

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Letter Of Commitment For The San Francisco Estuary Partnership's Senate Bill 1 Grant Application For The East Bay Crescent Community Engagement And Climate Adaptation Project

WHEREAS, sea level rise is a potential threat to the natural resources, critical infrastructure, cultural assets, and 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 (SB 1), provides funding for pre-planning, planning and project phases of sea level rise adaptation and/or mitigation efforts;

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 or 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 Emeryville Crescent, Emeryville Marina (including significant commercial and recreational development), Shorebird Park, Bay Trail, 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 as proposed by San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) for adaptation Planning; and

WHEREAS, the City of Emeryville and state and regional agencies including Caltrans, the East Bay Regional Parks District, 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 East Bay Crescent and its associated impacts and functions; and

WHEREAS, the SFEP is seeking funding through the SB 1 grant program to perform pre-studies and community visioning for adaptation and/or mitigation actions to protect and preserve the Emeryville Crescent and adjacent shorelines in Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, the SFEP has agreed to enter a subgrant award for \$100,000 for City staff costs associated with support of the collaborative efforts to prepare a Vulnerability Assessment and Planning Pathways for shoreline adaptation in the Emeryville Crescent

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and adjacent shoreline in Northern Alameda County in the event SB 1 funds are received by SFEP 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 a 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.

ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a special meeting held Tuesday, December 10, 2024, by the following vote:

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

MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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John Kennedy
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CITY ATTORNEY

ATTACHMENTS

- Exhibit A – Letter of Commitment