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Hello Adrienne and Marc,

I'm writing on behalf of San Francisco Baykeeper regarding a report we received of some suspicious dredging activity in Richardson Bay on the morning of Saturday, November 25, 2017. We are concerned about the "dredging" that was reported and wanted to pass the information on to you.

During a boat patrol on Richardson Bay, our skipper noticed a barge being moved by a crane that was sitting on the barge. He noted that the crane was being operated relatively quickly, and that the bucket was hitting the Bay floor and bringing up mud. The mud was dumped directly back into the Bay by the crane. Our skipper suspected that the barge was using the crane to propel itself. I attached videos and pictures to this email.

We received a separate report about the same barge from a group of kayakers. Similarly, they noted that "heading south from Schoonmaker Marina... we saw a barge with a dredge engaged...dropping the big scoop deep into the bay and then coming up with mud and just dumping it back into the water. As we approached, the man in the "cockpit" controlling the arm started waving at us in a very animated... fashion, signaling for us to not continue our course in front of the barge... it became clear that the barge was moving forward in our direction at a fairly good clip, as it continued to scoop and drop sediment from the water."

After reviewing these reports and the video footage, it seems that there may be unacceptable "dredging" practices happening in this area. Was this "dredging" permitted? Is there any action that BCDC can take to hold this barge accountable, or to enforce against this haphazard dredging technique?

Let me know if you'd like me to connect you with our tipsters. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to email me at sienna@baykeeper.org or call at 510-735-9700 x 114.

Thank you,
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