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DATE: September 17, 2021

TO: BARC Governing Board

FROM: Allison Brooks, BARC Executive Director

RE: *BARC Joint Resolution to Address Climate Change*

At its last meeting on July 16, 2021, the BARC Governing Board recommended that BARC staff bring forth a resolution that represents a joint commitment by the BARC member agencies to work together to address the climate change crisis with the sense of urgency it deserves. The *Joint Resolution to Address Climate Change* brought forward for BARC Governing Board approval at today's meeting, developed through input and guidance from member agency leadership, serves to illustrate such a commitment. If approved, the *Joint Resolution to Address Climate Change* will direct BARC staff to work with our member agencies to create a Shared Work Plan, aligned with agency budgeting cycles, that will advance strategic, coordinated implementation of some of the highest-priority actions identified in the key regional agency plans and platforms over the next one to five years.

Not merely a symbolic commitment to coordination, or a repackaging of existing agency plans, the *Joint Resolution to Address Climate Change* will serve as a catalyst for more aligned and efficient regional action. In this way, the resolution advances the key guiding principles included in the strategic plan developed and approved by the BARC Governing Board in 2015. These principles are:

- BARC anticipates, identifies, and solves nascent and long-term crosscutting regional issues.
- BARC reaches across jurisdictional boundaries to maximize resources and develop effective public policy.
- BARC improves coordination and communication between the regional agencies and the Bay Area's cities, counties, transit agencies, and special districts creating greater efficiencies, delivering desired outcomes, and providing better service.
- Each BARC member agency retains its autonomy and voluntarily makes and implements Regional Collaborative agreements.
- BARC agrees to create alignment and efficiency, adding value to each agency's functions, for each policy issue that it tackles.
- The regional focus that BARC provides informs Board member decision-making in all positions of responsibility.

As a companion to the *Joint Resolution to Address Climate Change*, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) has requested the BARC Governing Board approve the *Joint Resolution on Bay Adapt: A Regional Strategy for a Rising Bay*. This resolution represents an endorsement of the Bay Adapt Joint Platform by BARC and a commitment by the BARC member agencies to help support and implement, where

appropriate, the actions identified in the Platform, whether individually or collectively. The *BARC Joint Resolution to Address Climate Change*, with its Shared Work Plan, would be an important vehicle to help advance the actions identified in the Bay Adapt Joint Platform.

In conclusion, BARC staff hereby request that the Governing Board approve both the *BARC Joint Resolution to Address Climate Change* and the *Joint Resolution on Bay Adapt: A Regional Strategy for a Rising Bay*. If approved, the resolutions brought forth today would set in motion important work by BARC staff and member agencies to elevate our response to climate change.