

RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

STAFF REPORT

For the meeting of July 9, 2026

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file

Reporting period- May 8, 2026 – July 6, 2026

Administration:

- 1 Meetings with county counsel and outside counsel regarding ongoing operations and enforcement activities.

Fiscal:

- 1 Explorations of new funding options for housing program continue.
- 2 Collaborating with outside auditors on the details to conduct an EPA grant required single audit of the FY25 EPA project.

BCDC:

- 1 Monthly meetings with BCDC enforcement committee staff continue with positive feedback.
- 2 Two vessels remain on the anchorage. Of the remaining vessels, one vessel occupant is in the final stage of securing housing, and the other is in the Safe and Seaworthy Program and has agreed to depart by October 15, 2026.

Housing:

- 1 The RBRA Temporary Housing Support Program began on May 1, 2023:
 - 26 housed
 - 28 total temporary support vouchers issued
 - 24 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 is in the final stages of securing housing
 - 1 person remains in the Safe and Seaworthy Program
- 2 According to the housing dashboard available on the HHS website, as of May 2026, 51 people have been housed from the anchorage since 2022. This includes the RBRA program and other programs available through HHS.
 - 3 Received a letter of confirmation (attached) from Marin County Executive committing County funds for FY27 RBRA Temporary Housing Support Program. These additional funds should support the program through June 30, 2027.

Vessel Buyback:

- 1 None this period.

Richardson Bay:

- 1 Communications with Harbor Master Malcolm and 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.

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 to revise the project scope and final steps to accept \$1.9 million grant. Staff anticipate bringing a resolution to this Board for grant acceptance at the September 10, 2026 meeting. 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 on our \$3.051 million grant application. Staff anticipate bringing a resolution to this Board for grant acceptance at the September 10, 2026 meeting. Grant agreements and work plans have been submitted for final approval by EPA. This grant focuses on 9000 tons of marine debris removal and a small eelgrass restoration task.

- 4 The Marin Community Foundation has provided RBRA a grant award of \$250,000 for an Eelgrass monitoring program utilizing UUVs while addressing the contribution Eelgrass provides to managing sea level rise. The grant acceptance resolution is included as part of the July 9, 2026 consent calendar. The grant application and description is attached.
- 5 RBRA efforts to identify additional grants to support the Temporary Housing Support Program have not yet been successful. RBRA will continue exploring other opportunities.

Public Outreach:

- 1 Weekly meetings with Progress Public Affairs to update and strategize.
- 2 Five PRAs were received and responded to this period.
- 3 RBRA attended the Bay Area Marina Operators meeting on June 24, 2026. RBRA was included as a presenter to the group.
- 4 One interview with the Marin Magazine was conducted.

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.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Marin Community Foundation Grant Application

Attachment 2: Letter from Office of Marin County Executive