

RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26-11

OF THE RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE MARIN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000, AND APPROVING FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO INCREASE REVENUE AND AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES BY THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT OF \$250,000

WHEREAS, eelgrass has value as a foundational element to a healthy marine environment habitat for the herring and anchovy fisheries, and serves as an important defense for the shoreline of the Bay that is vulnerable to sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, it is a goal of the Richardson Bay Regional Agency (RBRA) in its 2026 Strategic Plan to restore 75 acres of damaged eelgrass beds in the Bay, with objectives for collaborative restoration, monitoring and managing of eelgrass through partnering to secure and utilize grant funding; and

WHEREAS, RBRA and its restoration partners have identified equipment, materials and eelgrass monitoring services that will enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of eelgrass restoration, allowing a greater amount of eelgrass to be successfully planted, and in a more timely manner as funding becomes available; and

WHEREAS, the Marin Community Foundation has awarded RBRA a grant from the FY26 Sea Level Rise Small Grants Pilot Program of its *Building Resilient Communities Initiative* in the amount of \$250,000 for an eelgrass monitoring project to enhance the growth and rate of success in planting and restoring eelgrass beds in Richardson Bay; and

WHEREAS, the monitoring project is to be conducted over a one-year period ending June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the data, information, and restoration performance achieved through the monitoring project will enhance RBRA's competitiveness for future grants to restore eelgrass;

WHEREAS, RBRA staff recommends accepting the grant funds and amending the Fiscal Year 2026-27 RBRA Budget for the receipt of \$250,000 in grant revenue and authorization for expenditure of that amount to implement the MCF grant-funded eelgrass monitoring project, with revenue and expenditures recorded and tracked in a project fund,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Richardson Bay Regional Agency by adoption of this resolution hereby accepts grant funding of \$250,000 from the Marin Community Foundation, and approves Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Amendment No. 1 to increase revenue and expenditure appropriations by \$250,000.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted on this 9th day of July 2026, by the following vote of the Board of Richardson Bay Regional Agency, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

CERTIFICATION:

Jack Ryan, Board Chair

Deborah Padovan, Board Clerk