

## Bay Conservation and Development Commission

### Report to North Bay Cities<sup>1</sup>

May/June 2022

**BCDC Public Hearing on removal of port priority use designation of Howard Terminal:** On June 30, the BCDC will conduct our second all day meeting on the Port of Oakland and the Oakland Athletics request to amend the Bay Plan and Seaport Plan to remove the Port Priority Use designation at Howard Terminal (BPA 2-19). During the all day public hearing on June 2, 2022, BCDC was briefed on updates on the Cargo Forecast and conducted a public hearing with hundreds of public comments. If BCDC approves the request to amend the Bay Plan and Seaport Plan; and, the Oakland Athletics continue to move forward with the Waterfront Ballpark District Project as currently proposed, then the Project will be required to obtain a BCDC Major Permit. That public hearing would be conducted later in 2022.



The Waterfront Ballpark District Project as currently proposed by the Oakland Athletics provides for the following (as described in the Draft EIR):

- 1.2M square ft ballpark with 35,000 seats;
- 2,000 parking spaces for the ballpark;
- 400 Room Hotel totaling 280,000 sq ft
- 3,000 residential units
- 1.5M sq ft of office and commercial space
- 270,000 sq ft of retail space
- 18.3 acres of parks and open space
- 12 acres of streets and roadways

In 2019, the State Legislature adopted AB 1191 that requires BCDC to determine, “whether the Howard Terminal property (55 acres) and adjacent areas designated for port priority use, or portions of them, are no longer required for port priority use and shall be deemed free of the port priority use area designation for purposes of the Oakland Sports and Mixed-Use Project, or whether these areas are needed for port priority use and should continue in port priority use designation.” BCDC is required to make this determination within 140 days of certification of the City of Oakland’s Final Environmental Impact Report for the Oakland Waterfront Ballpark District. If BCDC approves the their request to remove the Port Priority Use by approving the Bay Plan Amendment 2-19, then the project will be required to obtain a BCDC Major Permit. If the A’s don’t enter a binding agreement by 2025, the Port Priority Use designation is automatically reinstated.

### **UPCOMING BCDC MEETINGS:**

**BCDC Commission** meets at 1:00 pm on the following dates: June 30 (all day Special Meeting – Howard Terminal); 21; August 4, 18; September 1, 15; October 6, 20; November 3, 17; and December 1, 15, 2022.

**BCDC Enforcement Committee** meets at 9:30 am on the following dates: July 14, 27; August 11, 24; September 8, 21; October 13, 26; November 3, 16; and December 8, 21, 2022.

**BCDC Design Review Board** meets at 5:00 pm on the following dates: July 11; August 15; September 12; October 17; November 14; and, December 12, 2022.

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