



**San Francisco Bay
Restoration Authority**

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Subject: **Advisory Committee—Completion of Formation**

Proposed Action

Action to complete formation of the Advisory Committee.

Summary

At its October 28, 2009 meeting, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Board (the Authority) acted to seat 15 initial members to its Advisory Committee. Staff subsequently notified these 15 nominees of their selection to the committee, notified the remaining six vetted¹ potential candidates that their addition to the committee was still pending, and provided Board members with a letter with which to solicit interest from any additional desired candidates. Staff held an orientation webinar for seated members on January 21, 2010.

At its January 27, 2010 meeting the Authority heard an update on the status of the Advisory Committee. Staff indicated it had not received any new nominations from Board members, and again requested that Board members solicit any additional desired candidates. Staff is transmitting the letter with which to solicit interest from additional desired candidates electronically as an attachment to this memo.

To date, two of the “vetted but still pending” nominees have since requested to be removed from consideration (Draper and Klehs), and one has reiterated interest in serving on the committee (Thompson). The following table summarizes member/nominee status to date. Staff has not received any additional nominee names from any Board member.

¹ For the purposes of this memo, “vetted” refers to a candidate for the advisory committee that has been nominated by staff or a member of Governing Board and who has expressed a willingness to serve.

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Table: Status of Advisory Committee Members and Vetted Nominees

	Name	Status	Orientation Webinar January 21, 2010
1.	Steve Abbors , General Manager, Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District	Seated October 28, 2009	
2.	Cindy Chavez , Executive Officer, South Bay Labor Council	Seated October 28, 2009	
3.	Patrick Congdon , General Manager, Santa Clara County Open Space Authority	Seated October 28, 2009	
4.	Grant Davis , Assistant General Manager, Sonoma County Water Agency	Seated October 28, 2009	
5.	Beth Huning , Coordinator, San Francisco Bay Joint Venture	Seated October 28, 2009	yes
6.	Ellen Johnck , Executive Director, Bay Planning Coalition	Seated October 28, 2009	
7.	Jerry Kent , Former Acting General Manager, East Bay Park and Recreation District	Seated October 28, 2009	
8.	David Lewis , Executive Director, Save The Bay	Seated October 28, 2009	yes
9.	Cynthia Murray , President/CEO, North Bay Leadership Council	Seated October 28, 2009	yes
10.	Bruce Raful , Proprietor, Raful & Associates	Seated October 28, 2009	yes
11.	Curt Riffle , Program Operations Manager, Conservation and Science, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation	Seated October 28, 2009	yes
12.	Patrick Rutten , Implementation Team Chair, NOAA Restoration Center	Seated October 28, 2009	yes
13.	Bob Spencer , Economist/Financial Consultant	Seated October 28, 2009	yes
14.	Mendel Stewart , Project Leader, Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge	Seated October 28, 2009	yes
15.	Will Travis , Executive Director, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission	Seated October 28, 2009	
	Dion Aroner ; former member of State Assembly; Partner, Aroner, Jewel & Ellis	Nomination vetted by staff;	
X	Ann Draper, Santa Clara Valley Water District	Nomination vetted by staff; declined to serve on Jan 5, 2010	
X	Johan Klehs, former member of State Assembly, Board of Equalization, Franchise Tax Board	Nomination vetted by staff; declined to serve on Jan 5, 2010	
	Sally Lieber ; sponsor of AB2954; former member of State Assembly	Nomination vetted by staff	
	Pat O'Brien , General Manager, East Bay Regional Park District	Nomination vetted by staff	
	Laura Thompson , Manager, San Francisco Bay Trail Project	Nomination vetted by staff; reaffirmed interest in serving on Apr 8, 2010	

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Staff now recommends that the Authority adopt a process to close the Advisory Committee formation process by setting deadlines for (a) individual Board members to vet their potential nominees and (b) the subcommittee (Foust, Gioia, Ting) to meet and make recommendations from among the vetted candidates for Board action at its July 28, 2010 meeting.

Attachment:

Letter to Solicit Interest from Potential Advisory Committee Candidates (sent electronically)

