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Via Email Only

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Dear Senator McGuire and Partnership Members:

Thank you for your letter of April 20, 2020 regarding the partnership you have created to resolve the Richardson Bay anchor-out issues.

In the letter you state that your partnership has been working collaboratively for several months and is committed to: (1) providing housing on land or in an authorized marina for the anchor-outs; (2) restoring impacted eelgrass; and (3) preventing new vessels from anchoring out. BCDC staff agrees that implementing these three policies are imperative to improve the health and welfare of the San Francisco Bay and the people who are living on it illegally. We applaud your resolve to achieving these goals and look forward to working with you.

However, I must decline your gracious invitation for BCDC to join the partnership as a formal member. While we are committed to working closely with you, BCDC's regulatory role and the likelihood that you will seek state funds to help implement the solution prevent us from becoming a formal member. However, we look forward to working with you so that we can assist in developing a workable solution in the near-term.

Please keep BCDC apprised of any meetings and your progress in this matter. Priscilla Njuguna, our Enforcement Manager, is on point on this issue, as you know. Of course, feel free as well to



reach out to me, to our Chief Deputy Steve Goldbeck, or to our Regulatory Director Brad McCrea with any questions or concerns that you may have. I look forward to hearing good news about the progress that you are making.

Sincerely,



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