



October 30, 2018

Zack Wasserman, Chair
Bay Area Regional Collaborative
Metro Center
375 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Subject: State Coastal Conservancy request to join the Bay Area Regional Collaborative

Dear Chair Wasserman,

I respectfully request consideration of the addition of the State Coastal Conservancy as a non-voting member of the Bay Area Regional Collaborative. It is my understanding that BARC's Governing Board is made up of voting board members from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and the Association of Bay Area Governments, and non-voting staff delegates from the California Department of Transportation. These members work collaboratively to address crosscutting issues of regional concern, including climate change and sea level rise.

The Conservancy is a state agency, with a seven-member board, that works along California's coast, in coastal watersheds, and in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. Our San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program was established by legislation in 1997 and is charged with undertaking projects to protect open space, restore habitats and watersheds, help mitigate and adapt to climate change, provide regional trails and recreation, and connect urban populations with natural areas. Over the past twenty years, the Conservancy has supported approximately 500 projects in the Bay Area, protecting close to 100,000 acres of open space and constructing over 200 miles of trails. The Conservancy is intimately involved in the restoration of San Francisco Bay, engaged in close to 40,000 acres of wetlands restoration planning or implementation, and providing staff support to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority, and has worked with several communities to assess their vulnerabilities to sea level rise and prepare adaptation plans.

In recent years, the Conservancy has worked closely with BARC and/or its member agencies on a number of initiatives, including Resilient By Design, the Priority Conservation Area Program, the San Francisco Bay Trail and San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, the development of a Regional Advanced Mitigation Program, the development of a Bay Restoration Regulatory Integration Team, and as mentioned earlier, staff support for the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority.

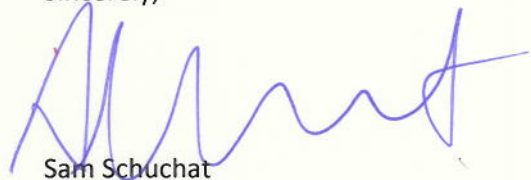
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Given the regional nature of the Conservancy's work, the overlapping areas of interest with BARC's member agencies, and the need for all regional agencies to work together to address the threats of climate change in the Bay Area, I believe it makes sense for the Conservancy to support the work of BARC as a non-voting member. As Executive Officer, I would be committed to regular participation in BARC board meetings, as well as providing support from Conservancy staff for BARC initiatives.

It has been a pleasure to work with BARC's staff and board members on previous endeavors. I appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to continued collaboration, regardless of the decision. You can contact me at sam.schuchat@scc.ca.gov or 510-286-4185 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sam Schuchat', with a stylized, flowing script.

Sam Schuchat
Executive Officer