

From: James Robertson [REDACTED]
Date: Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 10:31 AM
To: Stephanie Moulton-Peters <smoultonpeters@cityofmillvalley.org>, Nancy Kemnitzer [REDACTED]
Cc: Andy Price <ap@artisanaltalent.com>
Subject: Garbage dumping in the Bay

Hi Stephanie and Nancy:

This morning, I received these pictures and a call from my 17 year old neighbor. Before school, she found 3 bags of garbage floating in the bay which she rowed out and retrieved. Inside, there were used diapers as well as all sorts of other garbage that are the kind of food one might eat if they were camping or lower income. She is contacting Curtis because he knows who may have a family living on the water. I think there are one or two but this is just one more example of why nobody should be permanently living on Richardson Bay.

Best,
Jim Robertson

Re Restoring Order on the Bay

Andy Price <ap@artisanaltalent.com>
Sun 3/8/2020 9:48 AM

Typo. Not "aboard", but Board

On Sun, Mar 8, 2020 at 9:47 AM Andy Price <ap@artisanaltalent.com> wrote:
FYI. Please share with you aboard, Committees, etc.

The ineffective and incompetent people sitting on the RBRA Board think it's up to them to decide whether or not to enforce the law. To me, it's clear the decision needs to be taken from them as they have utterly failed for far too long to enforce the rule of law and protect Richardson Bay.

Curtis called me last week telling me the Board and Beth are waffling on enforcement after being intimidated by anchor outs at the last meeting. Are we to allow this kind of activity to dictate policy?

Andy

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From: **Steve Allocca** [REDACTED]

Date: Sun, Mar 8, 2020 at 9:40 AM

Subject: Restoring Order on the Bay

To: <bethapollard@redacted.com>, <mwinter@cityofbelvedere.org>,

<jwickham@cityofmillvalley.org>, <dkulik@townoftiburon.org>, <MParton@marincounty.org>

CC: <Chavel@marincounty.org>

RBRA Board of Directors:

I am a citizen of Belvedere and resident of West Shore Rd, writing first in appreciation of your recent efforts to enforce our laws and ordinances concerning unregistered vessels illegally anchored, long-term without remediation, as reported 3/4 in the Ark newspaper. But the primary objective of my letter is to **implore** you to build upon this by materially stepping-up enforcement as your top priority.

The sustained lack of effective enforcement of the laws and ordinances enacted to protect Richardson Bay has created a deplorable condition: an embarrassment, a blight on our community and most-of-all, for you as Directors, an extremely serious, safety and ecological risk that has been negligently unchecked for a length of time that is absolutely unacceptable. I'm requesting that you execute a plan to achieve full compliance with the law and protect our Bay within one year. I believe it's only a matter of time before this situation creates a calamity and enormous liability, and I know each day that passes causes more harm to our Bay. (See the attached pictures of one of the hazardous, unregistered, boats that hit our home last year and another picture of the filth, sewage and debris that washed up on our shore last month). Therefore, I believe even restoring order in Richardson Bay in 1 year is too long, considering the risk.

I am very much appreciative of your efforts to hire Curtis. It is critically important to enforce Navigational Code 550 and the RBRA ordinance requiring vessels anchored in our Bay to be seaworthy, not to mention the laws prohibiting anything but temporary, short-terms anchoring in our Bay, and of course for boats to have current registrations. But as reported in the Ark article, it is clear that we as a community, and specifically you as the RBRA, need to do much, much more to effectively maintain and protect Richardson Bay from this unchecked lawlessness.

I've lived on West Shore Rd for nearly 3 years, during which time 2 unregistered and illegally-anchored boats crashed into or up-to my family's home. Another crashed into the stairs on our pier, which needed to be replaced, just before we bought the home in 2017. On one occasion, after we moved in, the inhabitants of the boat that went aground outside our home walked up through our back gate, around my home and through my front yard, in the middle of the night. As you'll see in the attached picture, this boats registration sticker is dated 2009!! The filth-and-hazardous-material-covered boat that crashed into our home is showing a registration sticker more than 10 years old!

Another attached image shows yet another incident where a large unmanned vessel was headed directly for our home late at night. Luckily, a great neighbor and former Navy pilot was home and able to use his boat to secure preventing what certainty would have been major damage. Next time, we probably won't be so lucky.

We hear incoherent, clearly inebriated people yelling and fighting from aboard their boats on a regular basis, and we've heard gunshots coming from this "anchorage" on multiple occasions. So, as I'm sure you can imagine, this issue is very much present and real for me, my family and my neighbors. I respectfully ask that you take seriously your mission to protect and maintain the Richardson Bay, and do MUCH more, with urgency, to enforce the laws and achieve the outcome of full compliance with our laws in the fastest-possible timeframe.

Sincerely,
Steve Allocca

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Best, Andy Price [REDACTED]

Fwd: Restoring Order on the Bay

Andy Price <ap@artisanaltalent.com>
Mon 3/9/2020 12:16 PM

Klein, Adrienne@BCDC

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From: **tom nord** [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Mar 9, 2020 at 12:14 PM
Subject: Fwd: Restoring Order on the Bay
To: Price Andy <ap@artisanaltalent.com>

FYI
Tom Nord

[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: tom nord [REDACTED]

Subject: Restoring Order on the Bay

Date: March 8, 2020 at 4:31:45 PM PDT

To: [Bethapollard@redacted.com](mailto:bethapollard@redacted.com), mwinter@cityofbelvedere.org, jwickham@cityofmillvalley.org, dulik@townoftiburon.org

Cc: allocca@redacted.com, "Milliron, Sue" <sue35muir@redacted.com>, "Havel, Curtis" <chavel@co.marin.ca.us>

RBRA Board of Directors

We are writing to add our voices in support of the points in, and the request by, Steve Allocca's excellent letter concerning the unacceptable nuisance situation involving unseaworthy boats in Richardson Bay. As long time West Shore Road residents, we have also experienced several incidents of unmanned boats hitting, or threatening, our home. While we appreciate the recent progress in bringing the anchorage in compliance with your agency's own regulations, as reported in the [Ark](#), more needs to be done. If your agency allows this effort to slow due to intimidation from vocal groups, it is clear that the achievements to date will quickly be lost and the result will be a return to a growing problem. These regulations are reasonable and were adopted for the benefit of all concerned. It is very disturbing that the situation has been allowed to develop, notwithstanding the protests of our West Shore neighbors and others.

Tom Nord & Susan Milliron

redacted

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Best, Andy Price

redacted

Richardson anchorage

James Robertson <jamesrobertson@redacted.com>

Mon 3/9/2020 1:08 PM

Beth Pollard <bethapollard@redacted.com>;

mwinter@cityofbelvedere.org;

jwickham@cityofmillvalley.org

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Dear RBRA:

I am writing to encourage the continued eradication of the illegal, permanent anchorage community living in Richardson Bay. Hiring Curtis Havel is the most impressive move that the RBRA has done to date and if it weren't for his work, things would be getting worse. We are uncertain as to why there seems to be so much vacillation by the committee to let him finish the job as quickly as possible. Nobody has the right to squat in our waterways, throw their garbage into the Bay and destroy the delicate ecosystem that is home to so much sea life. The continued, rampant dumping of sewage by these people is alone, enough reason to remove them and their "boats" from Richardson Bay.

As we have mentioned in the past, there is also the likelihood of fire created by these gasoline laden "vessels" hitting homes and the shore in the lightest of winds. I have attached some examples of this in pictures and video. You may want to share this with the Tiburon Fire Department as they seem to feel that there is no reason for their \$1 million fire boat to mitigate the potential for disaster before these wrecks hit shore. By then, it will be too late. The leaking gasoline that consistently comes from these boats can and will create a fire potential that our fire departments will not be able to contain in a 40-50 knot wind. They want us to be preventative of fires on land but when it comes to the Bay, they and the RBRA do not seem to be as concerned.

We again, as we have for the last twenty years (some of us, 40+ years) ask that the RBRA and the police/fire departments of the surrounding communities enforce the laws that are on the books. They serve the entire community as a whole and, the anchor-outs themselves. They also protect the animals that live in/on Richardson Bay. If the committee does not have the stomach to enforce the laws and protect all of our citizens and the environment, those members should step down and let others who have the will, lead the effort.

Sincerely,
James and Pamela Robertson



Belvedere, CA

Sent from my iPhone

Fwd: Meeting re Anchor outs

Andy Price <ap@artisanaltalent.com>
Mon 3/9/2020 12:15 PM

Klein, Adrienne@BCDC

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From: **Constance Strycker** [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Mar 9, 2020 at 12:13 PM
Subject: Fwd: Meeting re Anchor outs
To: Andy Price <ap@artisanaltalent.com>

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Beth Pollard [REDACTED]
Date: March 9, 2020 at 10:45:58 AM PDT
To: Constance Strycker <[stryckerw\[REDACTED\]](mailto:stryckerw[REDACTED])>
Subject: Re: Meeting re Anchor outs

Mr. and Ms. Strycker,

Thanks for your comments, I will forward them to the Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Beth A. Pollard

Executive Director

Richardson's Bay Regional Agency (RBRA)

[REDACTED]
rbra.ca.gov
[REDACTED]

On Sat, Mar 7, 2020 at 7:23 PM Constance Strycker [REDACTED] > wrote:

We have attended most meeting re this illegal out anchor problem for 40 plus yrs. Please follow the existing law!!! We are terrified to speak at the meetings now. We are way past middle age and the apposing participants (anchor outs) are very outspoken and hostile. Please be advised that we want the illegal anchor outs removed from our beautiful bay.

We live in fear of pollution in our waters. We wake up on Sundays with anchor outs dumping their honey buckets into the bay. Please help us

we are asking for our rights as tax paying citizens

Connie and Walter Strycker

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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Best, Andy Price [REDACTED]









FW: A Plea to Protect our community & families (BCDC ER2010.038 RBRA)

Klein, Adrienne@BCDC <adrienne.klein@bccdc.ca.gov>
Tue 3/10/2020 1:04 PM

Klein, Adrienne@BCDC

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From: **Dennis Dresser** [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Mar 10, 2020 at 12:53 PM
Subject: Fwd: A Plea to Protect our community & families
To: Andy Price <ap@artisanaltalent.com>
Cc: denise dresser <[REDACTED]>
Hi Andy,

Please forward to BCDC.

Thanks,
Dennis & Denise

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From: **Dennis Dresser** [REDACTED]
Date: Tue, Mar 10, 2020 at 12:43 PM
Subject: A Plea to Protect our community & families
To: <bethapollard@cityofbelvedere.org>, <mwinter@cityofbelvedere.org>, <jwickham@cityofmillvalley.org>, <dkulik@townoftiburon.org>, <MParton@marincounty.org>
Cc: <Chavel@marincounty.org>, denise dresser [REDACTED]

Dear RBRA Board of Directors,

Our family purchased a home on West Shore Road last fall without any knowledge of the dangerous anchor out situation that has impacted our community and specifically our west shore rd homes over the years. After speaking with many members of the community and witnessing various vessels crashing into our Docks/Shores, we are extremely concerned about the health of our families, homes and precious bay.

I hope that you will continue to make our safety a top priority by strictly enforcing the laws and ordinances concerning unregistered vessels illegally anchored in Richardson Bay.

We hope that you take the outcry from our entire community with the seriousness that it warrants given the severity of the current situation and threat to our safety.

Sincerely,

Dennis & Denise Dresser
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Andy Price
Founder, Managing Partner
Artisanal Talent Group
[REDACTED]

A completely new approach to company-building...
Schedule meetings with me here: [REDACTED]

Fwd: Critical—please read and ACT :)

Andy Price <ap@artisanaltalent.com>
Wed 3/11/2020 6:04 PM

Klein, Adrienne@BCDC;

chavel@marincounty.org

FYI people more data

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From: **Barbara Lonn** [REDACTED]
Date: Wed, Mar 11, 2020 at 5:57 PM
Subject: Re: Critical—please read and ACT :)
To: Andy Price <ap@artisanaltalent.com>

Dear RBRA,

My husband and I have been residents on West Shore for 21 years. When we moved here, we attended many meetings concerning the anchor outs and the problems they were causing. I kept a file on what I thought might be "progress". After years of attending these meetings, I threw the file away because absolutely nothing had changed. It was a continuous battle that was going nowhere. In the meantime, trash laden boats, debris floating in the water and various and sundry things from rowboats to furniture have ended up under our house. Any time there is a strong wind, we hold our breaths that nothing will come our way. Our neighbors' docks have had extensive damage from these derelict boats. Many of them dump their waste in the water and some take their trash to bins that don't belong to them. My husband, myself and a friend were out on our boat a few weeks ago and were delighted to see Curtis Havel giving warnings to the dozens of boats that were anchored out and looked like big trash containers.

We felt encouraged to finally see something positive happening. The committee should be giving all the support and encouragement to allow Curtis to do his job and help enforce the laws that will, hopefully, alleviate these problems. What has been allowed to happen is illegal and dangerous. Hats off to Curtis for all of his hard work and to those of the committee who support his endeavors.

Thank you,
Barbara & Larry Lonn

[REDACTED]

On Tue, Mar 10, 2020 at 12:47 PM Andy Price <ap@artisanaltalent.com> wrote:
THANK YOU!

Anyone is welcome to send their letters back to me because I forward all of them to BCDC. Which is our very, very best friend...
Andy

On Tue, Mar 10, 2020 at 12:44 PM Dennis Dresser <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Denise & I sent a letter to the RBRA board as well. Not sure if we can attend the meeting on thursday eve but we will try.

On Mon, Mar 9, 2020 at 2:44 PM Matt Chatham/USA <Matt.Chatham@cushwake.com> wrote:

I just launch a note too.

From: Cherry, Neil <Neil.Cherry@Bain.com>

Sent: Saturday, March 7, 2020 5:06 PM

To: Pamela Robertson <[REDACTED]>; Andy Price <ap@artisanaltalent.com>; Carol Berl <[REDACTED]>

Subject: RE: Critical—please read and ACT :)

I just sent a letter.

For those that need the emails addresses in one place, here they are:

TO:

[REDACTED]

mwinter@cityofbelvedere.org

jwickham@cityofmillvalley.org

dkulik@townoftiburon.org

MParton@marincounty.org

CC:

Chavel@marincounty.org

From: Pamela Robertson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 3:03 PM
To: Andy Price <ap@artisanaltalent.com>; Carol Berl <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Critical—please read and ACT :)

Andy,

Thanks for the update. Pam and Jim will be there.

From: Andy Price <ap@artisanaltalent.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 12:43 PM
To: Carol Berl <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Re: Critical—please read and ACT :)

THANK YOU!

Let's mobilize, people. Truly now is not the time to stand by and be silent.

On Tue, Mar 3, 2020 at 11:26 AM Carol Berl <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Thanks, Andy. And just to clarify, below is the link to the Board of Directors of RBRA with their email addresses. Please note David Kulik has taken the place of Jim Frasier. Dave Kulik's email address is: dkulik@townoftiburon.org.

[REDACTED]

On Tue, Mar 3, 2020 at 9:52 AM Andy Price <ap@artisanaltalent.com> wrote:

All:

I just talked w Curtis Havel. Please don't forward this note! But it's critical. He said the Board is waffling on enforcement because they're afraid of anchor outs and how unruly they are, etc. He said the March 12 meeting is key. Asked me to bring a crew with me and speak out. I said it's unlikely because most of us don't wanna get shot or knifed at a public meeting. He asked me to beg our group to write letters to Beth and the Board and plea our cases and press for enforcement. And the time is now. Thanks in advance. If we do nothing, we risk having these characters in our back yard for decades longer!

Board contacts are here:

[REDACTED]

Key message is really that the only creatures who should be allowed to live on the Bay are the birds. And that at the very least, getting rid of Marine debris is critical and easy and serves all interests. And "don't waffle on the enforcement push." Laws and ordinances need to be respected etc.

Pls copy Curtis on all emails. Chavel@marincounty.org

Andy

On Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 12:25 PM Andy Price <ap@artisanaltalent.com> wrote:

That's a great point Mike. My attorney specializes in local govt issues and is well known for this. Has been working with and against our town Council for 20 years and knows them all by name. I have her on personal retainer. Her advice is to present constructive alternatives to current pathways. And to go on record speaking out against various projects that are being contemplated. There's no basis for litigation yet. We don't need to pay an attorney to log what's being said because that's all public record and we can, any of us, require the city clerk to offer all records on demand. If enough of us do that, it will overwhelm them and send a strong signal. "I want all records of all communications on RBRA, the sea wall, etc.". That's a new angle for pressure. We give that data to the attorney if we decide that litigation is the right pathway for us. My two cents but I've done a lot of homework on protocol and legal strategy lately and am confident in this approach. We also don't have an HOA budget, dues, etc., and let's be honest—people aren't going to just write checks unless everyone else does. Having said that, I've set aside 100k personally to fight the mooring field project and have a few other folks in the hood ready to load the barrel if it gets far enough to warrant an actual fight.

On Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 10:51 AM Michael Masterson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Andy and Matt: It is apparent that the Belvedere council is out of touch with the actual issues that are important to citizens like safety, enough police presence, the anchor-out safety threat, and proposed mooring field which would only increase the safety threat. Long-term issues like rising sea levels are good for blue-sky pondering but are not here and now issues which require immediate actions. Attending public meetings and speaking out is important but it is important to have leverage at these meetings which comes with having an aggressive attorney recording what is said and presenting our positions and potential actions.

Mike Masterson

On Sunday, February 23, 2020, 11:36:10 AM PST, Andy Price <ap@artisanaltalent.com> wrote:

Just want to thank you, Matt, for your leadership and interest in this important matter. I love our town and neighborhood but there are only a few people doing any real activism and paying attention and speaking out and we need more. Soon. Our town council are too old, too out of touch, not prioritizing what really matters, which to me is public safety. Break ins appear to be rising, there are never any arrests, no answers, no plan, no admission of the problem itself. It's like their heads are in the sand ignoring a rising issue and sweeping it all under the rug.

This isn't the time to sit and not speak out. I think we need to double our police force, install a real detective function to actually resolve open cases (how is it that no burglary cases seem to be getting resolved, for example? Burglary can lead to murder, rape, all kinds of mayhem). Actually use the cameras we have supposedly installed to chase down, arrest and prosecute criminals who are preying on our properties. And our town ignores these issues and focuses on issues like climate change that won't likely affect us for many decades. Seas will not rise significantly until about 2040 or 2050, depending on whose research you believe. And a mooring field I'm our waters continues to get consideration when anyone who can spell "boat" will tell you it's utterly insane to even consider that a "solution" to the homeless encampment that is the Richardson Bay Anchorage. We fund a library that no one wants. Endless stupidity and all the while the most basic function our local govt needs to provide, which is safety of taxpayers, is not remotely a priority. This is enraging and baffling. We really need a lot more activism and need it now. But like you, I want to drive towards solutions. No solutions can be reached until we agree to what problems we need to apply solutions....

So yeah, let's speak out on sea wall and mooring field etc, and maybe push harder for stepped up police protection and incident resolution capacity, both of which are chronically absent in our town's list of priorities.

Thanks for "listening". And Matt, thank you again for your hard work and diligence bringing this excellent data to our attention.

Andy

On Sun, Feb 23, 2020 at 10:51 AM Matt Chatham/USA
<Matt.Chatham@cushwake.com> wrote:

Neighbors – Thank you to those that attended the Feb 10th Town Council Mtg. Since that meeting, the Council has set up the below website that highlights some of the renderings for the seawall and levy upgrade project. To allow for more public input, they have also delayed discussing or making any decisions on how to proceed to the April 13th mtg. For some more details, I'd encourage you to read the article on the matter in The Ark from this past week.

I plan to send the below questions to the Mayor. Please let me know if there are any others you'd like to have added.

Again, my intent here isn't to derail the project, but to provide more transparency. The town still has fallen short with providing what happens to San Rafael and West Shore Rd if the 6 residence don't approve a 4 ft wall on the waterside of their property. Beyond that I don't think the town has done a fair job of showing the view impacts to the San Rafael residence.

So, as much as the renderings appear to only affect a handful of homes along West Shore, there is really more community impact at stake.

Please do what you can to get educated on it and provide an opinion. The one thing that is very clear is that this is definitely real and coming to a decision-making point soon.

[REDACTED]

Questions to Mayor/Council:

- Can you provide all the renderings of what will happen to West Shore Rd if the seawall project gets approved and the first 6 residence on the Bayside of West Shore don't approve a wall built on their property?
- Have you done traffic studies to show how San Rafael and West Shore are impacted in all the scenarios?

- Can you explain why the requested story poles or visuals for the West Shore residence who need to approve the current renderings haven't occurred? That was approved/requested by the residence in December and key piece of data to gauge if their approval is achievable?

- Why are we voting on both the levy/utilities protection with seismic upgrades as well as a seawall? Aren't they separate matters? Isn't the seismic issue more pressing?

- I understand the seawall takes 1-2 years to build and you are trying to solve for year 2050 and 2100 potential sea levels, why is this necessary to do now?

- Are you aware the proposed sea levels you're solving for with the seawall would put Florida and Long Island under water? If those levels occur, isn't better to have State or Federal funding support the cost of construction?

- Are you aware the Bay Area construction pricing is at an all time high?

- If you plan to have a portion or all the funding solved with additional property taxes, are you aware that many folks feel a higher burden on property taxes already due to current administration adjustment to property tax deductions?

- Have you underwritten exposure to residents property values being affected by view impairment and damages they may seek for that loss?

- Have you underwritten the cost to maintain a seawall?

- Have you thought of the process for maintaining the seawall and how regular cooperation would be necessary to access private land and the Bay?

- Are you aware there are already codes in place that require homes to be raised above certain level and residence can make a private decision to do so or not?

- Are you aware the lagoon water levels can be controlled and that weather patterns can be predicted? In other words, if a storm is coming that could affect the lagoon there is ample time to lower the water level to create flood protection.

- Can you explain why so many Town resources are being dedicated to a water level issue for 2050 when items like power outage, fire safety, anchor outs, limited police resources, fire department arrangement with Tiburon are all near term and current issues that need immediate attention/adjustment?

- Have you thought about the codes that are already in place that require residence to elevate their homes above certain flood levels or make the private decision/adjustments not to? In other words, have you thought about the ramifications of making a private decision into a public one and what the trickledown effect of that is?

From: Matt Chatham/USA

Sent: Sunday, February 9, 2020 8:14 PM

To: Andy Price <ap@artisanaltalent.com>; Ann Wheat <ann@wheatsite.com>; Annette Gellert <[REDACTED]>; Barbara Lonn <[REDACTED]> Becky Masterson <[REDACTED].com>; Beth Cherry <[REDACTED]>; Brian Davis <briandavis@davisgill.com>; Carol Berl <[REDACTED]>; Christina Bosch <cbosh@reedschools.org>; Chuck Kamanski <[REDACTED]>; Connie Strycker <[REDACTED]>; Courtney Finnegan <[REDACTED]>; Darin Bosch <darin.bosch@cbre.com>; Dennis Dresser <[REDACTED]>; Diane Cope <[REDACTED]>; Fred Gellert <[REDACTED]>; Geri Barsotti <[REDACTED]>; Golda Boeck <[REDACTED]>; Jason Brown <[REDACTED].com>; Jim Robertson <[REDACTED]>; John Cope <[REDACTED]>; John Maine <[REDACTED]>; Kim Hyman <[k\[REDACTED\].com](mailto:k[REDACTED].com)>; Larry Wheat <larry@wheatsite.com>; Leigh Allocca <[REDACTED]>; Lynn Lewis <[REDACTED]>; Matt Chatham/USA <Matt.Chatham@cushwake.com>; Mike Masterson <[REDACTED]>; Neil Cherry <Neil.cherry@bain.com>; Pam Robertson <[REDACTED]>; Sara Wasserman <sara@artisanaltalent.com>; Scott Elrod <elrod@schnecke.com>; Steve Allocca <[REDACTED]>; Susan Milliron <[REDACTED]>; Susan Norby <[REDACTED]>; Tom Nord <[REDACTED]>; Zach Hyman <[REDACTED]>

Subject: FW: West Shore Meeting

All – There is a meeting at Belvedere City Hall tomorrow night (2/10) at 6:30pm regarding the proposed seawall.

The Council is steam rolling through this process without much outreach to the neighbors.

There are 6 homes on the bayside of West Shore that are impacted by the seawall. Some of us have homes that are already above the seawall height and won't be as affected. However, there are others below the level that will be impacted. If the measure/funding is approved and the town does not effectively satisfy all the reasonable needs of the first 6 neighbors to address a potential water level issue that may occur by 2050, then the seawall would move and go straight down the middle of West Shore Road. This obviously would cause major traffic flow and parking issues. Of course, The Ark hasn't provided renderings of what that may look like.

Based on my experience with the town council around this process thus far and from what I have heard from others, I don't have confidence in the city's ability to effectively manage this process. Without hearing from all the neighbors, they won't have a pulse from the community or feel accountable. Therefore, please do your best to show up tomorrow night and if you can't, please email Robert below or simply go down to City Hall to see all the renderings under consideration.

Best,

Matt

1 West Shore

P.S. The parking lot that was being considered at the beginning of West Shore that was shown in The Ark is no longer on the table.

From: Robert Zadnik - Public Works Manager
<rzadnik@cityofbelvedere.org>

Sent: Friday, February 7, 2020 9:45 AM

To: Matt Chatham/USA <Matt.Chatham@cushwake.com>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: West Shore Meeting

Hello Matt,

Understandably, the public forums don't always provide a balanced sample of the opinions and thoughts of the entire community. That said, we will be scheduling public forums depending on quantity of public comment we get regarding the designs that are up at City Hall. The next official meeting to discuss the concepts will be a study session at the regular Council Meeting this Monday at 6:30 pm. We really want community feedback, so I hope you and your neighbors can make it!

Best,

Robert

From: Matt Chatham/USA <Matt.Chatham@cushwake.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2020 7:25 PM
To: Robert Zadnik - Public Works Manager
<rzadnik@cityofbelvedere.org>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: West Shore Meeting

Robert - Is The Ark story right that there won't be any forums for the public regarding the seawall and levies?

On Jan 20, 2020, at 4:23 PM, Matt Chatham/USA
<Matt.Chatham@cushwake.com> wrote:

Robert – Look forward to seeing you at 230p tomorrow.

From: Matt Chatham/USA
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 8:50 PM
To: Robert Zadnik - Public Works Manager
<rzadnik@cityofbelvedere.org>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: West Shore Meeting

Probably best we allot an hour. Let's do 230p.

Also, can you have 3 items ready to walk me though?

- The data the city received to support the decision to move forward with proposing the sea wall.
- The rational behind the parking proposal
- All renderings being considered

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From: Don Simborg [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:49 PM
To: ReceptionDesk@BCDC
Cc: Caroll Luckenbach
Subject: information request

I am a board member of the Sunrise Pointe of Mill Valley Homeowners Association. We have a public shoreline access walkway that circles our property that we maintain. I believe this was a requirement for the building of our facility. Some questions have arisen by our homeowners regarding our responsibilities in this regard, and we are trying to find the documentation that outlines this. Can you direct me to the appropriate person or organization to obtain this? Thank you for your assistance.

From: Robert Powelson <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Goldzband, Larry@BCDC <larry.goldzband@bccdc.ca.gov>
Subject: Don't destroy peoples homes on Richardson Bay

From: "amsarris.408@gmail.com" <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Reply-To: "amsarris.408 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]"
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 at 1:33 PM
To: "Trujillo, Matthew@BCDC" <Matthew.Trujillo@bccdc.ca.gov>
Subject: Don't destroy peoples homes on Richardson Bay

Hello,

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From: [Beth Rowe](#)
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:26 PM
To: [Njuguna, Priscilla@BCDC](#)
Subject: Don't destroy peoples homes on Richardson Bay

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From: [Daniel Arauz](#)
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:19 PM
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From: Kimberly Flora
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:40 PM
To: [Njuguna, Priscilla@BCDC](mailto:Njuguna,Priscilla@BCDC)
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Kimberly Flora
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From: Beth Rowe <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Sears, Kathrin <KSears@marincounty.org>
Subject: Don't destroy peoples homes on Richardson Bay

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From: "amsarris.408 [REDACTED]" <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Date: April 6, 2020 at 1:33:46 PM PDT

To: ksears@marincounty.org

Subject: Don't destroy peoples homes on Richardson Bay

Reply-To: amsarris.408 [REDACTED]

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From: James LeBlanc <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Date: April 6, 2020 at 2:58:13 PM PDT

To: ksears@marincounty.org

Subject: Don't destroy peoples homes on Richardson Bay

Reply-To: gymboleblanc [REDACTED]

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James LeBlanc

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From: Eliseo Zepeda <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Reply-To: "Endurom42000@yahoo.com" <Endurom42000@yahoo.com>
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 at 11:56 PM
To: "Gomez, Grace@BCDC" <grace.gomez@bcdc.ca.gov>
Subject: Don't destroy people's homes on Richardson Bay

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Eliseo Zepeda

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From: Amie Ekstrom <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Reply-To: "amie.ekstrom" [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 7:27 AM
To: "Gomez, Grace@BCDC" <grace.gomez@bcdc.ca.gov>
Subject: Don't destroy peoples homes on Richardson Bay

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Amie Ekstrom
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Parton, Maureen <MParton@marincounty.org>
Tue 4/7/2020 10:44 AM

BCDC PublicComment

Here's another public comment message.

Thanks,

Maureen
Maureen Parton
Aide to Supervisor Kathrin Sears
County of Marin, Third District
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 329
San Rafael, CA 94903

Phone: 415.473.7331
Fax: 415.473.3645

From: Kaitlin Allerton <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:14 AM

To: Sears, Kathrin <KSears@marincounty.org>

Subject: Creating homeless: destroying Richardson Bay anchor out community

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Creating homelessness during what the governor of California has called a crisis of homelessness is wrong and should be stopped.

Kaitlin Allerton

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Comments on Transition Plan for the Management of Vessels in Richardson Bay

Arndt, Casey Casey.Arndt@audubon.org

Tue 4/7/2020 4:52 PM

BCDC PublicComment;

Klein, Adrienne@BCDC;

Njuguna, Priscilla@BCDC

BCDC Audubon CA Comment Letter FINAL.pdf

To whom it may concern,

Please find attached Audubon California's comments on the transition plan for vessels in Richardson Bay.

We will have staff members listening in to the April 9th Enforcement Committee Meeting via Zoom and can comment during the meeting if needed.

Thank you.

All the best,

Casey

Casey Arndt
Center Director

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Richardson Bay Audubon Center and Sanctuary
376 Greenwood Beach Road
Tiburon, CA 94920

April 7, 2020

Greg Scharff, Chair
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
376 Beal Street, Suite 510
San Francisco, CA 94105

Attention: Enforcement Committee

Re: Transition Plan for Management of Vessels in Richardson Bay

Dear Chair Scharff and Commissioners,

Audubon California appreciates the opportunity to provide professional input on Richardson Bay Regional Agency's (RBRA) transition plans for mariners living on Richardson Bay waters. Although Audubon California supports some of the aspects of this plan as presented in the provided PowerPoint presentation, there are specific points that need further explanation and we hope these items will be addressed in further detail. We also encourage BCDC and RBRA to consider the current COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on the mariner community in Richardson Bay prior to making any final decisions.

We applaud RBRA's human-focused approach to the mariner community residing on Richardson Bay and we appreciate RBRA's efforts to date to remove 70 unoccupied vessels since August 2019. Audubon California whole-heartedly supports the Seaworthy and Safe program for legacy mariners and the coordinated outreach to these community members. We will continue to support these outreach efforts by providing transportation to and from the vessels anchored in Richardson Bay.

Audubon California is also immensely supportive of RBRA's plan to protect eelgrass through conservation and restoration efforts in a partnership with the Estuary & Ocean Science Center. We would like to offer our expertise in applied and local conservation as well as community engagement to this project work and look forward to learning more about this work and more detailed next steps on this current research.

Despite our support of the above-mentioned program aspects, the transition plans do lack certain adequate details, including timelines for completing various actions. Audubon California requests RBRA take a more thoughtful approach to mariners anchoring in eelgrass. Although we not opposed to a small and temporary anchoring area using fixed conservation moorings in either a location with no eelgrass or in only the most severely damaged portions of Richardson Bay's eelgrass beds, a 20-year timeline to decrease vessels in this critical habitat is not acceptable.

Audubon California wouldlike additional details on the "remainder of anchorage" including proposed location, type of mooring tackle that will be used, ultimate number of vessels allowed, and extent of time boats will be allowed to remain in the anchorage. If any boats in the mooring field location are situated in eelgrass, we request to better understand if eelgrass will be additionally damaged in that area and remediated. Finally, if a the proposed 20 year timeline is chosen, we request clarification on the details of this timeline such as how many vessels would be removed in increments such as year one, five, ten and twenty, with the request that the majority of vessels be removed by year 5.

Our additional comments and questions are:

Have the remaining 15 unoccupied vessels been removed (should have been done by March 31)?

DMV registration is online only now because of COVID-19 will you provide a means and technical assistance for the mariner community to register vessels online?

What is the timeline and process for removing unsafe/inoperable vessels?

Under "Transition Principles and Actions" please provide additional details, specifically timelines to completion of actions, and additional details on the current research underway with Estuary & Ocean Science Center

Will the RBRA provide assistance or resources for boat occupants to find alternative housing?

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on this important environmental and social justice issue and look forward to reviewing a written version of RBRA's transition plan with additional details provided beyond what we were able to review in the PowerPoint presentation.

Sincerely,

Casey Arndt

Center Director, Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary

From: "ldoering1579@att.net" <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Reply-To: "ldoering1579@att.net" <ldoering1579@att.net>

Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 4:31 PM

To: "Gomez, Grace@BCDC" <grace.gomez@bcdc.ca.gov>

Subject: Don't destroy peoples homes on Richardson Bay

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From: Sears, Kathrin <KSears@marincounty.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Parton, Maureen <MParton@marincounty.org>
Subject: Fwd: Don't destroy peoples homes on Richardson Bay

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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From: Nick Goyhenetche <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Reply-To: "nbg543@yahoo.com" <nbg543@yahoo.com>
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 5:06 PM
To: "Gomez, Grace@BCDC" <grace.gomez@bccdc.ca.gov>
Subject: Destroying homes during a pandemic?

Grace Gomez,

Greeting,

It's never a good time to take away people's homes, but to do so during a pandemic is truly egregious. People and their homes are not debris even if they look or live differently than us. Please

reconsider this action or at least delay the upcoming vote considering that we are in the midst of a pandemic.

Kind regards,
Nick Goyhenetche

From: "aaron.gardner100 [REDACTED]" <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Date: April 7, 2020 at 5:08:12 PM PDT
To: ksears@marincounty.org
Subject: Don't destroy peoples homes on Richardson Bay
Reply-To: Aaron.gardner [REDACTED]

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[aaron.gardner \[REDACTED\]](mailto:aaron.gardner@sg.actionnetwork.org)

Lagunitas, California 94938

From: Inka Petersen <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Reply-To: "peterseninka [REDACTED]"
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 9:41 PM
To: "Gomez, Grace@BCDC" <grace.gomez@bcdc.ca.gov>
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I have been living and working in Sausalito since 2003 and call many of the anchor outs my friends and colleagues. We don't always agree. Nor do I always agree with the people on the hill or in City Hall. There is a lot of prejudice. I know there have been countless of meetings and I believe that there should be more. At this time especially this action is absolutely irresponsible and despicable. I urge you to reconsider.

Sincerely, Inka Petersen

Inka Petersen

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On 4/8/20, 9:58 AM, "Barbara" [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Priscilla and Adrienne,

You will find attached Marin Audubon Society's comments on the Anchor Outs in Richardson Bay. Our comments are based on the PowerPoint presentations provided by the RBRA and Sausalito.

I plan to be on the phone for the meeting tomorrow.

Barbara Salzman

April 7, 2020

Greg Shariff, Chair
Enforcement Committee
Bay Conservation and Development Commission
375 Beale Street, Suite 510
San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Richardson Bay Anchor Outs

ATT: Priscilla Njuguna, Adrienne Klein

Dear Chair Schariff and Enforcement Committee Members,
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the enforcement action against the Richardson Bay Regional Agency and the City of Sausalito. Marin Audubon has been involved with the anchor out problem since the Richardson Bay Special Area Plan was adopted and the RBRA established. We applaud BCDC for acting to stop this unauthorized use that is damaging to the Bay, its natural resources, shoreline residents, and can be to the anchor outs themselves. BCDC enforcement expectations have been the motivation for the RBRA to address the issue. Our recommendations below are based on our experience and the Power Point presentations provided for the enforcement hearing.

City of Sausalito -

Since leaving the RBRA, Sausalito has developed and implemented a successful plan that has included GIS location, relocation help, mental health and other social services. Their comprehensive approach has resulted in a significant reduction of anchor outs in Sausalito waters. We applaud their accomplishment and urge BCDC to approve the city's request to increase the percentage of moorings in existing marinas as another positive step to address the problem. Sausalito has defined the 12 remaining as Legacy anchor outs, based on the vessels being sea worthy and having experienced mariners who have lived on the bay for a long time (all more than 68 years old).

While Sausalito actions are a model; we are concerned about compliance of the Legacy concept with BCDC fill policies and with public trust doctrine prohibiting private (residential) use of public waters. Whether or not a person anchoring out is an experienced mariner or living on a seaworthy vessel is not relevant to whether the vessel is fill or private use of Bay waters. Sausalito's plan should continue

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measures to move "Legacy" anchor outs off the bay, at least by continuing shoreline services and efforts to move operators and their vessels into legal marinas or onshore residences. The goal should be having the bay anchor out free, except for that temporary 72-hour limit.

Richardson Bay Regional Agency -

After 35 years of inactivity, the RBRA has hired a harbor master and an assistant, adopted policy guidelines, and reduced vessels from 184 to 159, all of which we strongly support. But their plan has a number of deficiencies: timelines are either unclear or too long, some proposed actions are vague and inadequate, and the envisioned outcome is in violation of BCDC policies.

We certainly agree that the RBRA faces Challenges. Added to the Challenge list should be: meeting mental health needs of anchor outs and the lack of political will to take adequate actions to remove the anchor outs.

RBRA's Transition Vision is based on diminishing anchor out vessels over time. This

fails to address BCDC's requirement for "removing all other vessels off the water." The "other vessels" referred to are the occupied vessels, which are being evaluated with the Legacy program. Perhaps the most subjective is the criterion in determining whether an operator is competent. How the ability or "inability to operate" a vessel will be evaluated is unclear. Waiting for a vessel to run aground or have some other accident, as suggested, should not be acceptable. Finally, while operator competence, and safe and operable vessels are very valid concerns, they are regulatory and safety issues, not determinants for compliance with BCDC policy. The relevant issues are fill of the Bay and permanent, private, residential use of the Bay.

The Vision and its principles are lacking;

1) Prevent additional vessels from extended stays. Restricting new entrants is essential to a plan to reduce the number of anchor outs and complying with BCDC's expectations. All vessels must be excluded including those operated by persons who previously occupied and left the anchorage. All new vessels should be subject to a 72-hour limit.

2) Protect and Promote Eelgrass - would establish a portion of the anchorage a No- to minimal anchoring zone reportedly to support eelgrass restoration and create more open water for recreation. "Minimal" anchoring is proposed to ensure a place for mooring. Moorings would risk further damage to eelgrass e.g. from shading, even if environmental moorings are used. Restoration of eelgrass has had limited, if any, success and mitigation for eelgrass loss should not be used to justify further degradation or losses. This concept does not comply with BCDC policy. Recreation is not an issue here.

The entire anchorage should be a no anchorage zone, particularly areas with eelgrass, but not just, eelgrass areas. Areas that do not have eelgrass are essential to the bay. As demonstrated by the attached preliminary report from our Point Blue surveys, they are habitat for other wildlife and have other essential values. A final report will be forthcoming, after the final survey is conducted.

3) Accommodate Legacy anchor outs. As stated above, there is no provision in BCDC regulations for permanently covering the bay because a vessel is registered, seaworthy, and the operator competent,. It is the permanence that is the issue.

4) Realize a decreasing number of anchor outs over time. The charge is not decreasing the number of anchor outs - it is removing all anchor outs. RBRA should have an aggressive program to remove both unoccupied vessels and occupied vessels, not allowing vessels previous residents to return in different boats and not allowing purchasers of anchored out vessels to continue to live as an anchor out. Specific time lines to remove anchor outs should be identified. The number of anchor outs should be reduced to zero, not 10, and within a time period considerably less than 20 year.

RBRA appears to be relying on attrition to achieve a "gradual decrease" of the 50 vessels it estimates will remain after removing the unseaworthy vessels with unskilled operators etc. Leaving 50 anchor outs on the bay for some undetermined period of time is completely unacceptable and, we state again, is not in compliance with BCDC policy. RBRA must have an active program of removing current occupied anchor outs from the Bay. Specific deadlines should be identified for removing a specified number of anchor outs.

In conclusion, it is understandable that a program to reduce the anchor outs will not be popular among the anchor outs and will continue to meet with resistance. The program must be accompanied by social services required to assist persons off the water, there is evidence from Sausalito that there will be gradual acceptance of opportunities and help. Finally, with the current COVID-19 pandemic, we can certainly understand that implementation of enforcement would be modified during this period. However, efforts to define the anchor out removal program should continue. The 35-year delay that has occurred so far is enough delay,

From: Barbara Salzman bsalzman48@gmail.com @
Subject: Fwd: Richardson Bay Survey INFORMATION NEEDED
Date: April 7, 2020 at 11 :34 PM
To:

| Summary of Point Blue Avian Surveys of Richardson Bay

Methods: Five plots were surveyed consecutively by boat by a primary and secondary observer, using the plot delineations from the Merkel report provided (see map below). All birds and marine mammals within the plot boundaries were recorded. Sightings of individuals just outside the survey area, up to 200 m from the plot boundary, were recorded separately. Survey timing was not restrained. The three small plots took on average ten minutes to survey, while the two large plots took on average thirty minutes. Birds moving into the plot during the survey were included and routes were taken to avoid double counting individuals. Boat speed was minimized to avoid flushing birds or otherwise cause changes in behavior, and allowed observers to approach to identify the majority of birds to species.

Effort and summary numbers: Total individuals were summed across all 5 plots, excluding mammals, flyovers, and birds detected outside the plots. Species richness is the number of unique species identified.

Date Visit Species richness Total individuals

Nov. 25, 2019 1 13 142

Dec. 16, 2019 2 8 116

Feb.13,2020 3 14 455

Feb.26,2020 4 11 1013

Number of species observed by taxa:

Taxa Number of species

Cormorant 2

Diving duck 6

Grebe 4

Gull 6

Loon 3

Bird and Mammal Species observed while surveying (flyovers and outside plot included):

Birds American Coot

Brandt's Cormorant

Common Merganser

Bufflehead

Common Goldeneye

Lesser/Greater Scaup

Rudy Duck

Surf Scoter

Clark's Grebe

Western Grebe

Eared Grebe

Horned Grebe

California Gull

Glaucous-winged Gull

Herring Gull

Mew Gull

Ring-billed Gull

Western Gull

Common Loon

Pacific Loon

Red-throated Loon

Black Oystercatcher

Spotted Sandpiper

Common Murre

Brown Pelican

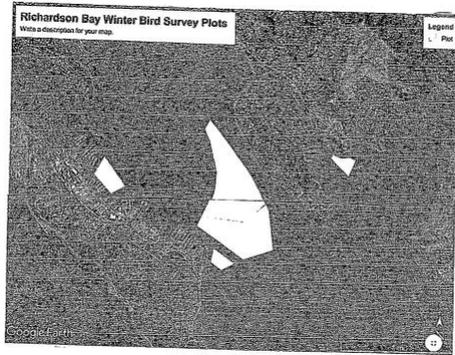
Forster's Tern

Great Blue Heron

Harbor Porpoise Mammals

Harbor Seal

California Sea Lion



From: "debra.taube14@gmail.com" <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Reply-To: "debra.taube14@[REDACTED]"

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 8:10 AM

To: "Gomez, Grace@BCDC" <grace.gomez@bcdc.ca.gov>

Subject: Don't destroy peoples homes on Richardson Bay

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[REDACTED]

San Rafael, California 94903

From: Russ Aguilar <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>

Reply-To: "russellaguilar" [REDACTED]

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 10:29 AM

To: "Gomez, Grace@BCDC" <grace.gomez@bcdc.ca.gov>

Subject: Don't destroy peoples homes on Richardson Bay

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Using environmentalism as an excuse for inhumane behavior is the definition of naughty, and it's what gives science-based decisions a bad name and a bad reputation. Do you see any of this in the Coronavirus era, besides what's happening at Richardson Bay?

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Wed 4/8/2020 4:28 PM

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Comment letter attached.

Thank you for your consideration

April 8, 2020

Greg Sharff, Chair
Bay Conservation and Development Commission
Enforcement Committee

375 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Via email: Publiccomment@bcdc.ca.gov

Enforcement Committee Meeting April 9, 2020,
SUBJECT: 4/16/2020: Item #6

Dear Chairman Sharff and Enforcement Committee Members:

Marin Baylands Advocates supports BCDC's efforts to enforce provisions of the Richardson Bay Special Area plan. The Enforcement Committee should be guided by the 1984 Richardson Bay Special Area Plan "all anchor outs should be removed from Richardson Bay." We have the following recommendations for restoring the Bay:

Do not allow any moorings, even temporary moorings, in eelgrass beds, even eelgrass areas that could be identified as degraded

Require that all anchor outs, including occupied vessels, be ultimately removed from the Bay

Ensure plans include a time line that is substantially shorter than the 20years proposed by the RBRA.

Include triggers at which time a specified number of vessels would be required to be removed.

MBA is a local organization whose members have followed the anchor out problem for years. We are impressed with the accomplishment of Sausalito and urge that they continue their work to locate anchor outs in existing marinas. The RBRA has recently taken some positive actions and would benefit from BCDC's direction.

Thank you for your leadership in restoring this Bay.

Sincerely,
Ann Thomas

Marin Baylands Advocates

From: Roz Turbin <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 10:15 PM
To: Ghoghaie, Nahal@BCDC <nahal.ghoghaie@bcdc.ca.gov>
Subject: Don't destroy peoples homes on Richardson Bay

Nahal Gohoghaie,

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Thu 4/9/2020 11:07 AM

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My zoom connection dropped mid-stream.

Please post this to the website, and I ask that the members of the committee please take the time to read this letter.

Attention: Enforcement Committee

Dear Chair Scharff and Commissioners,

My name is Alden Bevington. Professionally, I am an internet application designer and strategist for social ventures, and am the author of a book on the commons and collaboration, published a decade ago, with a particular focus on preventing and rectifying a tragedy of the commons which we face here. I have lived in Marin County for 12 years.

I am also a former live-aboard on the anchorage, one of the co-founders of the Richardson Bay Special Anchorage Association, and a material supporter of the "boat savers", the group of first responder mariners and ground tackle experts who have been working for years, without pay or government aid, to prevent damage to property and the ecology. I have maintained a website for safety and information on the anchorage at www.anchoredout.org since 2016.

At points over the last 5 years I was a central conduit of communications between the estranged parties in this issue, and worked very hard to open the lines of communication, which largely did not exist outside of 3-minute unidirectional public comments, to try to rebuild trust between the RBRA, and later Sausalito, and the anchorage community. I have received no financial compensation and, as you can imagine, mostly grief for my efforts.

I also have been targeted, had my personal property, including my home and personal and religious affects, variously sabotaged, seized, or destroyed, by groups and agencies on all sides of this issue. I have the lived experience of an 'anchor out', disenfranchised, marginalized, and persecuted, and am very familiar with its contemporary culture and the reasons why many hold the positions they do. You can't

learn this without honest engagement, being willing extend beyond ones own comfortable domain. Without this, you cannot understand what has truly gone wrong on Richardson Bay.

This letter is not about me, or my own losses, but this preface is to give you some context of where my assessments come from. Even with all this experience and working knowledge of the history and contemporary face of this issue, its cultural divides, its intricacies of law, and its layers of application in policy I accept my ignorance and inexperience on certain aspects of this issue, especially how it is best addressed at the level of the BCDC. I have come here to learn and be instructed.

I have remained committed to keeping an open-mind to see the multiple sides and interests of this issue, and have my position be driven by the facts, reason, and ethics. I have taken the side of Richardson Bay and its stakeholders in the long game: the ecology, flora, fauna, and the people and their culture, on land and sea, now and for its heirs. I am certain they can work symbiotically, and modeling for this is part of your task at BCDC.

I am very aware of the minefield of issues and emotions of the public you face in making your decisions. This note is not to get into the nitty gritty of policy, which I have done at length with the RBRA and the Anchorage Association. This note is to hopefully provide some true north, as I see it, for your compass, pointing towards where our common goals as a community actually are.

Please don't be distracted by the symptoms of the problem, or the pet charges used to lobby for the annihilation of the anchorage community.
Every single one has a workable solution.

I have come to feel that any policy which seeks to permanently eradicate the way of life of Richardson Bay's historical maritime community, one that has been part of the fabric of Southern Marin for over a century, will be seen in time as an unnecessary tragedy, a failure of governance, law enforcement, and policy, and a failure of both collective imagination and human decency. Its death, if it were to occur, would be on everyone's hands.

The alternative, which still faces you on the enforcement Committee and everyone in this room who live on water or land, is taking clear steps to mitigate the problems almost all parties appears to agree on: ecology, safety, the cycle of poverty, and pollution.

Are these really problems that we cannot solve? Or have people, for reasons of prejudice, decided they do not want to solve them?

In my first formal presentation to the RBRA in 2015, while Sausalito was still a member, I addressed each of these and other points in detail, and presented clear solutions. This was a workable multiple point action plan for a renewal, and for a safe and well-managed anchorage. This slides from this presentation, still remains on www.anchoredout.org, under the link "8 Principles". Though there are evolutions in thinking, and further learning from trial and error with the community and agencies, the

framework still largely holds up as a model for mitigating the current issues while providing for maintaining the legacy anchorage in Richardsons Bay.

Most parties here seem to agree that some discipline is needed to right the situation, even to the point of firm restrictions. There are many mariners living on the anchorage that agree, and lament the state of things. But taken to the extreme, as it has been, by enforcement teams in Sausalito and RBRA, kills the spirit and the opportunity to educate is lost. It is counterproductive. A dynamic balance must be applied between the tyrannies of permissiveness and oppression. I feel the enforcement committee of the BCDC is in no danger of erring on the side of permissiveness, but is at risk, for reasons of pressure from certain quarters, of leaning too far on the side of oppression. I advise your committee continues to apply just enough guidelines to keep things moving in the proper direction in our local process, not exert under pressure on the RBRA which has destroyed many years of effort and trust to find a workable solution taking into account all, while taking seriously the lessons learned from other anchorages around the globe who survived their developmental crisis, and now have safe well-managed anchorages supporting those who choose the maritime way of life.

All things require renewal from time to time. We do this for our bodies, we do it for our automobiles, and our homes. We do it for our relationships. We do not destroy precious things because they need repair or require investment for improvement. We find a way to make it work. Unless we don't understand their value.

I encourage the BCDC to:

1. take further into deep consideration the historic nature of the Richardson's Bay Anchorage, and its future role as an integral part of Southern Marin and the Bay and West Coast maritime ecosystem.
2. to cease approaching the anchorage as a whole as a "homeless" community to be "abated", rather than one that with modification can again be comprised of capable mariners.
3. to take necessary steps to mitigate harmful impacts on ecology, but not hold a double standard ignoring the incredible damage of the shoreline Bay infrastructure and effluent from shoreline communities.
4. support agencies trying to help those on the anchorage who may need it, and cease pressuring them to take rapid oppressive actions against peoples homes and property.
5. and to preserve the Anchorage and the ecology of the Bay for future generations of mariners.

Simply said, in your deliberations please apply more vision of an anchorage that works, which is possible while meeting the needs of all stakeholders. Examples are all over the world, and here in California, such as in Morro Bay, who presented at the RBRA meeting in Jan or Feb of 2020. Ignoring the models that are out there belies a prejudice that I feel the BCDC needs to overcome. We all know that it

is far easier to destroy than create. I fear you are underestimating the value of what you might be destroying, by not understanding it. Think bigger, and over time.

If you did make this effort, I feel certain you would value it more greatly, and would find a way to apply your significant resources and organizational intelligence come up with a solution we can all be proud of.

Sincerely,

Alden Bevington

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From: "yavaramidi@gmail.com" <info@sg.actionnetwork.org>
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Subject: Don't destroy peoples homes on Richardson Bay

Grace Gomez,

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