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SUBJECT: **BCDC NOAA Assessment and Strategy (2026-2030).**
(For Commission briefing on October 16, 2025)

Staff Report

I. Background

On October 16, 2025, San Francisco Conservation and Development Commission ("Commission") staff will give a presentation to the Commission on the Commission's draft San Francisco Bay Coastal Management Program Assessment and Strategy for the 2026 to 2030 Enhancement Cycle. The Commission receives financial assistance from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) under the provisions of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) to implement the Commission's coastal management program for San Francisco Bay. When Congress reauthorized the Coastal Zone Management Act in 1990, it added Section 309 to establish a voluntary coastal zone enhancement grant program. To be eligible for Section 309 funding, state coastal management agencies are required to develop an Assessment and Strategy every five years.

Working with NOAA Office for Coastal Management, BCDC has undertaken an assessment of its Coastal Management Program to identify those elements that work well, those needing improvement. The assessment focuses on nine coastal issue areas identified by the US Congress as being nationally important. Based on this assessment, BCDC has developed a proposed comprehensive, multi-year approach that identifies program changes and implementation activities needed to address enhancement area objectives identified as high priority. The strategy will guide expenditures of future Section 309 grants for improving BCDC's management program from 2026-2030, typically through program changes such as policy development or implementation.

II. Public Comment.

Consistent with NOAA Guidelines, the public may comment on this draft Assessment and Strategy for 30 days until **November 3, 2025**. Comments may be submitted in writing:

- By email to publiccomment@bcdc.ca.gov with the agenda item number or "BCDC Assessment and Strategy" in the subject line, or

- By mail with the agenda item number or “BCDC Assessment and Strategy” in the letter, mailed to San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, 375 Beale Street, Suite 510, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Public comments will also be heard in person at the public hearing on October 16, 2025. Following the public comment period, public comments will be described in the final document. Comments from the Public and BCDC Commissioners will be incorporated into the final draft of the Assessment and Strategy. The final Assessment and Strategy will then be submitted to NOAA for review and approval.