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SUBJECT: Proposed Financing the Future Working Group Issues to Present to the Full Commission

Based on the Financing the Future Working Group's previous discussions, below are three suggested topics for future BCDC Commission/public "Financing the Future" workshops. Discussing these suggestions, and others, will comprise the agenda for the **February 1, 2018 Financing the Future Working Group meeting at 375 Beale Street (10:30 A.M.)**.

1. Uncertainty exists in any long-term financing mechanism, and climate-related uncertainty further complicates matters. What assumptions underlie financing models, and can models address the uncertainties associated with either the income assumptions or the cost of funds over time? What external protections, either through third party risk insurance, financial hedge strategies, or other strategies, can or should be built into financing models?
2. The risks of rising sea level are not uniform along all shoreline areas around the Bay. Should construction standards be adopted on a regional or sub-regional basis that affirmatively enable or deny specific types of adaptively managed shoreline development? If the State of California adopts statewide climate adaptation building standards in the future, how can state standards be developed that adapt to the specific needs of the Bay Area and its shoreline?
3. Since no shoreline adaptation-related effort is independent of the broader area or region (blocking water from going to one area will force it to move more toward another), subregional or regional projects likely will be more effective and equitable for a larger population. What approaches can the State take to create incentives for sub-regional and regional adaptation projects to apply for, and receive, funding in light of the many non-aligned local grant applications within a subregion or region?