



CITY OF
HAYWARD

HEART OF THE BAY

August 3, 2011

The Honorable Sean Randolph, Chair
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
50 California Street, Suite 2600
San Francisco, CA 94111

Subject: Proposed Bay Plan Amendment No. 1-08

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

The following letter and attached Resolution is being forwarded to you as a result of Council action on August 2, 2011.

As a local municipality that has been studying sea level rise in the East Bay and as a participant in the ongoing Adapting to Rising Tides project, the City of Hayward is pleased to see BCDC addressing the issues of sea level rise and climate change at a regional scale. While the proposed Bay Plan Amendment is a step in the right direction, additional resources must be directed toward more detailed vulnerability assessments and adaptation plans as well as **actual shoreline improvements.**

While we recognize that the proposed Bay Plan Amendments are not intended to increase BCDC's regulatory authority, the 100-foot-wide shoreline band will move as sea levels rise, which will increase BCDC's area of authority. Current mapping is not sufficient to know the future extent of the Bay and the 100-foot-wide band on the Hayward shoreline. In addition, it is critical to us that we participate as equal partners in addressing this critical issue, including maintaining as much local control as possible while working cooperatively with BCDC.

Local agencies intend to take a leadership role in the planning for sea level rise, and the City of Hayward and the Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency (HASPA) have already assumed such a role, as reflected in the development of a preliminary impact assessment of sea level rise on the Hayward shoreline. A collaborative partnership with BCDC will be essential for such planning as well as for the funding and the implementation of adaptation plans.

On that note, the City of Hayward looks forward to working closely with BCDC on the regional sea level rise adaptation strategy called for in the proposed Bay Plan Amendment, and fully supports and appreciates BCDC's **efforts to address sea level rise and encourages the Commission to continue to work on this issue with its local partners.**

Also, in consideration of the proposed amendments, we look forward to continuing to work with BCDC to find ways to streamline the permitting process for levee repairs and other sea level rise mitigation/adaptation projects that are critically needed both now and as the Bay continues to rise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Sweeney".

Michael Sweeney
Mayor

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HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 11-145

Introduced by Council Member Quirk

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A
LETTER TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY CONSERVATION
AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REGARDING THE
PROPOSED BAY PLAN AMENDMENTS

) WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) has been working on amending the Bay Plan to incorporate findings and policies related to climate change since April, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Plan needs to be amended to include policies that address both existing and planned development that will be impacted by rising sea levels; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Plan Amendment (BPA) is scheduled to be considered by the Commission on September 1, 2011 and approved on October 6, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hayward commends BCDC for addressing climate change and the issue of sea level rise in the Bay Plan; and

) WHEREAS, the City of Hayward is a member of the Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency (HASPA), a joint powers agency, composed of the City of Hayward, the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District, and the East Bay Regional Park District; and

WHEREAS, HASPA has been considering the potential impacts of sea level rise and in 2009 commissioned a study titled "Preliminary Study on the Effect of Sea Level Rise on the Resources of the Hayward Shoreline," by hydrology consultant Phillip Williams and Associates; and

WHEREAS, further study is needed to determine the relative vulnerability of the various systems of infrastructure and to develop a master plan that prioritizes and coordinates the improvements that need to be made to protect these resources; and

WHEREAS, land use decisions made along the shoreline, particularly inland from the current 100-foot zone, have the capacity to impact and guide future economic development within the boundaries of the City of Hayward; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hayward looks forward to working closely with BCDC on the regional sea level rise adaptation strategy called for in the proposed Bay Plan Amendment, while stressing the importance of continuing to allow maximum local land use control along the shoreline.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the City Council and in its name, to sign and send a letter addressed to BCDC supporting BCDC's efforts to address sea level rise in partnership with affected local jurisdictions while recognizing the importance of and respecting the responsibility local municipalities have for land use and land use decisions within their boundaries.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA August 2, 2011

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Quirk, Halliday, Peixoto, Salinas, Henson
MAYOR: Sweeney

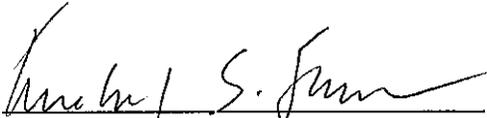
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Zermeno

ATTEST: 
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney of the City of Hayward