

RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

STAFF REPORT

For the meeting of September 10, 2026

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file

Reporting period- July 7, 2026 – September 3, 2026

Administration:

- 1 Meetings with County Counsel and outside counsel regarding ongoing operations and enforcement activities.
- 2 Collaborating with County Counsel and outside counsel, authorized engagement under delegated authority with Maier Law Group to conduct necessary investigation(s).

Fiscal:

- 1 Collaborating with outside auditors and have entered a Professional Services Contract under delegated authority with O'Connor & Company to conduct required audit of FY2025 EPA project.

BCDC:

- 1 Monthly meetings with BCDC enforcement committee staff continue with positive feedback.
- 2 One final Safe and Seaworthy vessel remains with confirmed October 15, 2026 departure date.

Housing:

- 1 The RBRA Temporary Housing Support Program began on May 1, 2023:
 - 27 housed
 - 28 total temporary support vouchers issued
 - 25 total temporary support vouchers utilized (some vouchers house 2 people)
 - 3 people transitioned to Federal Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV)
 - 20 people are currently on the HCV wait list

Current activities:

- 1 person housed
- 1 person remains in the Safe and Seaworthy Program
- 52 people have been housed from the anchorage since 2022. This includes the RBRA program and other programs available through HHS.

Richardson Bay:

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

Eelgrass:

- 1 Coastal Policy Solutions (CPS) continues monthly meetings with eelgrass project partners.
- 2 To date, 16.5 acres of eelgrass have been restored, exceeding the 2027 goal of a minimum 15-acre restoration.
- 3 The kickoff meeting for the Eelgrass Monitoring Program supported by the Marin Community Foundation Grant was held last month.
- 4 CPS has published two Requests for Qualifications for subcontract work in connections with the three new eelgrass projects. The RFQ can be found on the [Notices/News - Richardson Bay Regional Agency](#) page of the RBRA website.

Grants:

- 1 Received updates on all grants, grant balances, and applications.
- 2 Staff continue to collaborate with the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority grant administrator. Resolutions for acceptance and delegating authority are part of the September 10, 2026 RBRA Board meeting consent calendar. This grant will be presented to the SFBRA Board seeking approval on September 11, 2026. This project proposes to restore eelgrass using traditional transplanting methods and innovative unmanned underwater vehicles (UUV), underwater cleanups, and provide opportunities for local youth and communities to participate in stewardship, workforce training, and conservation-focused art.
- 3 Staff continue to collaborate with the EPA grant administrator. A resolution for grant acceptance is part of the September 10, 2026 RBRA meeting consent calendar. This grant focuses on 700 tons of marine debris removal and a small eelgrass restoration task.
- 4 The Marin Community Foundation grant award of \$250,000 for an Eelgrass monitoring was received in July.

Public Outreach:

- 1 RBRA was part of the August 3, 2026 Department of Boating and Waterways meeting and hosted a tour of the Army Corps of Engineer dock facility and vessel disposal operation.

- 2 RBRA hosted a Temporary Housing Support Program recognition event featuring Senator McGuire on August 6, 2026.
- 3 Meetings continue with Progress Public Affairs to update and strategize.
- 4 Seven PRAs were received and six responded to this period. Some requests require additional time.
- 5 RBRA continues to participate in the BCDC hosted Regional Abandoned and Derelict Vessel committee.
- 6 Three interviews, one with Marin IJ and one with Bay City News, and a final one with Marin Magazine.

General:

- 1 Harbor Master Malcolm, Board Clerk Karen Prows, and Clerk Deborah Padovan continue working with County Counsel responding to Public Records Act requests.
- 2 Work continues with outside counsel on existing claims.
- 3 Staff request the continuation of the Ad Hoc Budget Committee to fine tune the FY28 budget as it relates to the recently approved Strategic Plan.

Attachment:

Professional Service Contract with O'Connor & Company