



STAFF REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: Regular Meeting of July 8, 2025

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

VIA: Dante Hall, City Manager

SUBMITTED BY: Tim Rood, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: MOU for Development of a Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan through the Ocean Protection Council Senate Bill 1 Grant Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By minute order, authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding by and Between the City of Antioch, Contra Costa County, City of Hercules, City of Martinez, City of Oakley, City of Pinole, City of Pittsburg, and City of San Pablo for Development of a Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan.

DISCUSSION:

In 2021, Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 1 ("SB 1") into law, which directs the State to provide funding to local and regional governments to develop sea level rise adaptation plans and implementation projects. In 2022, the California Air Resources Board awarded \$37.5 million dollars to the California Ocean Protection Council ("OPC") to support the implementation of SB 1. In the Budget Act of 2023, OPC received an additional \$54.5 million for the continued implementation of SB 1. The State FY 24-25 Budget maintained \$77 million in funding for OPC's SB 1 Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Grant Program ("SB 1 Grant Program"), which aims to provide funding for coastal communities to develop consistent sea level rise adaptation plans and projects to build resilience to sea level rise along the entire coast of California and the San Francisco Bay.

In 2023, Senate Bill 272 ("SB 272") required local agencies lying, in whole or in part, within the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission ("BCDC") to develop a subregional San Francisco Bay shoreline resiliency plan on or before January 1, 2034. The subregional plan must include use of the best available science, a vulnerability assessment that includes efforts to ensure equity for at-risk communities, sea level rise adaptation strategies and recommended projects, identification of lead planning and implementation agencies, and a timeline for updates. Local governments with subregional plans approved by BCDC will be

prioritized for implementation funding. SB 272 also requires BCDC to establish guidelines for the preparation of the subregional plans on or before December 31, 2024. BCDC adopted the Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan to comply with SB 272 requirements at its December 5, 2024, meeting.

In March 2024, the County submitted an application to OPC's SB 1 Grant Program to support the preparation of the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan, a sea level rise adaptation plan to ensure the County's compliance with SB 272. The County intends to coordinate with cities along the County's shoreline that are vulnerable to sea level rise impacts. The County's application included a budget allocation for Local Government Subcontractors to support the participation of these cities in the development of the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan. At OPC's June 4, 2024, meeting, OPC approved the authorization to disburse up to \$1,499,285 to Contra Costa County for the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan.

Several of these cities now wish to collaborate on the development of the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan to ensure consistency across local plans, engagement of all shoreline communities in the planning process, and collaborative implementation efforts. These cities include Antioch, Martinez, Pinole, Pittsburg, San Pablo, and Hercules. The proposed Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") memorializes the collective intent of these cities and the County to develop the Resilient Shoreline Plan in compliance with SB 272.

FISCAL IMPACT:

While the MOU may commit staff time to cooperate with the member jurisdictions and perform review of various materials and other tasks, there are no anticipated fiscal impacts associated with entering into this MOU.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft MOU