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## Public Notice

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### NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROGRAM CHANGES TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY SEGMENT OF THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

#### ***San Francisco Bay Plan Amendment No. 1-19 Concerning Amendments to the San Francisco Bay Plan and the Seaport Plan***

Pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act regulations, 15 C.F.R. § 923.81(e), the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (the Commission) has submitted to the Office for Coastal Management (OCM) of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) proposed program changes to the federally-approved coastal management program for the San Francisco Bay segment of the California coastal zone, as amended. The Commission is requesting OCM concurrence to add to the Commission's federally approved coastal management program certain amendments to the *San Francisco Bay Plan (Bay Plan)* and the *San Francisco Bay Seaport Plan (Seaport Plan)*, which is incorporated by reference into the *Bay Plan*. (Cal. Gov. Code § 66651.) The Commission adopted the amendments that are the subject of this program change submittal pursuant to California Government Code Section 66652 and 14 CCR sections 11000-08 of the Commission's regulations, as *Bay Plan* Amendment No. 1-19.

Specifically, on November 16, 2023, the Commission amended the *Bay Plan* and the *Seaport Plan* by: (1) adopting an entirely new *Seaport Plan* – which the Commission uses in making port-related decisions on permit applications and federal consistency determinations as well as in providing guidance to local governments for planning port areas – to replace the original *Seaport Plan* first adopted by the Commission in 1982; (2) changing the *Bay Plan* Maps 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, and associated legends and text, to modify existing Port Priority Use Area (“PUA”)<sup>1</sup> boundaries in the Cities of Concord, Oakland, Redwood City, Richmond, San Francisco, and the

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<sup>1</sup> As explained on page 45 of the new *Seaport Plan*, “Port Priority Use Areas mean shoreline sites needed for regional maritime port use that include within their premises marine terminals and directly related ancillary activities... Port Priority Use Areas are land use designations specifically set forth in the McAteer-Petris Act, which law also sets forth the process and mechanism by which the Commission may establish and change Port Priority Use Area designations. In context of the McAteer-Petris Act, the purpose of the Port Priority Use Area designation is to make provision for adequate and suitable locations for port uses, thereby minimizing the necessity for future Bay fill to create new sites for port use.”



unincorporated community of Selby in Contra Costa County; (3) revising the Development of the Bay and Shoreline Findings and Policies for Ports found in Part IV of the *Bay Plan*; and (4) amending Commission Resolution No. 16 to modify the above-referenced PUA boundaries within the Commission’s shoreline band jurisdiction.<sup>2</sup>

The California Office of Administrative Law approved the amendments pursuant to California Government Code Section 11354.1 and filed the amendments with the California Secretary of State on May 14, 2024. Thus, Bay Plan Amendment No. 1-19 is effective for state permitting purposes as of that date.

The amendments are detailed within the program change submission document available on the NOAA website here: <https://coast.noaa.gov/czmprogramchange/#/public/home> (under the “Filter by Program” pull-down menu select “San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission” and under the “Filter by Status” pull-down menu select “Under Review”) and the Commission’s website: <https://www.bcdc.ca.gov/>.

The NOAA OCM is reviewing the Commission’s request for concurrence. Comments regarding the incorporation of the proposed program changes to the San Francisco Bay segment of the California Coastal Management Program should be submitted directly to NOAA OCM via the Program Change Portal website which can be found at: <https://coast.noaa.gov/czmprogramchange/#/public/home>.

Comments will be accepted by OCM for three weeks (21 days) following the date of publication of this notice on February 4, 2026.

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<sup>2</sup> Reference Cal. Gov. Code § 66611 for context regarding Commission Resolution No. 16.