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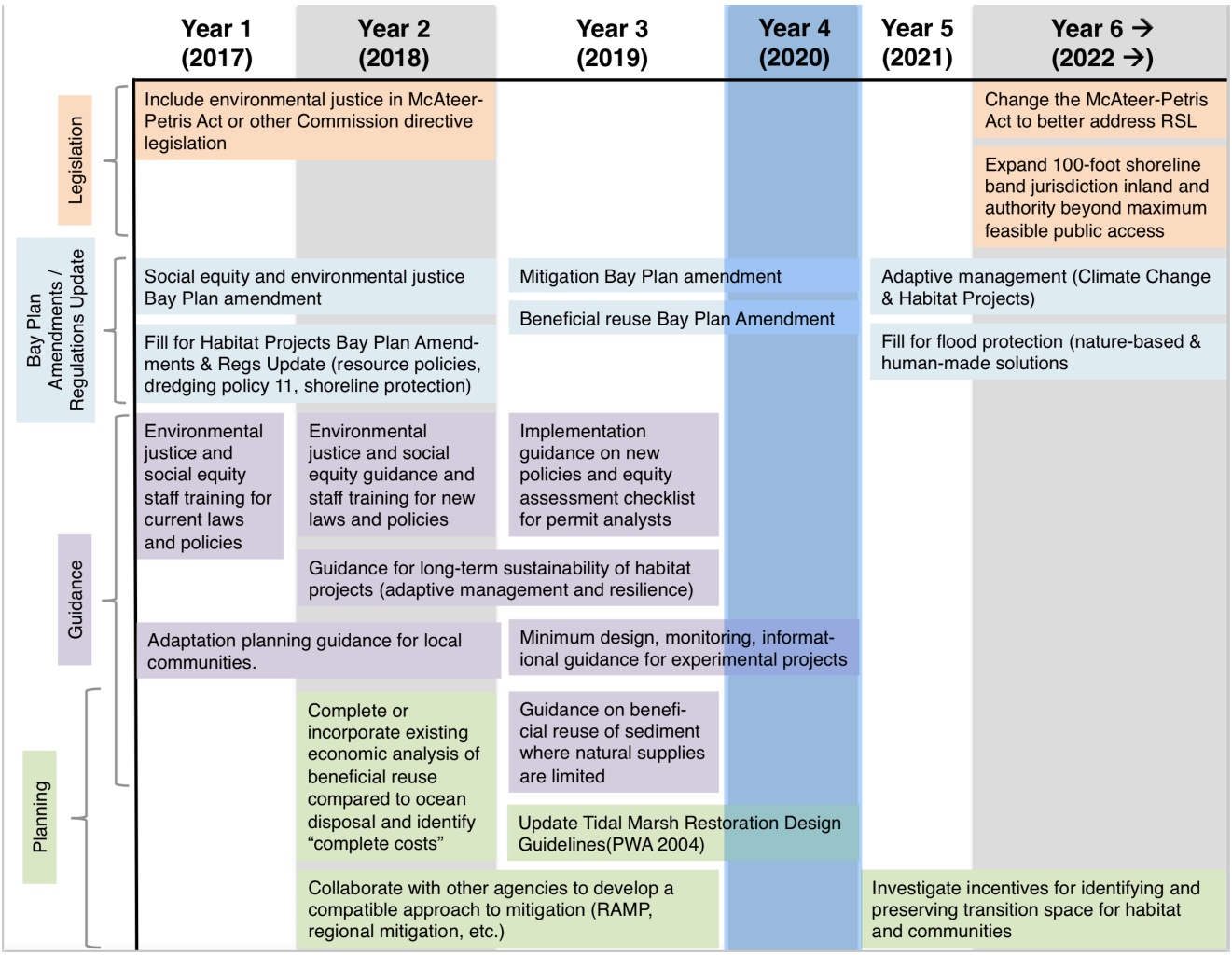
SUBJECT: Background information for the Briefing on the Bay Plan Amendment to Address Environmental Justice and Social Equity, Bay Plan Amendment No. 2-17
(For Commission consideration on January 3, 2019)

Summary

On October 6, 2016, during the fourth workshop of the Commission's series of Public Workshops on Rising Sea Level, the Commission voted to approve eight recommended adaptation actions, including consideration of whether and how to change BCDC's existing laws, policies and regulations to more fully consider the local and regional impacts of rising sea levels in permitting and decision-making processes as needed. The subsequent workshops further explored and discussed the potential actions, with a particular focus on possible Bay Plan amendments. Staff provided a briefing to the Commission with a timeline for six proposed amendments (attached), among other actions, and on July 20, 2017 the Commission voted to initiate the first two Bay Plan Amendments: Fill for Habitat and Environmental Justice. At the Commission meeting on January 3, 2019, BCDC staff will present on the progress of the Environmental Justice and Social Equity Amendment.


Year 1 (2017)
Year 2 (2018)
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Year 6 → (2022 →)
Legislation
Bay Plan Amendments / Regulations Update
Guidance
Planning
Include environmental justice in McAteer-Petris Act or other Commission directive legislation
Change the McAteer-Petris Act to better address RSL
Expand 100-foot shoreline band jurisdiction inland and authority beyond maximum feasible public access
Social equity and environmental justice Bay Plan amendment
Mitigation Bay Plan amendment
Adaptive management (Climate Change & Habitat Projects)
Beneficial reuse Bay Plan Amendment
Fill for Habitat Projects Bay Plan Amendments & Regs Update (resource policies, dredging policy 11, shoreline protection)
Fill for flood protection (nature-based & human-made solutions
Environmental justice and social equity staff training for current laws and policies
Environmental justice and social equity guidance and staff training for new laws and policies
Implementation guidance on new policies and equity assessment checklist for permit analysts
Guidance for long-term sustainability of habitat projects (adaptive management and resilience)
Adaptation planning guidance for local communities.
Minimum design, monitoring, informational guidance for experimental projects
Complete or incorporate existing economic analysis of beneficial reuse compared to ocean disposal and identify "complete costs"
Guidance on beneficial reuse of sediment where natural supplies are limited
Update Tidal Marsh Restoration Design Guidelines(PWA 2004)
Collaborate with other agencies to develop a compatible approach to mitigation (RAMP, regional mitigation, etc.)
Investigate incentives for identifying and preserving transition space for habitat and communities