

October 7th, 2021



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San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
Measure AA Grant Review Team
c/o State Coastal Conservancy
1515 Clay Street, 10th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Letter of support for Richardson’s Bay Regional Agency (RBRA) Measure AA grant application – Adaptive Eelgrass Restoration Project

Dear Review Team,

On behalf of the Marin Conservation League, I write today to support the RBRA’s “Richardson’s Bay Adaptive Eelgrass Restoration Project.” It will advance expansion and protection of eelgrass habitat in Richardson Bay.

The Marin Conservation League has been at the forefront of advocating for the environmental protection of Richardson’s Bay, a significant habitat for thousands of migratory waterfowl and other wildlife. We have been urging the Richardson’s Bay Regional Agency to take steps to remove illegal vessels and restore damaged eelgrass beds – so as to support healthy herring and bird populations and other marine biodiversity so essential to the bay ecosystem.

Eelgrass growth also has related environmental benefits in minimizing and mitigating climate change. As a key locale for eelgrass beds, Richardson’s Bay is prime for actions that maximize its density, scale, and frequency. The Adaptive Management Plan and its associated restoration work will substantially contribute to the Bay Area’s vital subaquatic vegetation resources.

We are encouraged by the progress RBRA has made in reducing the number of vessels and related conflicts with eelgrass habitat, and in its commitment to implementing protection and restoration measures. We urge you to fund RBRA’s Adaptive Eelgrass Restoration Project to bring this commitment to fruition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Miller".

Robert Miller
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Stompe".

Susan Stompe
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Marin Conservation League was founded in 1934 to preserve, protect and enhance the natural assets of Marin County.