



Making San Francisco Bay Better

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SUBJECT: Support for the Disbursement of Caltrans Mitigation Funds for Albany Bulb

Dear Ms. Hutzal:

This letter is to communicate the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission's (BCDC) support for the State Coastal Conservancy's (Conservancy) disbursement of up to \$168,000 to the City of Albany to develop a plan for improving the Albany Neck and Bulb to enable this area to become part of McLaughlin Eastshore State Park of Alameda County.

We are pleased to support the City of Albany's application for funds to improve trail and habitat enhancement along the East Bay shoreline. The funds are intended to be used by the City of Albany to retain consultants to prepare a plan for implementation of the transition of the Albany Neck and Bulb into a park as outlined in the *Eastshore State Park General Plan*. The plan would include, in part, a physical site assessment including a sea level rise vulnerability analysis, a hazard assessment and remediation plan, community meetings, an environmental analysis, a cost estimate, a phasing plan and considerations pertaining to operation and maintenance of the park.

These funds, held in the Conservancy's Coastal Trust Fund account, were deposited as a result of BCDC mitigation requirements to offset project impacts associated with authorized Caltrans work on Interstate 80 (BCDC Permit No. 11-93), at the Bay Bridge, and involving a Fastrak sign project (BCDC Permit Nos. 8-01 and 8-92). The disbursement of funds as proposed would fulfill the intention of the mitigation funds that were set aside for these purposes.

Sincerely,

BRAD McCREA
Regulatory Program Director

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