

## City of Emeryville

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California Ocean Protection Council (OPC)
Attention: SB 1 Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Grant Program 715 P St. 20<sup>th</sup> Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject**: Support for The East Bay Crescent (EBC) Sub-regional Vulnerability Assessment and Shoreline Adaptation Planning

Dear OPC SB 1 Grant Review Committee:

I am writing to express my commitment to the San Francisco Estuary Partnership's East Bay Crescent (EBC) Sub-regional Vulnerability Assessment and Shoreline Adaptation Planning project. I feel confident this project will support broader sea level rise (SLR) adaptation planning along the shorelines of Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, and a portion of Oakland, from Bay Bridge/Radio Beach up to Cerritos Creek. Likewise, City of Emeryville is committed as an active partner in the development of the project, and will utilize the insights from this project to feed into our SLR Adaptation Planning Process

Key Project components include the development of an EBC Working Group and Equity Committee that will lead the development of a sub-regional vulnerability assessment (VA) as well as sub-regionally coordinated, but distinct, subregional shoreline adaptation plans for the Cities of Albany, Berkeley, and Emeryville, that adhere to the SF Bay Conservation and Development Commission's Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan (RSAP) guidelines. The San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) has a long history of partnership with these local jurisdictions and is uniquely poised to spearhead project management and coordination between jurisdictions, agencies, and technical subconsultant team to advance a complex, multi-jurisdictional coordinated planning effort in the East Bay Crescent. The Project will provide critical support for the cities and communities they represent to understand shoreline vulnerabilities and ensure community priorities drive development and coordination of their shoreline adaptation plans in this complex area of the Bay. This project proposal was developed in coordination with the City of Alameda's separate SB 1 application; and the shared consultant team between the two proposals will ensure these efforts are complementary to each other.

The City of Emeryville plans to meaningfully participate in the development of the sub-regional VA and single-jurisdiction subregional shoreline adaptation plan and will commit 50% of a Full Time Equivalent staff time over the course of this project. We will participate in the EBC Working Group, provide data and information as requested to support the existing conditions assessment and subregional VA, support community engagement efforts, and actively participate in the coordinated development of the City of Emeryville's RSAP, including the review/selection of draft adaptation pathways and strategies.

## Emeryville Letter of Commitment to SFEP Crescent Project

The City of Emeryville's RSAP is intended to be brought to council for local adoption, acknowledging that this multi-jurisdictional plan is intended to comply with SB 272 and will make the jurisdiction ineligible for future California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) SB 1 funding to develop a Single Jurisdiction Subregional Shoreline Adaptation Plan.

The City of Emeryville is committed to and excited about the San Francisco Estuary Partnership's East Bay Crescent Sub-regional Vulnerability Assessment and Shoreline Adaptation Planning project. I am confident that with the necessary backing from OPC, it will achieve great success. Please feel free to reach out to Amber Evans at 510-596-4382 or aevans@emeryville.org if you require any further information or would like to discuss this in more detail.

Sincerely,

David Mourra Mayor, City of Emeryville