



TO: State Lands Commission

FROM: Eileen Boken,

State and Federal Legislative Liaison

Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN)

RE: State Lands Commission meeting for August 23, 2022 agenda item III Public Comment

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) was designated in 1992 and its boundaries extend from Cambria to the Marin Headlands.

However, the waters off San Francisco, Daly City and Pacifica were excluded. This area is also known as the donut-hole.

Since 2014, the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods has been advocating for the waters off San Francisco to be included in a National Marine Sanctuary; first as a southern expansion of the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary then as part of the Management Plan Review for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

Neither of those efforts has come to fruition.

Therefore, the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods is currently advocating for a new designation for a Golden Gate National Marine Sanctuary.

The Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods urges the State Lands Commission to join this advocacy.

#### NEW SUBJECT

At the June 23, 2022 meeting of the State Lands Commission, I commented on the concepts of desal and on an ocean water pump station for San Francisco's dedicated Emergency Firefighting Water System.

In a recent multi-agency report titled California's Water Supply Strategy; Adapting to a Hotter, Drier Future, desal is referred to multiple times.

Since desal typically has a large footprint and is energy intensive, a possible demonstration project off San Francisco's Ocean Beach could involve an off-shore desal technology which uses wave action instead of electricity.

A link to one possible company has been included in this written submission.



<https://www.aquatechtrade.com/news/desalination/desalination-wave-powered/>

It be clear, the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods members have no financial interest in any desal entities.

Regarding San Francisco's dedicated Emergency Firefighting Water System, in 1984 then Mayor Dianne Feinstein committed to being the dedicated Emergency Firefighting Water System to the Westside of San Francisco.

This would require an ocean water pump station.

A recent study by AECOM commissioned by the SFPUC alleges that the permitting process for an ocean water pump station would take between ten and twenty (10 and 20) years.

This timeframe seems excessive.

The Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods urges the Commission to confirm the accuracy of this timeframe.

And finally, both the Commission and its staff are invited to join the annual Sunset Community Festival on Saturday October 1, 2022. Join the Westside of San Francisco for a day of fun in the fog.

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**Attention:** This email originated from outside of SLC and should be treated with extra caution.

Dear State Lands Commission:

I am a resident of Oakland and the Secretary of the Board of the Oakland Asian Cultural Center, which is located approximately 1 mile away from the proposed Howard Terminal Ballpark Project. The Cultural Center's mission is to build healthy communities by sharing Asian culture to promote intergenerational and cross-cultural understanding and social justice. Our space (auditorium and classrooms) in Chinatown is essential for this purpose.

I request that the SLC require the Ballpark Project to include a public conference room as a condition of development approval, pursuant to AB 1191 (Stats 2019), Section 7, a. par. (10). The public conference room would be available free or at low cost to the public, including residents and members of West Oakland, Chinatown, and other communities.

There is currently no such public space in West Oakland. A space like this could strengthen the community by bringing people together for public discussions, educational events, and celebrations. Since it would be associated with the ballpark, the space would also be known to people beyond the immediate neighborhood, and potentially bring about a better understanding of the West Oakland community. With proper management, the Howard Terminal community room could become a popular means of public access to the bayside property — even by people from other parts of Oakland. We find that many people come to the Cultural Center who would not otherwise come to Oakland Chinatown.

I respectfully request that:

- (1) If the Howard Terminal property is to be used for non-maritime activities, the tidelands trust principle should be carried out by requiring a public community room as a condition of the Commission's approval under AB 1191.
- (2) Please email me with the date on which the SLC will consider any action on the Howard Terminal Ballpark Project.

Thank you very much,

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