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Ex Parte Communication Disclosure Form[1]

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Name of Commissioner or Alternate

Justine Kimball

Date of disclosure

11/02/2026

Sender(s) of ex parte communication and affiliation, if any

Maggie Hallahan

Date(s) of ex parte communication

10/29/2026

Subject(s) of communication(s) (*e.g.*, name and number of permit, enforcement case, etc.)

San Francisco Marina Improvement and Remediation Project. Permit Application Number: 2025.006.00

[1] Please refer to 14 CCR section 10283 of BCDC's regulations for the agency's general policy on ex parte communications and requirements regarding disclosure of ex parte communications.

Summary of communication(s). If oral, include the substance of the communication and any response by you. If written, attach a copy of the communication and any response by you. If both oral and written, include the substance of the oral communications (including your response, if any) and copies of the written communications (including your response, if any).

Commissioner Kimball informed Maggie at the beginning of the meeting that she was there to listen and would not provide substantive feedback, preliminary thoughts, or opinions on the project. Commissioner Kimball did not express any opinions or positions regarding the project during the meeting, but asked some clarifying questions and provided general acknowledgments of the information shared.

Maggie provided historical context regarding the San Francisco Marina and Gashouse Cove, including the history of the East and West Harbors, the San Francisco Sea Scouts, and the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition. The majority of the information Maggie shared focused on Gashouse Cove, legacy contamination from the former manufactured gas plant, and the proposed project.

Maggie stated that while the proposed project includes remediation of a portion of the contaminated sediments in Gashouse Cove, contaminated sediments would remain in place beneath the proposed shallow-water recreation basin intended for kayaking and paddleboarding. She raised concerns about potential exposure to these contaminants through the proposed recreational activities, as well as electrical safety concerns associated with bodily contact with the water. Maggie also raised concerns about the Laguna outfall, which she indicated discharges sewage into the proposed recreation basin approximately 2–3 times per year. She noted that the proposed recreation basin is intended for REC-2 activities, including kayaking and paddleboarding, but raised concerns about the potential for incidental water contact or immersion during these activities. She also expressed concerns regarding the adequacy of water quality testing for the proposed recreational activities.

Concerning project costs, Maggie stated that less than half of the original $190 million project budget was allocated specifically to remediation, with the remainder supporting broader project improvements and other costs. She also indicated that the estimated project cost had increased to approximately $221 million but did not know the reason for the increase.

Maggie raised concerns about the adequacy of the environmental review, noting that the original EIR is approximately 19 years old. She questioned whether the subsequent environmental review sufficiently evaluates the potential implications of the proposed recreational use over and around contaminated sediments and occasional sewage discharges, implications for emergency response, and the permanent loss of conventional marina berths and certain boating access facilities, including the removal of the existing boat launch and touch-and-go access.

Maggie also raised broader concerns about oversight of fuel docks and the potential consequences of their removal for emergency response capabilities and recreational and commercial boating opportunities.

Maggie also provided information about the ongoing PG&E remediation project between Pier 39 and Pier 43½ for general awareness.