

# San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

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## D R A F T

### Resolution No. 2020-02

#### Resolution in support of the Ocean

#### Protection Council's Rising Sea Level Principles

**Whereas**, rising sea levels driven by global climate change will severely affect the Bay's natural communities and the Bay Area's shoreline communities unless actions are taken now to address and plan for resilience; and,

**Whereas**, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (Commission) has created the Adapting to Rising Tides voluntary planning program to help shoreline jurisdictions and neighborhoods become more resilient, has adopted policies to combat the ramifications of rising sea levels in its *San Francisco Bay Plan*, and is leading the establishment of Bay Adapt: A Regional Strategy for a Rising Bay – a collaboration among regional leaders to move adaptation and resilience forward; and,

**Whereas**, the California Ocean Protection Council has led the development of a set of principles entitled "*Making California's Coast Resilient to Sea Level Rise: Principles for Aligned State Action*" to guide the State's coordinated, integrated, and also regional responses to the challenges posed by rising sea levels; and,

**Whereas**, those principles include developing and utilizing best available science, building coastal resilience partnerships, improving coastal resilience communications, supporting local leadership and addressing local conditions, strengthening alignment around coastal resilience, and implementing and learning from coastal resilience projects; and,

**Whereas**, Commission staff contributed to the development of those principles in alignment with the Commission's own laws and policies; and,

**Whereas**, each of those principles is embedded in the Commission's own planning and regulatory responses to the challenges posed by rising sea levels; and,

**Whereas**, the Commission recognizes that the ramifications of rising sea levels will be felt disproportionately by vulnerable communities along the shoreline, and has identified the need for strong environmental justice and social equity policies, in part, to adequately address those impacts; and,



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**Whereas**, in October 2019 the Commission adopted its own guiding principles and integrated environmental justice and social equity policies into the *San Francisco Bay Plan*; and,

**Whereas**, implementing such policies are central to the long-term success of the Commission's Adapting to Rising Tides and Bay Adapt: A Regional Strategy for a Rising Bay programs.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission endorses the State's implementation of "*Making California's Coast Resilient to Sea Level Rise: Principles for Aligned State Action*" with the addition of a standalone principle to "Integrate equity and social justice into all aspects of state actions related to meeting the challenges of rising sea level."

We certify that this resolution was adopted by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ "yes" votes, \_\_\_\_\_ no votes and \_\_\_\_\_ abstentions at the Commission meeting held on June 18, 2020 at San Francisco, CA.

Executed on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020 at San Francisco, California.

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Chairman

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