

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT: Xavier Fernandez
MEETING DATE: March 10, 2021

ITEM: 7

Bay Adapt Joint Platform – Presentation on the Status of the Bay Adapt Regional Strategy for a Rising Bay by Jessica Fain, Director of Planning, Bay Conservation and Development Commission – Information Item

DISCUSSION:

The Bay Adapt Regional Strategy for a Rising Bay is a collaborative regional planning initiative convened and staffed by the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) to establish actions necessary to protect people and the natural and built environment from rising sea levels around San Francisco Bay. Bay Adapt has developed a draft “Platform” of actions guided by a Leadership Advisory Group made up of a diverse group of Bay Area leaders from public agencies, interest groups, community-based organizations, and academia. The Leadership Advisory Group provided strategic direction, feedback on proposals, staff for workgroups to prepare the Platform of actions and is likely to commit resources to implement the Platform actions. Assistant Executive Officer, Lisa Horowitz McCann represents the Water Board on the Leadership Advisory Group, on behalf of Michael Montgomery, our official representative.

Bay Adapt has established a regional collaboration effort with a strong foundation in climate science, that incorporates adaptation efforts already underway and planned for the future. Through Bay Adapt, Bay Area regional, local and community leadership continue to work to identify, deliberate and commit to a set of shared actions that will allow the Bay Area to adapt better and faster to a rising Bay. Anticipated outcomes include a set of guiding principles for Bay Area adaptation to rising sea levels, a joint platform of priority actions with a commitment to act and a road map to act together and to seek and secure funding and financing for local and regional solutions and resilience to sea level rise. More information on Bay Adapt is available on BCDC’s web site at <https://www.bayadapt.org/>.