



Fisherman's Wharf, Inner Lagoon

SAN FRANCISCO WATERFRONT SPECIAL AREA PLAN

Bay Plan Amendment No. 3-17 Commission Vote

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BACKGROUND

BPA 3-17

1. Apply Northeastern Waterfront policies in place of the 50% Rule to the Fisherman's Wharf geographic vicinity as allowed in SAP policy.
2. Public benefit swap at Piers 15 and 17: Changing a fill removal requirement for the Exploratorium to instead require a Sea Level Rise Public Education Initiative.
3. Modify dates for outstanding SFWSAP public benefits requirements to a future date determined by the Port and BCDC.
4. Other small changes to terminology and findings to remove outdated and obsolete information and better align the SFWSAP with the Port's 2023 Waterfront Plan.

SEW
SAP **Figure 1:**
Geographic Vicinities

0 1000 2000 4000 FEET
NORTH



JULY 17 PUBLIC HEARING

- Presentations from BCDC, Port of SF, and Exploratorium staff.
- Received 1 written and 9 oral public comments.
- Commissioners posed clarifying questions that are addressed in the final staff recommendation.

COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

- Final Staff Rec provides further analysis on the Port's efforts to meet the Bay fill removal requirement.
- Limited Bay fill removal opportunities remaining in the Northeastern Waterfront due to previous removals at Piers ½, 2, 24, 34, and 36.
- Port reviewed opportunities for fill removal in other vicinities, including crediting removal at Pier 43 ½ and removing parts of Pier 64.
- Would now require the removal of multiple, smaller locations of fill which would not satisfy the original intent of creating a significant open water area.



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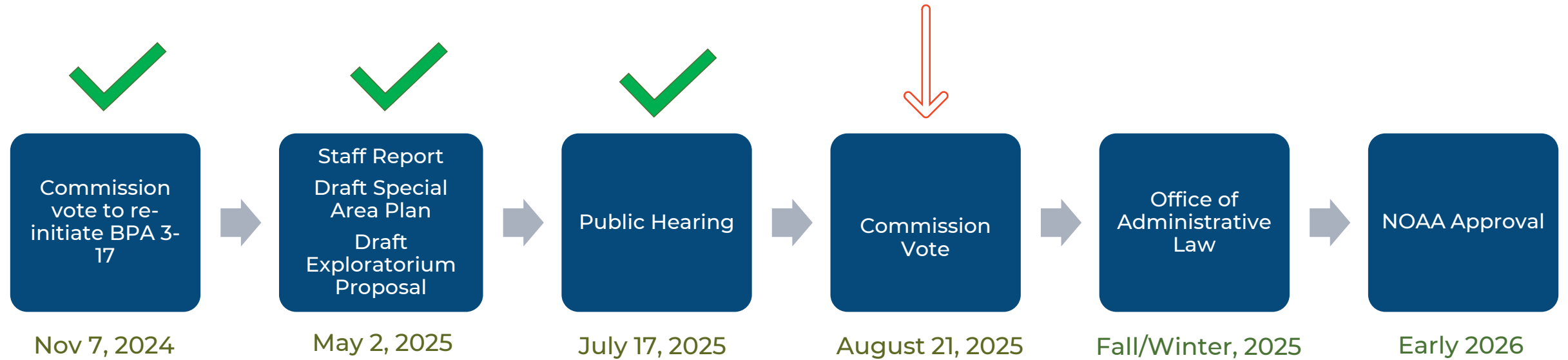
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The Exploratorium

- Final Staff Rec clarifies that the Education Initiative will be free to the public, involve new exhibits, and will be a new element of funding.
- No changes made to the proposed amendment.

NEXT STEPS





Aquatic Park and Hyde St. Pier, San Francisco

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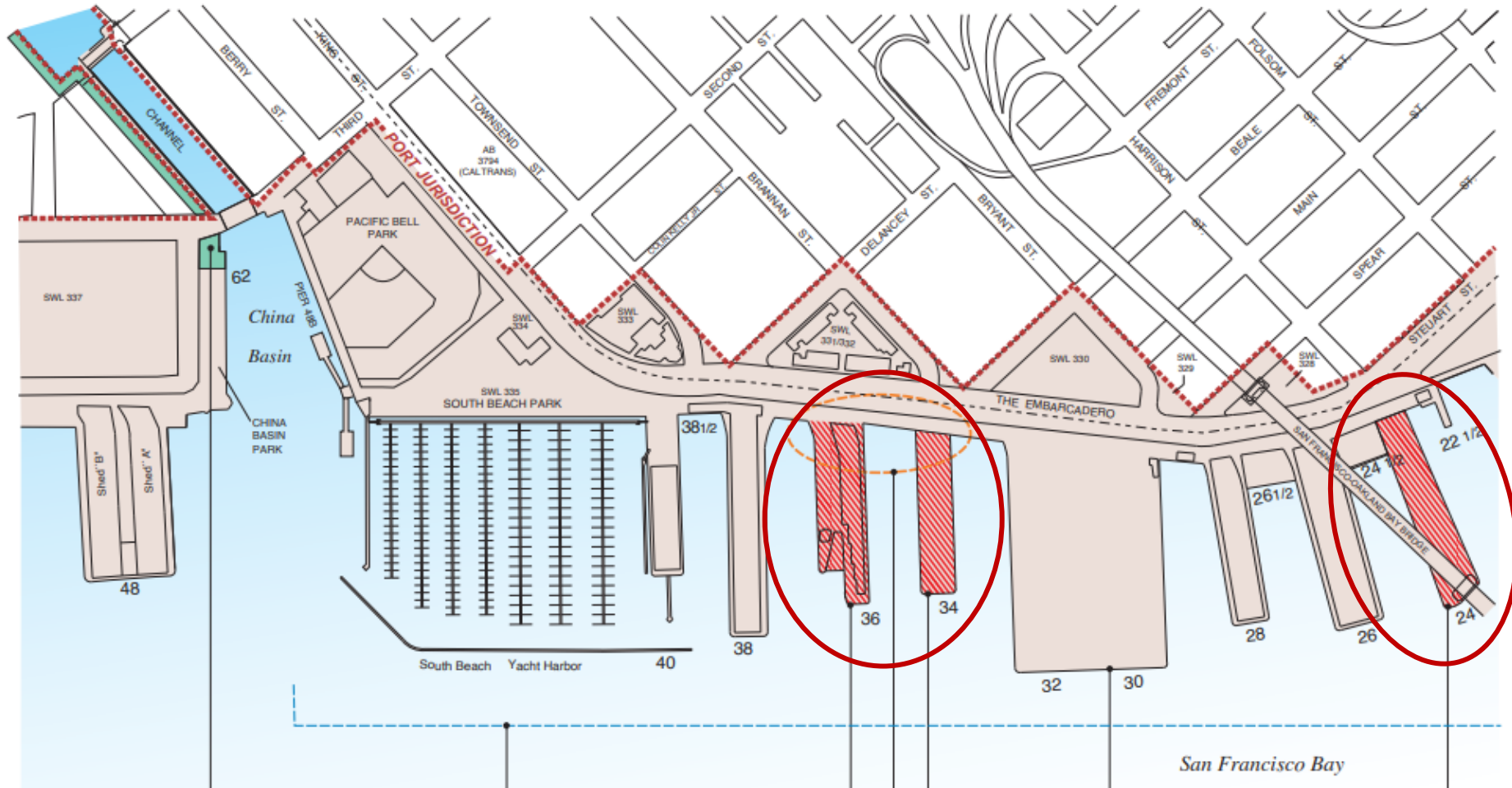
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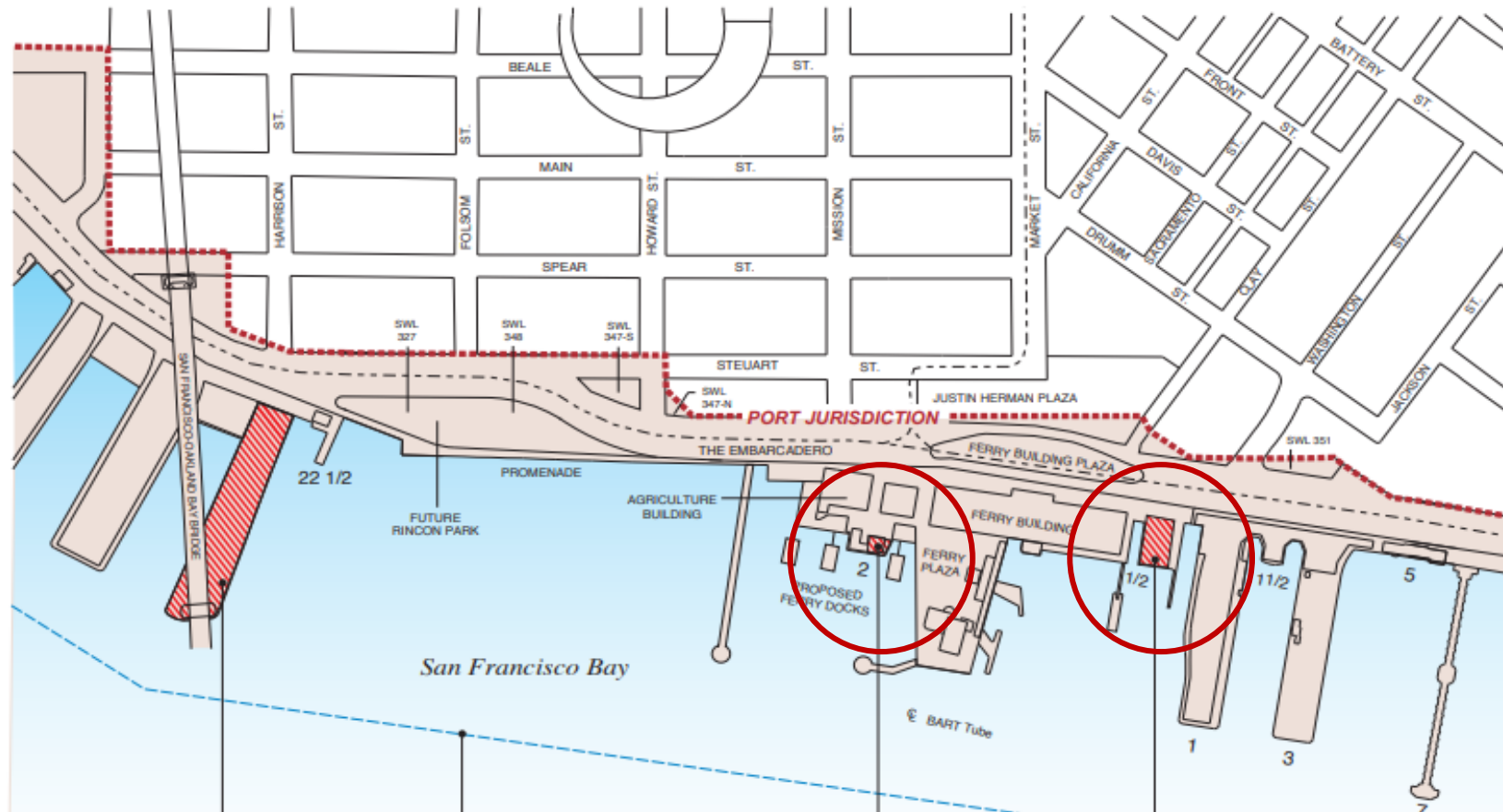
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Commission adopt the attached Resolution No. 2025.01 that would:

1. Amend the San Francisco Bay Plan (Bay Plan) by modifying the San Francisco Waterfront Special Area Plan (SFWSAP) by revising the geographic-specific policies of the Fisherman's Wharf vicinity to align with the Northeastern Waterfront vicinity, establishing a Sea Level Rise Public Education Initiative as a public benefit in place of a Bay fill removal public benefit, postponing the dates for outstanding SFWSAP public benefits requirements of public access improvements associated with Piers 19, 19.5, 23, 29.5, the Bayside History Walk at Pier 29, and removal of the end of Pier 23, and minor changes to terminology and findings (Appendix A, Exhibit 1).
2. Amend the San Francisco Waterfront Special Area Plan maps and notes in accordance with the amendments to the SFWSAP policies (Appendix A, Exhibit 2).
3. Make necessary findings regarding the Environmental Assessment.
4. Make necessary findings that the Bay Plan amendment conforms to all applicable findings and declarations of policies of the McAteer-Petris Act.



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SFW Special Area Plan Map 5



LEGEND

- Port Priority Area
- Public Recreation And Access

