



Allison Brooks

*In Recognition and Appreciation of Her Leadership in
Fostering Collaborative Problem Solving Among the Regional Agencies in the San Francisco Bay Area*

WHEREAS, Allison Brooks is stepping down after nearly a dozen years of dedicated and distinguished service as BARC's Executive Director, during which time she wisely and judiciously advised the Governing Board while also skillfully leading the staff to coordinate regional agencies' efforts to address many of the Bay Area's most daunting challenges, including adaptation to climate change and the associated threats of sea-level rise, flooding, wildfire, and diminished air and water quality; and

WHEREAS, Allison Brooks, as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Resilient by Design/Bay Area Challenge orchestrated collaboration among elected officials, regional agency staff, national experts and Bay Area residents to identify feasible, effective and enduring infrastructure solutions to protect vulnerable Bay Area communities from climate-related hazards and to establish a model for implementation elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, Allison Brooks shepherded the development and execution of the 2024 memorandum of understanding between the four BARC agencies and the California State Coastal Conservancy, Caltrans District 4 and the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board that commits each party to a joint work program to address the threats of flooding and sea-level rise throughout the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, Allison Brooks came to BARC in 2013 with a deep background in establishing, nurturing and expanding public-private-nonprofit partnerships dealing with issues such as transportation, housing and economic development, and promptly put to positive public use her research prowess, technical expertise, political chops and persuasive skills honed from Ghana to Glen Park and Oakland to Israel;

Now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, that the Bay Area Regional Collaborative and the executive management teams of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Association of Bay Area Governments, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Caltrans District 4, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board and the State Coastal Conservancy hereby recognize Allison's work to help the Bay Area and its communities prepare for perils; honor her inquisitiveness; pay tribute to her fearlessness; appreciate her ability to bring people together in common purpose; and celebrate the affable, quick-to-laugh manner with which she makes hard work easier.

Set Forth in Appreciation, This 18th Day of April, Two Thousand Twenty-Five

Zach Wasserman, Chairperson
Bay Area Regional Collaborative