

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Revised Letter Of Commitment For The San Francisco Estuary Partnership's Senate Bill 1 Grant Application For The East Bay Crescent Sub-Regional Vulnerability Assessment And Shoreline Adaptation Planning

WHEREAS, sea level rise is a potential threat to natural resources, critical infrastructure, cultural assets, and the residents of Emeryville, with water levels expected to rise by three feet or more by 2050 and seven feet by 2100; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1, the California Sea Level Rise Mitigation and Adaptation Act of 2021, provides funding for pre-planning, planning and project phases of sea level rise (SLR) adaptation and/or mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 272, the Sea Level Rise: Planning and Adaptation Act of 2023, provides requirements for pre-planning, planning and project phases of sea level rise adaptation and/or mitigation efforts in locally adopted Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plans (RSAP); and

WHEREAS, the Emeryville Crescent, Emeryville Marina with significant commercial, recreational and retail development, Shorebird Park, Bay Trail Frontage, and Point Emery lie within the Alameda County shoreline portion of the East Bay Crescent Operational Landscape Unit (OLU), covering portions of Oakland, Berkeley, and Albany in northern Alameda County as proposed by San Francisco Estuary Partnership for adaptation Planning; and

WHEREAS, the southwestern portion of Emeryville, along the shoreline west of Interstate 80, is known as the Emeryville Crescent and is one of the city's most valuable biological resources, supporting a variety of vegetation and habitat for wildlife including federal and state-listed species and other species of concern; and

WHEREAS, General Plan Goal CSN-G-5 calls for the "preservation and enhancement of natural habitat, and protection of biological resources, particularly around the Emeryville Crescent;" and

WHEREAS, the City of Emeryville and state and regional agencies including Caltrans, the East Bay Regional Parks District, the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP), the San Francisco Estuary Institute, the East Bay Municipal Utility District, the Association of Bay Area Governments, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the Army Corps of Engineers have jurisdiction and/or interest in the Emeryville Crescent; and

WHEREAS, the SFEP has convened stakeholders to undertake studies of current/expected conditions and the suitability of potential projects to protect the Crescent and its associated impacts and functions under the East Bay Crescent OLU; and

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WHEREAS, the SFEP is seeking funding through the SB 1 grant program to prepare a RSAP for the adoption in Emeryville with consideration for projects to be implemented in both Emeryville and adjacent jurisdictions to protect and preserve the Emeryville Crescent and adjacent shorelines in Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 24-150 authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter of commitment to accompany the SFEP's application for SB 1 grant funding; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2024, the SFEP submitted its initial application for SB 1 funding, and, in response, the California Ocean Protection Council ("OPC") provided comments and questions to the SFEP on the application; and

WHEREAS, in response to the OPC's comments and questions, the SFEP has revised the application for SB 1 grant funding, necessitating a revised letter of commitment from the City of Emeryville; and

WHEREAS, the SFEP has agreed to enter a subgrant award for staff costs associated with support of the collaborative efforts to prepare Regional Shoreline Adaption Plan appropriate for each jurisdiction in the for the East Bay Crescent OLU in Northern Alameda County if SB 1 funds are received for this purpose; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the revised Letter of Commitment for the San Francisco Estuary Partnership's SB 1 grant application for this effort in substantial form as attached hereto as Exhibit A, and, further be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville authorizes the City Manager to submit letters of support and execute agreements as may be necessary for the City of Emeryville to access the funds provided through the SB 1 grant in the event the grant is awarded.

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ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held Tuesday, July 1, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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John Kennedy
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CITY ATTORNEY