

RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

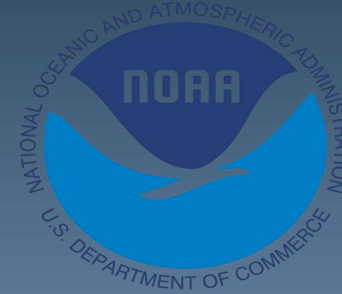
BAY CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

JULY 23, 2025



PARTNERS



MILESTONES



- Petition for any necessary federal action (60 days after final EPMP): 10/12/2021 **Done but Ongoing**
- Remove all unoccupied marine debris: 10/15/2021 **Done but Ongoing**
- Finalize Environmental Protection and Management Plan: 12/15/2021 **Done on 8/12/21**
- No new vessels in Eelgrass Protection Zone (EPZ): 12/15/2021 **Ongoing**
- Install 15 - 20 moorings in anchor zone: 12/15/2022 **On Hold**
- Initiate eelgrass restoration studies: 12/31/2022 **Done**
- Remove all post 8/19 vessels: **10/15/2023 Extension Requested and Approved to 10/15/2024**
All but one person housed and vessels removed. The remaining vessel is under an enforcement action and is pending a Nuisance Abatement.
- Remove all floating homes off Waldo Point: 10/15/2023. **Done**

MILESTONES, CONTINUED



- Complete admin actions, update ordinances: 12/15/2023 Done and USCG response received 5/18/23. Supporting order received from Judge Orrick on 12/1/23.
- Begin implementation of 10-year adaptive management plan: Done and ongoing (plan submitted on 12/15/2023).
- No vessels in EPZ: 10/15/2024 EPZ signage installed on 11/7/24. 5 Vessels remain and two are engaged in the housing program and all others are pending a Nuisance Abatement.
- Remove all occupied non-'Safe and Seaworthy': 10/15/2024. All vessels in this category have been provided multiple advance notice. Extension granted to 10/15/2025.
- Apply for mooring permit from BCDC - prior to the end date and if desired: Will not be requested
- Remove all occupied 'Safe and Seaworthy': 10/15/2026
- Removing all vessels and occupants: 10/15/2026
- Only transient seaworthy vessels in anchor zone: 10/15/2026

VESSEL BUYBACK PROGRAM

PAST REPORTING PERIOD

- Ø 11 Vessels and 1 floating home purchased and properly disposed of during this reporting period
- Ø 18 total vessels and floating homes purchased and properly disposed of since the reinstatement of the program since 4/13/23
- Ø \$120,800 distributed since reinstatement of program
- Ø \$162,800 distributed and 26 vessels properly disposed of since program inception in 2022

ACTIVITIES DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD

- 13 Vessels purchased and properly disposed of, and one pending during this reporting period
- 31 total vessels and floating homes purchased and properly disposed of since the reinstatement of the program since 4/13/23
- \$146,550 distributed since reinstatement of program
- \$238,550 distributed and 39 vessels properly disposed of since program inception in 2022



RBRA UPDATE: EELGRASS

1. **EPA Restoration Grant**
2. **Upcoming actions**

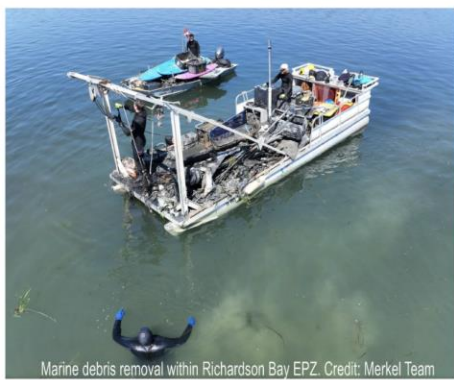


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EPA Restoration Grant Updates

- Reminder: \$2.8 million from US EPA's SF Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund awarded to RBRA 5/5/23. Funds:
 - Restoration and Adaptive Management Plan (RAMP) – due to BCDC by 12/15/23
 - 15 acres of eelgrass restoration by 2027
 - Ongoing adaptive management
 - Significant partner engagement/stakeholder outreach
- Collaborative effort with:
 - San Francisco State University (SFSU)'s Estuary and Ocean Science Center
 - Audubon California
 - Merkel & Associates
 - Coastal Policy Solutions



Marine debris removal within Richardson Bay EPZ. Credit: Merkel Team



SFSU student research team. Credit: SFSU Team



Low tide harvesting. Credit: Jess Bode



Preparing eelgrass planting units at the Estuary and Ocean Science Center. Credit: Merkel Team



Monitoring eelgrass progress. Credit: Rebecca Schwartz Lesberg



Audubon kayak outing. Credit: Audubon Team



Harvested eelgrass. Credit: Jess Bode

EPA Restoration Grant – Eelgrass restoration progress so far

- Spring / Summer 2025:
 - Restored (planted) 8.5 acres of eelgrass in RB anchor scars
 - Ø Two planting events: May 25-30, June 24-27
 - Removed approximately 4,200 pounds of debris from Richardson Bay's floor

Work included: Surveyed and mapped Richardson Bay eelgrass beds and donor sites, completed state permitting to transplant eelgrass, elected eelgrass transplant site

- Fall 2025: potential trip to plant 0.5 acres of eelgrass to hit target



EPA Restoration Grant - Action Since Last Presentation 3

- November 2024 – present:
 - Drone-based monitoring of waterbirds in Richardson Bay, community science in collaboration with Audubon CA
 - Purpose: identify spatial patterns in habitat use by wintering waterbirds to inform adaptive management
 - Occurs each year from November thru March

Photo: Audubon CA's Community Conservation Fellow flies a drone over Richardson Bay to assess waterbird abundance and spatial distribution.



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Upcoming actions

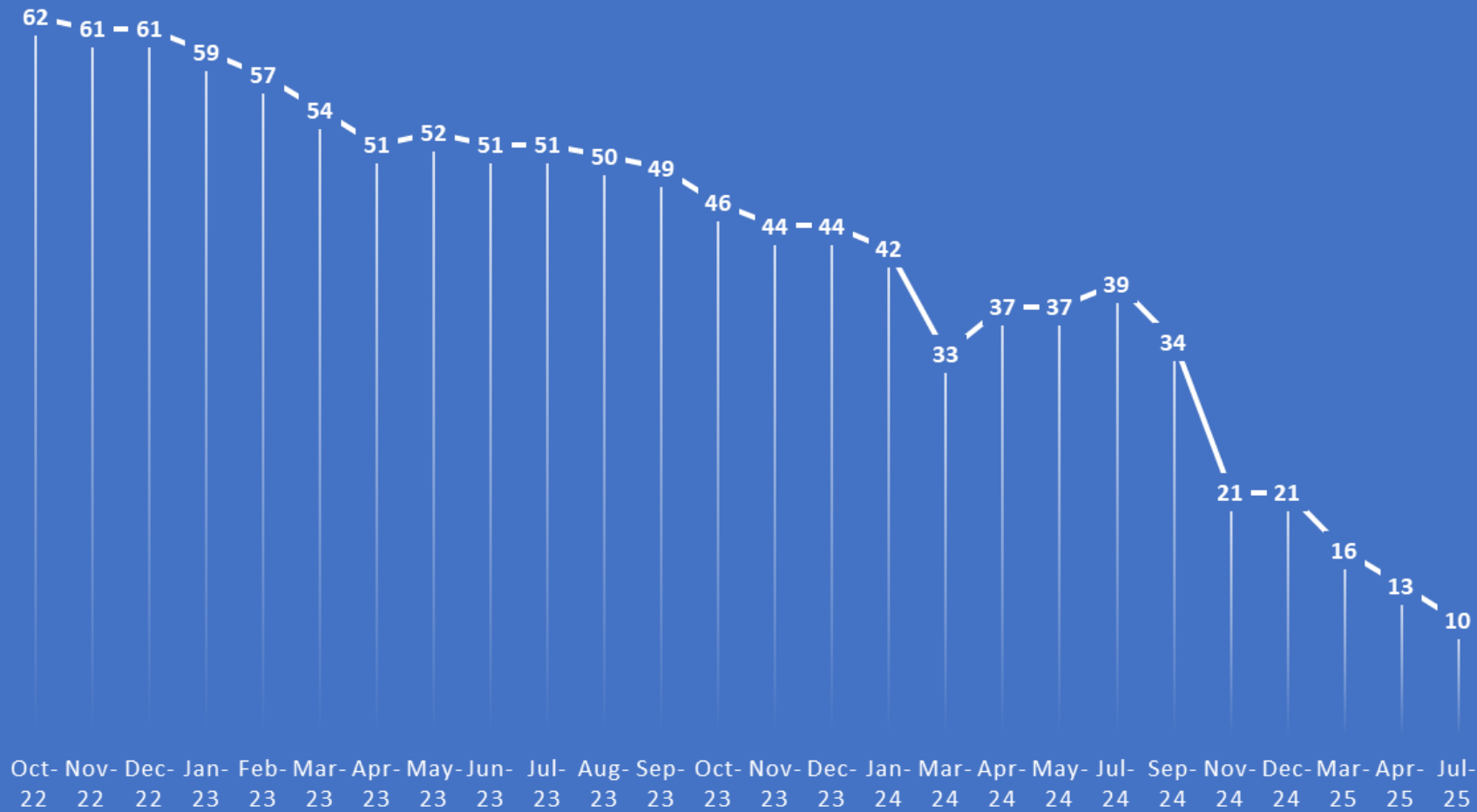
- Fall 2025: planning for 2026 restoration season (only need 0.5 acres!)
- Ongoing: outreach and engagement

VESSEL CENSUS



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VESSELS ON RICHARDSON BAY



SIGNIFICANT REMOVED VESSELS



**SIXTY FT FERROCEMENT SAIL
VESSEL**

**VESSEL BUYBACK, ONE
PERSON HOUSED**

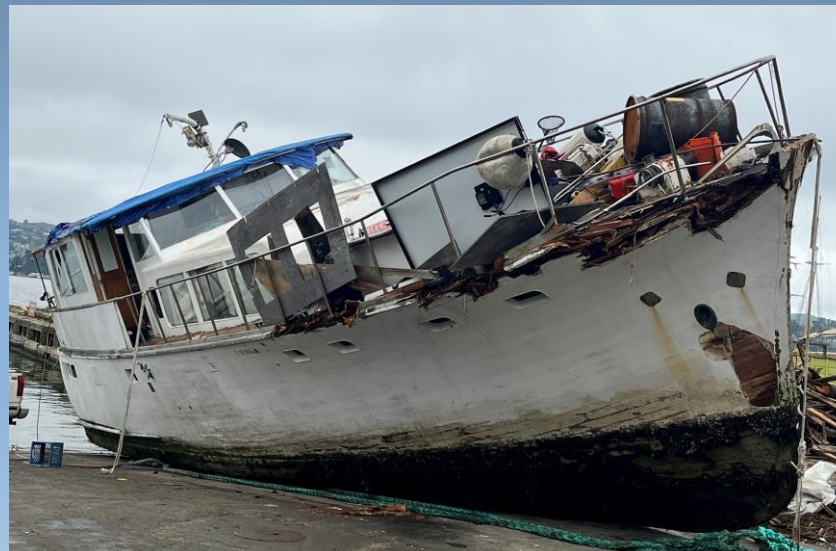
**SIXTY FOOT
FIBERGLASS/
WOOD MOTOR
VESSEL
VESSEL BUY BACK
ACTIVELY SINKING
TWO PERSONS
HOUSED**



**SIXTY FOOT WOODEN
MOTOR VESSEL**

ACTIVELY SINKING

**VESSEL BUYBACK
ONE PERSON HOUSED**



MILESTONES IN AGREEMENT

- 10/15/23: all post 2019 vessels
14 as of 8/10/22
7 as of 12/4/23
 - 1 as of 2/13/ 25 - engaged in active enforcement
- 10/15/23: all floating homes
2 as of 8/10/23
1 as of 12/4/23
 - 0 as of 8/8/24
- 10/15/24: no vessels in EPZ
53 as of 7/1/22
42 as of 8/10/23
35 as of 12/14/23
29 as of 8/8/24
5 as of 6/25/25 - all engaged in active enforcement – or verified plans to relocate

MILESTONES IN AGREEMENT

- 10/15/26: all occupied, safe and seaworthy
- 10 as of 6/1/22
- 7 as of 8/10/23
- 7 as of 12/4/23
- 6 as of 8/8/24
- 3 as of 2/15/25
- 2 as of 6/25/25 (one with verified plans to relocate)

Vessels on the water

- 57 as of 7/1/22
- 48 as of 8/10/23
- 43 as of 12/14/23
- 31 as of 8/8/24
- 17 as of 3/7/25
- 10 as of 6/25/25

ENFORCEMENT



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- 32 citations issued during this reporting period.
- Six nuisance abatements issued resulting in 7 vessel removals/ departures and two vessel disposals during this reporting period.
- All vessels on Richardson Bay not part of the safe and seaworthy program issued a 10, 6, and 3 month notice ahead of 10/15/25 deadline

3 MONTH ADVANCE NOTICE

RICHARDSON BAY REGIONAL AGENCY

The vessel this notice is attached to: _____ with
Known interested party or registered owner: _____ has
been identified by the RBRA as a vessel which is required to be removed from Richardson Bay in
accordance with the agreement reached between the RBRA and the Bay Conservation and
Development Commission (BCDC). This vessel must vacate Richardson Bay by **October 15, 2025**. If
you wish, you may voluntarily turn your vessel in to the RBRA, sell the vessel to the RBRA through the
RBRA Vessel Buy Back Program, or relocate the vessel from Richardson Bay. For additional
information please contact the RBRA Harbormaster.

The RBRA Harbormaster, Jim Malcolm can be reached at:

Telephone: 415-971-3919

jmalcolm@marincounty.org

This notice is to be posted to the vessel or property

RBRA UPDATE HOUSING

COMPONENTS

- Funding
- Temporary housing support
- Case Management
- Marinas

FUNDING

- \$3 million FY 23 State budget
 - With thanks to Senator McGuire for his support
- Funding received 3/28/23
- Program began seeking applications on 5/1/23
- To date, \$1,065,000 has been expended with an additional \$1,075,000 encumbered through the end of this fiscal year

RBRA UPDATE HOUSING

TEMPORARY HOUSING SUPPORT

- RBRA/Marin Health and Human Services (HHS) contract approved for extension through 6/30/25
- Contract between HHS and Episcopal Community Services for case management approved for extension through 6/30/25
- One year review of RBRA Temporary Housing Support Program completed 6/24. Available on RBRA website at: rbra.ca.gov/rbra-s-temporary-housing-program-first-year-review

ACTIVITIES DURING REPORTING PERIOD

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MARINAS PAST REPORTING PERIOD

- No activity to report

ACTIVITIES DURING REPORTING PERIOD

- No activity to report

TRACKING POST-2019 VESSELS

PAST REPORTING PERIOD



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Name	CF or USCG	Vessel Type	Registration	In EPZ Y/N	Occupied Y/N	30-Day Permit	Housed	Note
CF 9	CF	power	2019	Y	N		Y	Vessel Gone
CF 4	CF	sail	none	Y	N		Y	Vessel Gone
CF 6	CF	sail	2017	Y	Y			Engaged
F	CF	sail	2017	Y	Y		Y	Vessel Gone
L	CF	sail	2021	Y	Y			
S1	DOC	sail	2019	Y	Y			Engaged
Z	CF	sail	2021	Y	Y		Y	Vessel Gone
I	CF	motor	2013	Y	Y		Y	Vessel Gone
S2	none	sail	none	Y	Y		Y	Vessel Gone
CF 3	CF	sail	2015	Y	Y			Engagerd
NN	none	power	none	Y	Y		Y	Vessel Gone
G	CF	power	2023	Y	Y			Vessel Gone
ND	CF	Sail	2023	Y	N			Vessel Gone
J	CF	Sail	2023	Y	Y	x		Engaged
K	none	Sail	none	Y	Y			Engaged
	Housed	On path to Housing	Participating in Program	Slated for outreach	30-day permit	Pending Buyback	Housed	
Current rept period	5	5	14	1	1	2	7	
Previous rept period	2	10	10	3	3	2	4	
RBRA Program	13	Vouchers issued 14						
Other Program	1							
				Housed	7	Vessel Buyback 7		

TRACKING POST-2019 VESSELS

CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD

Name	CF or USCG	Vessel Type	Registration	In EPZ Y/N	Occupied Y/N	30-Day Permit	Housed	Note
CF 9	CF	power	2019	Y	N		Y	Vessel Gone
CF 4	CF	sail	none	Y	N		Y	Vessel Gone
CF 6	CF	sail	2017	Y	Y		Y	Vessel Gone
F	CF	sail	2017	Y	Y		Y	Vessel Gone
L	CF	sail	2021	Y	Y			Nuisance Abmt
S1	DOC	sail	2019	Y	Y		Y	Vessel Gone
Z	CF	sail	2021	Y	Y		Y	Vessel Gone
I	CF	motor	2013	Y	Y		Y	Vessel Gone
S2	none	sail	none	Y	Y		Y	Vessel Gone
CF 3	CF	sail	2015	Y	Y		Y	Vessel Gone
NN	none	power	none	Y	Y		Y	Vessel Gone
G	CF	power	2023	Y	Y			Vessel Gone
ND	CF	Sail	2023	Y	N			Vessel Gone
J	CF	Sail	2023	Y	Y		Y	Vessel Gone
K	None	Sail	None	Y	Y		Y	Vessel Gone
	Housed	On path to Housing	Participating in Program	Slated for outreach	30-day Permit	Pending Buyback	Housed	
Current rept period	4	0	14	0	0	0	5	
Previous rept period	6	5	14	1	3	2	7	
RBRA Program	18	Vouchers issued 20						
Other Program	1							
				Housed	14	Vessel Buyback 14		

PROGRAM SUCCESS



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TEMPORARY HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM PAST ACTIVITIES

- 14 people are housed
- 20 people are participating
- 6 people are in queue to participate
- 17 people have a vouchers and 2 are pending
- 7 vessels have been purchased via the Vessel Buyback Program

TEMPORARY HOUSING VOUCHER PROGRAM CURRENT ACTIVITIES

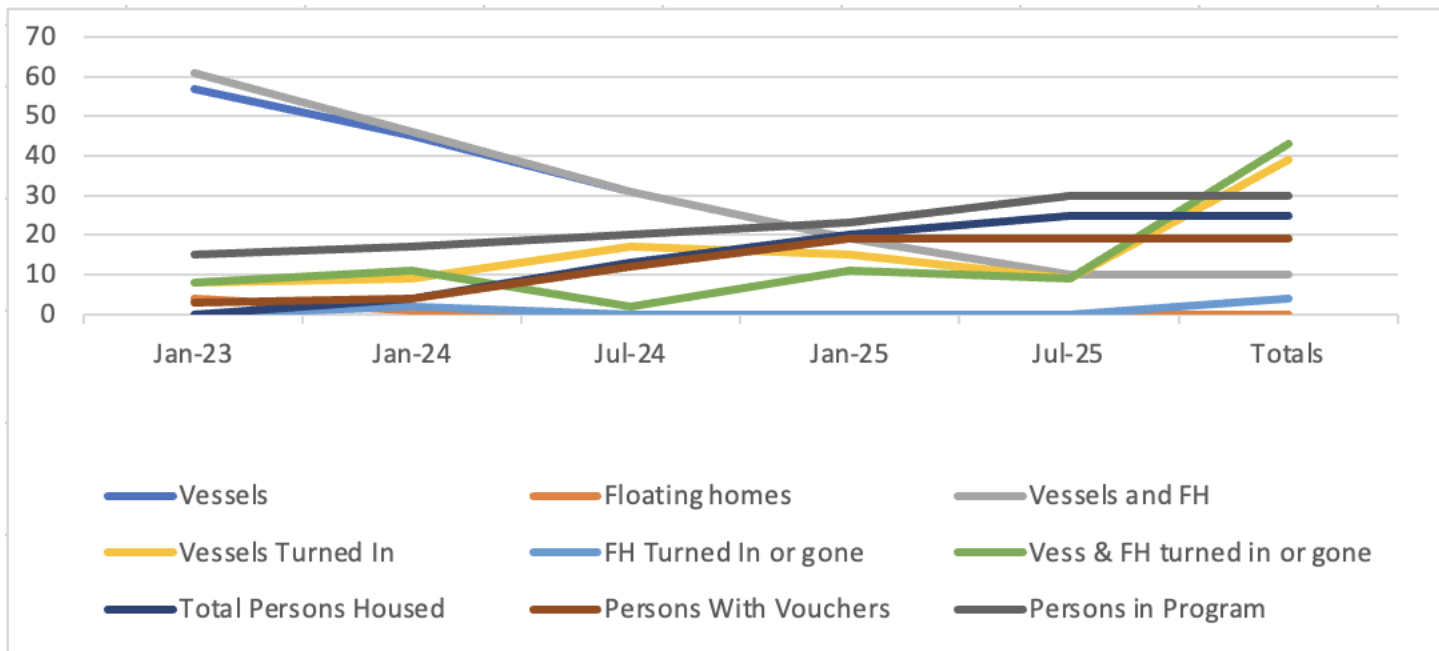
- 25 people are housed
- 30 people are participating
- 19 people have a vouchers and 2 are pending
- 13 vessels have been purchased via the Vessel Buyback Program
- Between May 1, 2023 and June 30, 2025, 46 people from the anchorage have been housed via various programs

VESSELS VS. HOUSING

JUNE 30, 2025



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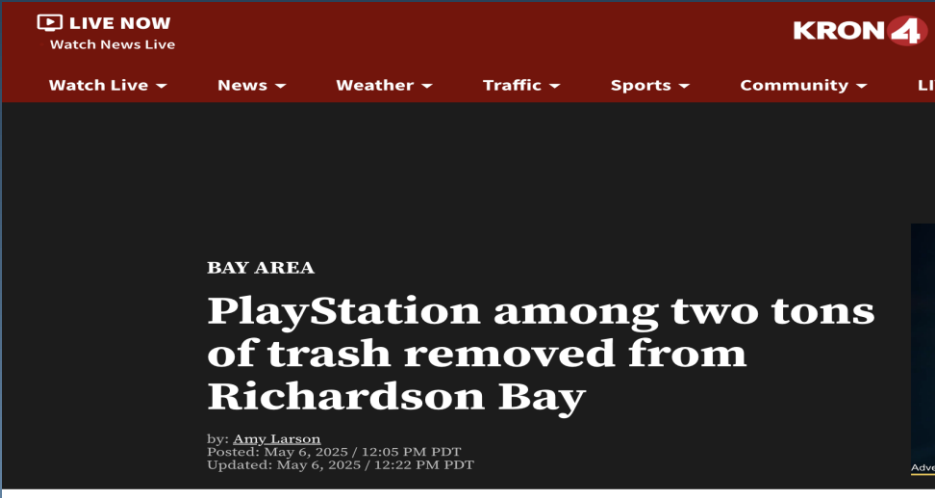
	Jan-23	Jan-24	Jul-24	Jan-25	Jul-25	Totals
Vessels	57	45	31	19	10	10
Floating homes	4	1	0	0	0	0
Vessels and FH	61	46	31	19	10	10
Vessels Turned In	8	9	17	15	9	39
FH Turned In or gone	0	2	0	0	0	4
Vess & FH turned in or gone	8	11	2	11	9	43
Total Persons Housed	0	4	13	20	25	25
Persons With Vouchers	3	4	12	19	19	19
Persons in Program	15	17	20	23	30	30



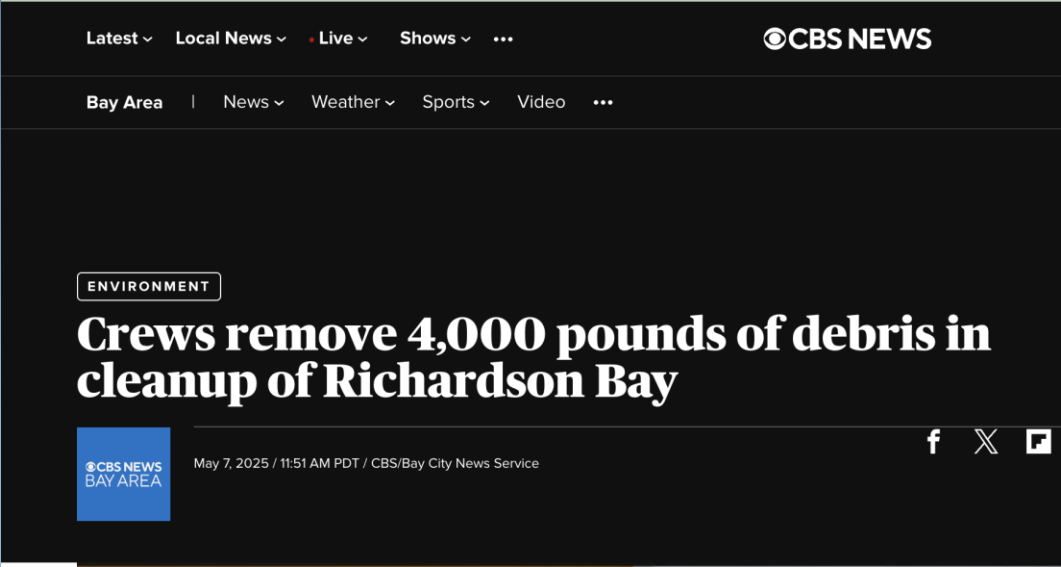
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UNSOLICITED LETTER OF SUPPORT DURING REPORTING PERIOD



**SAUSALITO
SUSTAINABLE
WATERFRONT
ASSOCIATION**

July 9, 2025

Richardson Bay Regional Agency
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 308
San Rafael, CA 94903

RE: Support for the Richardson Bay Regional Agency, Sausalito, California

Dear RBRA Board of Directors,

On behalf of the Sausalito Sustainable Waterfront Association (SSWA), we write to express our strong support for the Richardson Bay Regional Agency's (RBRA) continued efforts to effectively manage the 72-hour public anchorage in Richardson Bay.

The SSWA is a coalition of local mariners, marina operators, and business owners who represent the core of Sausalito's working waterfront. Our mission is to promote a thriving, sustainable, and safe waterfront that reflects the character and values of our community.

For decades, Abandoned and Derelict Vessels (ADVs) anchored in Richardson Bay have degraded the environment and undermined the vitality of our waterfront. We have seen firsthand the ecological damage caused by ADVs and the danger they pose to navigation, public safety, and the surrounding community. These vessels are not only environmental liabilities—they are threats to the lives and livelihoods of those who depend on a safe and healthy bay.

We applaud the RBRA's proactive and deliberate management of the anchorage. Since 2017, the number of illegally anchored vessels has dropped from more than 220 to fewer than 12—a remarkable achievement. At the same time, the RBRA has pursued compassionate solutions, helping transition vulnerable individuals on unseaworthy vessels into safe and stable housing.

Thanks to the RBRA's leadership, Sausalito's waterfront is entering a new chapter. For the first time in years, there is a spirit of optimism among local marina operators, who are now working with each other and the City to reimagine and revitalize our waterfront. This progress would not have been possible without the RBRA's dedicated and strategic work.

While much has been accomplished, the work is not yet done. We urge the RBRA to continue its mission, which remains essential to the preservation of Richardson Bay's fragile ecology, the protection of public health and safety, and the future of Sausalito's maritime economy.

Thank you for your steadfast commitment. Please keep up the excellent work.

Sincerely,
The Sausalito Sustainable Waterfront Association
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THANK YOU

Brad Gross, Executive Director

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