

Written correspondence received; Agenda Item C - Dillworth

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**Subject:** 1000 and (3000-3500) Marina, Sierra Point Brisbane

Dear Ms. Pan, Mr. Lavine, and Ms. Brechwald,

I am a resident of Brisbane. We have two areas under your jurisdiction. Presently we are designing connections to The Bay Trail and Sierra Point Waterfront Open Space areas. From my perspective, both plans are remiss of the fact that this is a former dump and there is sea-level rise in our future. I am asking for your assistance. Secondly, does BCDC do any follow-up on their recommendations?

I am speaking specifically of 1000 (3000-3500) Marina Boulevard, Sierra Point, Brisbane (Item "C" <https://meetings.municode.com/adaHtmlDocument/index?cc=BRISBANECA&me=55779022b5934e2a9c75f3068f23df1f&ip=True>). It is on the agenda for this Thursday 2/23, at 7:30 pm.

I would like a comprehensive design. What is being proposed is piecemeal and the least possible accoutrements, a functional path, when there are opportunities to make these connections to The Bay exciting and educational. The city's choice of a categorical exemption when any removal of soil may penetrate into the cap of this 1980's design solid waste landfill seems an inaccurate assessment. Can you help us?

While the city and land owner do not recognize the benefits of the estuary adjacent-below there are a number of migratory birds and fish that do appreciate their connection to The Bay. To quote the city "the site does not directly abut the Bay waters"... "This project and grading review request... will satisfy BCDC's permit condition." Will it? The least possible recognition of the environment meets your permit condition?

Is it too much to ask that there be seating and water fountains? Installation(s) or improvement of the water fountain on the North end with a Fishermans' cleaning station? How about signage about the night-fishing herons and rays and skates that visit? Signage is mentioned, but the signage that ended up on the South Shores was about biotech. Do I need to preach about the Public Trust again?

Is development in our Bay to be devoid of recognition of our setting and impacts to the environment? Where's the requirement to use the way-making or retaining walls with a mural or mosaic designed to honor the environment? Are New Zealand Christmas trees truly the best choice here? Shouldn't our Open Space and Ecology Committee and the California Native Plant Society have a weigh in?

I am concerned about the loss of Public access to the Northern Shore. While there is talk about parking and no net-loss of parking in 1000 Marina Boulevard 's plan, Public Access and handicap parking needs to be addressed. Again, just meeting the standard may not be sufficient and taking away the 100 foot set-back from the Bay previously required for parking is not a no-net loss to the environment and the Public's current and future need for Open Space.

I have been an avid fan of the Sierra Point Slough. Before my disability, I would run dogs and collect clay for ceramics and educational purposes there. Over time, BCDC has allowed businesses to restrict public

day time parking, and have moved the Public Access parking spots away from the closest access to the Bay. I object to that denial of access. For folks with disabilities, this change makes the environment and access to the Bay less desirable. I ask that you look carefully at what the owners consider Public Access and take the time to correct the deficiencies.

Also, this land is subject to liquefaction, is an elevated track with less than 4' height retention adequate for "the Edge" of the bay, for our future King tides? I am wondering whether adequate engineering and environmental review has been applied.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 415-468-8587. I appreciate any help you may be able to provide.

Sincerely,  
Dana Dillworth

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