



# City of Emeryville

CALIFORNIA

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 19, 2017

**TO:** Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

**FROM:** Sheri Hartz, City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville In Support Of Citizens For East Shore Parks Resilient Shoreline Program To Raise Awareness About Sea-Level Rise And Establish Resilient Shoreline Solutions To Protect Against The Destruction Of Sea-Level Rise

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Council adopt a resolution in support of Citizens for East Shore Parks Resilient Shoreline Program.

### BACKGROUND

On August 3, 2017, the Council received a request from Citizens for East Shore Parks (CESP) to consider a resolution in support of its Resilient Shoreline Program, to raise awareness about sea-level rise and the establishment of resilient shoreline solutions to protect against shoreline destruction. At the September 5, 2017 Council meeting, Mayor Donahue requested and received majority support to place the item on the September 19<sup>th</sup> agenda for Council's consideration.

### DISCUSSION

The State of California Ocean Protection Council updated the State of Sea-Level Guidance Document in April 2017 to reflect higher sea-level rise projections, including the projection by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) of sea-level rise ranging up to 10 feet by the year 2100. If this occurs as predicted, it will cause erosion, habitat destruction and flooding along the Emeryville shoreline, and creek outlets to the San Francisco Bay. Additionally, sections of freeway would be flooded, beaches lost, and lowland communities affected.

CESP believes that taking action now to determine appropriate locations for resilient shoreline approaches is needed to prepare for sea-level rise projections in the coming decades. They are interested in having the City of Emeryville participate in their upcoming events and forums in an effort to gain momentum toward getting funding from local, state, and federal sources to achieve a resilient shoreline, and asks that the Council join the Grand Coalition of public leaders for a Resilient Shoreline.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None at this time.

**PREPARED BY:** Sheri Hartz, City Clerk

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



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Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Draft Resolution of Support
2. Request Letter