

Tomales Bay and Bolinas Lagoon Guiding Principles for the EAC Waters Advisory Committee

Tomales Bay and Bolinas Lagoon are ecologically critical water bodies supporting many beneficial uses and facing threats of ocean acidification, marine debris, and other environmental dangers. Since its founding, EAC has been and remains dedicated to maintaining a healthy and vibrant Tomales Bay, Bolinas Lagoon, and their associated watersheds.

In 2018, EAC developed *Tomales Bay and Bolinas Lagoon Guiding Principles* to ensure our commitment to Tomales Bay, Bolinas Lagoon, and their associated watersheds by:

- 1) Protecting, preserving, and enhancing the unique and vulnerable marine and freshwater resources and habitats of these water bodies including eelgrass habitat, avian species, species subject to fisheries management, marine mammals, and special status species;
 - 2) Restoring and maintaining water quality; and
- 3) Supporting policies and actions which employ precautionary principles to sustain the complex ecological functions of Tomales Bay, Bolinas Lagoon, and their associated watersheds.