



September 4, 2019

San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
375 Beale Street, 5th Floor, Suite 510
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: BCDC Budget and Efficiency

Dear Chair Wasserman and Commissioners:

We write once again urging the commission and its staff to become more efficient with its use of staff time and financial resources at the commission's disposal.

Since the release of the State Auditor's report in May, there are efforts by commission leadership to seek more funding. The Bay Stewardship Alliance does not agree with this stance, and from the Alliance's perspective, this commission should make more efficient use of its existing resources. Since this week's budget presentation has not been made available online as of the writing of this letter, we can only comment in general terms, but look forward to making specific comments at a later date.

The Alliance believes the millions spent to move from one office to another expensive location was a gross and wasted expenditure of taxpayer funds. We can say the same about the additional \$2.2 million to be spent over the term of the lease in additional rent, especially for an organization that chooses to pay staff with funds from the Bay Fill Abatement Fund, a practice which the California State Auditor recommended this commission cease immediately.

On the topic of efficiency, the Alliance is aware of businesses that believe they are continuously responding to makework efforts by your staff in the permitting process, only to face unnecessary and expensive delays of several months by this commission when the review work is finally completed. These delays do not help the environment nor are they in line with your stated mission. This is, in our view, a poor use of time, and we demand greater efficiency from commission staff.

It is only through greater efficiency from the commission and staff that the Alliance could see a better path forward that includes the justification of more resources being granted. We believe these examples of continuous lack of improvement and wasted public and private resources is further evidence that a change in leadership at the BCDC is long overdue.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Wilson".

Bob Wilson
Co-Founder
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