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

Subject: City of Albany Support for San Francisco Estuary Partnership's East Bay Crescent Community Engagement and Climate Adaptation Project

Dear OPC SB 1 Grant Review Committee,

I am writing to express the City of Albany's commitment to San Francisco Estuary Partnership's proposal for the East Bay Crescent Community Engagement and Climate Adaptation Plan.

The dynamic East Bay Crescent shoreline includes residential, industrial, commercial, wetlands and natural shorelines, recreational areas, Interstate 80, and the eastern span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. In Albany in particular, the shoreline includes the popular McLaughlin Eastshore State Park, and the recently closed Golden Gate Fields horse racetrack. Sea level rise will have a profound impact on the future of these high-profile properties.

The East Bay Crescent Community Engagement and Climate Adaptation project will complete an assessment of the Alameda County shoreline portion of the East Bay Crescent Operational Landscape Unit, covering portions of Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. In addition to engagement with the cities, the project will function in close collaboration with Caltrans, Bay Area Toll Authority/Metropolitan Transportation Commission, East Bay Regional Parks District and the East Bay Municipal Utility District. Major project outputs include a Community Education and Engagement Plan, a Working Group and Equity Committee and outreach and engagement activities. As part of BCDC's Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan process, this project will also include an Exposure Analysis and Vulnerability Assessment and a Planning Pathways Assessment.

The City will commit to working with the Estuary Partnership/Association of Bay Area Governments as a close project partner and Working Group member. The City of Albany also will ensure community and Tribal consultation, and coordinate review of all project deliverables. We will coordinate this work through BCDC's Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan process.

For a small city such as Albany, pulling together such a wide variety of stakeholders, and coordinating work products on our own would be a significant challenge. Working together, the plan outputs will be a valuable resource for Albany's future planning efforts, ensuring our vision and policies are consistent with the evolving future of San Francisco Bay.

I am confident that with the necessary backing from OPC, the project will achieve great success.

Sincerely,

John Miki
Mayor
City of Albany