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HAYWARD

HEART OF THE BAY

August 3, 2011

The Honorable Sean Randolph, Chair  
San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission  
50 California Street, Suite 2600  
San Francisco, CA 94111

**Subject: Proposed Bay Plan Amendment No. 1-08**

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

The following letter and attached Resolution is being forwarded to you as a result of Council action on August 2, 2011.

As a local municipality that has been studying sea level rise in the East Bay and as a participant in the ongoing Adapting to Rising Tides project, the City of Hayward is pleased to see BCDC addressing the issues of sea level rise and climate change at a regional scale. While the proposed Bay Plan Amendment is a step in the right direction, additional resources must be directed toward more detailed vulnerability assessments and adaptation plans as well as actual shoreline improvements.

While we recognize that the proposed Bay Plan Amendments are not intended to increase BCDC's regulatory authority, the 100-foot-wide shoreline band will move as sea levels rise, which will increase BCDC's area of authority. Current mapping is not sufficient to know the future extent of the Bay and the 100-foot-wide band on the Hayward shoreline. In addition, it is critical to us that we participate as equal partners in addressing this critical issue, including maintaining as much local control as possible while working cooperatively with BCDC.

Local agencies intend to take a leadership role in the planning for sea level rise, and the City of Hayward and the Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency (HASPA) have already assumed such a role, as reflected in the development of a preliminary impact assessment of sea level rise on the Hayward shoreline. A collaborative partnership with BCDC will be essential for such planning as well as for the funding and the implementation of adaptation plans.

On that note, the City of Hayward looks forward to working closely with BCDC on the regional sea level rise adaptation strategy called for in the proposed Bay Plan Amendment, and fully supports and appreciates BCDC's efforts to address sea level rise and encourages the Commission to continue to work on this issue with its local partners.

Also, in consideration of the proposed amendments, we look forward to continuing to work with BCDC to find ways to streamline the permitting process for levee repairs and other sea level rise mitigation/adaptation projects that are critically needed both now and as the Bay continues to rise.

Sincerely,

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