

Agenda Item No. (13)
(REVISED 03/28/25)

Board of Directors
Meeting of March 28, 2025



COMMUNICATIONS

1. Email from Dave Rhody, San Francisco Policy Co-Chair, Climate Reality Project, addressed to the Board of Directors, received on March 22, 2025, with an attached petition urging the District to work on a plan that will lead to a full transition to electric ferries, signed by the following individuals and organizations:
 - Mary Dube and Pam Allio, Co-Chairs, Climate Reality Bay Area Chapter
 - Joni Eisen, Steering Committee, San Francisco Climate Emergency Coalition
 - Nancy Haber, Coordinating Committee, 350 San Francisco
 - Jennifer Clary, President, San Francisco Tomorrow
 - Tom Benthin, Advisory Council, Indivisible Sonoma County
 - Robert M. Gould, MD, President, San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility
 - Christopher Pederson, President, San Francisco League of Conservation Voters
 - Eva Holman, Policy Advisor, and Nina Atkind, SF Chapter Manager, Surfrider-San Francisco Chapter
 - Leah Redwood, Action Coordinator, Extinction Rebellion San Francisco Bay Area
 - MaryRuth Gross, Legislative Chair, 350 Bay Area Action
 - Bradley Angel, Executive Director, Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice
 - Carter Lavin, Co-Founder, Transbay Coalition
 - Hub Coordinators, Political Leaders, Sunrise Bay Area
 - Raymond Kutz, President, Golden Gate Electric Vehicle Association
 - David Moller, P.E., Lead, Marin Sonoma Electric Vehicle Association
 - Hannah Estrada, Leadership Development Manager, Youth vs Apocalypse
 - Ann Colichidas, Board Member, Gray Panthers of San Francisco
 - Al Grumet and Marilyn Price, Co-Chairs, Sustainable Mill Valley.
 - Eric Brooks, Coordinator, Californians for Energy Choice
 - Eric Brooks, Campaign Coordinator, Our City SF

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A copy of the communication listed above is available upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

Petition to the:
Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District
Board of Directors

● March 2025 ●

Despite a Climate Emergency Resolution passed in 2019 and a 2024 Strategic Plan Initiative that called for “a long-term energy plan with implementation timeline goals for green transportation options for Bridge, Bus and Ferry operations”, **the Golden Gate Bridge District Board has yet to develop a plan for transitioning to electric ferries.**

Instead, the Bridge District is moving forward with plans for new diesel ferries.

It's understood that transitioning ferry operations from diesel to electric is not a simple issue. We also know that the large capacity ferries that the District operates need to meet the needs of your commuters in speed and efficiency and that the transition requires a new electrical charging infrastructure.

But we, the undersigned, argue that none of the issues are insurmountable. The Bay's other public ferry service known as San Francisco Bay Ferry, operated by WETA, is already operating electric ferries and is fully committed to phasing out diesel-powered ferries by 2035. All-electric ferry fleets are already operating in many other parts of the world, including Norway, Denmark and Finland. With ten new electric ferries and six more on the way, the Washington State Ferry Fleet, the largest in the U.S., is on track to achieve zero-emissions.

The Golden Gate Bridge District's current plans for new diesel ferries must be altered. If electric ferries and the infrastructure to support them cannot be developed fast enough, the plan should include a timeline for when those new ferries can be re-outfitted with electric battery power systems.

We urge the District to begin work immediately on a plan that will lead to a full transition to electric ferries. Without a plan to address ferry capacity, speed and charging infrastructure, the District is instead committing itself to ongoing greenhouse gas emissions from diesel ferries far into the future.

The Climate Emergency Resolution that this board passed unanimously in 2019 stated, “restoring a safe and stable climate requires an emergency mobilization to reach zero greenhouse gas emissions across all sectors.”

It's time to put those words into action.

- We, the undersigned do so attest:

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CALL TO ACTION!



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