting. So our next Commission meeting will be held on December 1. At that meeting we may:

(1) Consider a permit application for the West Bay Sanitary District Ecotone Project.

- (2) Consider an enforcement matter for John's Place in Benicia.
- (3) Consider a contract for a facilitator to help with our EPA Sediment Grant.
- (4) Hear a briefing on State Route 37.

b. **Ex Parte Communications.** This is the time to report on any ex parte communications. We do not have a hearing today so it certainly would not be about that. You do need to make any report in writing but you may also do so verbally if you wish to. Is there any Commissioner who wished to make an ex parte report? (No reports were voiced).

Executive Director Larry Goldzband will now present the Executive Director's Report.

6. **Report of the Executive Director.** Executive Director Goldzband reported the following: Thank you, Chair Wasserman.

Given the nature of today's meeting I shall also keep my Report short.

But I want to note that on this day in 1952 Clarence Birdseye started to sell frozen peas through a company that was created some thirty years earlier – Birds Eye Frozen Foods. I'll be candid. I really hate peas. But I have a package of frozen peas in the freezer because it makes a great ice pack. And, we'll make sure that today's strategic planning workshop doesn't freeze anybody out of making their voices heard.

I have three announcements to make this afternoon. First, I want to let you know that we have promoted another staff member as part of our expanded Bay Adapt Program. Jackie Mandoske joined BCDC as a Sea Grant Fellow in 2018 and was quickly hired for the Adapting to Rising Tides Team where she led the analysis on Priority Development Areas for ART Bay Area.

You'll remember her recent presentation as the developer of our Adaptation Roadmap. Jackie has co-authored a book with Jean-Michel Cousteau that was published last year – she led communications for Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ocean Future Society for ten years.

Jackie is a Gaucho from U.C. Santa Barbara and earned her B.S. in Aquatic Biology and a Triton from U.C. San Diego. She loves houseplants, coffee, and her cat Lyra, all of which make frequent appearances on TEAMS and ZOOM, but I have never seen her seashell tattoo.

Second, I am very pleased that Shoreline Development Permitting Manager, Ethan Lavine has selected, Shruti Sinha to fill the vacancy caused by Tony Daysog who is joining our new Compliance Team which started its work on November 1.

Shruti joined BCDC to work as a permit analyst on the Shoreline Development Team eighteen months ago. You may remember that Shruti presented recent major applications for the Alameda Boatworks Residential Development and Peninsula Innovation Point office Campus. With this move, she'll be promoted from Coastal Program Analyst I to Coastal Program Analyst II and continue her great work as a UCSB and Whittier Law School alum.

And I am glad to announce that we have a new member of our Environmental Justice Advisors Team, Dominique Brooks. Ms. Brooks is the Executive Director of Healing Impacted Communities (HIC). She lives in Bayo Vista which provides the EJ Advisors with more geographic diversity. She has worked collaboratively with CBOs and local government partners across the Bay Area.

Her community is underrepresented and overburdened by several pollution sources and she has worked to improve Bayo Vista's water, soil, and air quality through advocacy, organizing, and educating residents on the impacts of environmental racism. She has worked on issues related to rising sea levels and our shoreline. We think that she will be a terrific addition to the EJ Advisors.

I have one more announcement to make which is that I am sad to report, in one way at least, that Jack Ainsworth, the Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission announced his retirement just a couple of weeks ago.

Jack has done a tremendous job at the Commission. He is longtime employee there.

We really owe as Californians a real debt of gratitude to Jack. It is a difficult place to manage and to lead. And Jack has done an absolutely superb job.

In talking with him last week I did note that he could come to work as a retired annuitant with BCDC but for some reason he didn't take me up on the offer.

That concludes my Report, Chair Wasserman, and I am happy to answer any questions.

Chair Wasserman asked: Are there any questions for our Executive Director? (No questions were voiced).

7. Consideration of Administrative Matters. Chair Wasserman stated: That brings us to Item 7, Consideration of Administrative Matters.

Chief Deputy Steve Goldbeck is here if you have any questions regarding the Administrative Listing. (No questions were voiced).

8. Adjournment. Upon motion by Commissioner Wagenknecht, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.