



Governing Board

MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

MetroCenter

101 8th Street, Conference Room 171

Oakland, California 94607

For additional information, please contact:
Clerk of the Governing Board, (510) 464 7900

Agenda and attachments available at:
www.sfbayrestore.org

The Governing Board may take action on any item on this agenda.

1. Call to Order

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer, California State Coastal Conservancy

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comment

4. Announcements

5. Approval of Summary Minutes of April 24, 2013

Action

Attachment: Summary Minutes for April 24, 2013

6. Chair's Report

Information/Discussion

Sam Schuchat

A. South Bay Wetlands Tour on May 30, 2013

B. SB 279

7. Report on Outreach by Governing Board and Advisory Committee

Information

Governing Board members

8. Report on Ballot Access Costs

Information

Dave Pine, Supervisor, County of San Mateo

9. Report on Preparation for 2014 Ballot Measure

Information

Barry Barnes and Sarah Stern-Benoit, TBWB

10. Appointment of New Member to the Advisory Committee

Action

Sam Schuchat

Attachment: Denninger memo dated July 8, 2013

11. Adjournment

Next meeting is on September 25, 2013.

Agenda submitted by the Clerk of the Governing Board:

July 10, 2013

Agenda posted:

July 11, 2013



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SUMMARY MINUTES (DRAFT)

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1. Call to Order

Sam Schuchat, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Frederick Castro, Clerk, reported that six members were present. A quorum of the Governing Board was present.

Present were Sam Schuchat, Dave Cortese, Rosanne Foust, John Gioia, Dave Pine, John Sutter.

Absent was Keith Caldwell.

Present were Patricia Jones and Kenneth Moy (ABAG); Judy Kelly and Karen McDowell (San Francisco Estuary Partnership); Amy Hutzal and Melanie Denninger (California State Coastal Conservancy).

3. Public Comment

Caroline Warner, San Francisco Bay Joint Venture, announced an event recognizing the designation of the San Francisco Bay/Estuary as a “Wetland of International Importance”

under the Convention on Wetlands on May 10, 2013; a South Bay Wetlands Tour on May 30, 2013; and availability of information about different projects for those interested in visiting regions on their own.

There were no other public comments.

4. Announcements

Sutter reported on a news article regarding recent national polling which shows public support for preparing for rising seas and stronger storms from climate change with a preference for people with businesses and property in hazard areas paying for the preparation.

There were no other announcements.

5. Approval of Summary Minutes of January 23, 2013

A motion to approve the summary minutes of the Governing Board meeting on January 23, 2013, was made by Foust and seconded by Gioia. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Chair's Report

A. Reappointments to the Governing Board

Schuchat reported on the receipt of a letter from Mark Luce, President, Association of Bay Area Governments, reporting ABAG's reappointment of the current members of the Governing Board who were previously appointed to terms ending in April 2013. The new terms begin April 22, 2013 and end April 21, 2017, as follows:

Samuel Schuchat, Executive Officer, California State Coastal Conservancy—Chair
John Gioia, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa—East Bay
Keith Caldwell, Supervisor, County of Napa—North Bay
Rosanne Foust, Councilmember, City of Redwood City—South Bay
Dave Cortese, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara—Bayside City/County
John Sutter, Director, East Bay Regional Park District—Bayside City/Park District

B. Allowable Activities

Schuchat reported on allowable activities by members in support of placing a revenue measure on the ballot and referred members to Moy's memo on SFBRA ballot measure activities.

Members discussed allowable and prohibited activities related to ballot measures.

7. Legislation for Designation and Placement of Regional Ballot Measure

Schuchat reported on the status of amendments to SB 279 (Hancock) regarding ballot measures, including multi-county ballot designation and ballot placement. Schuchat noted that staff will continue to track the progress of this legislation.

Members discussed levying special taxes, unfunded mandates, and ballot uniformity and designation.

8. Outreach by Governing Board and Advisory Committee

Schuchat reported on the availability of additional outreach materials, including a jobs and economic benefits fact sheet, introductory letter, and sign up form, to be used by Governing Board and Advisory Committee members.

Members reported on their individual outreach activities.

9. Preparation for 2014 Ballot Measure

Stephen Knight, Save The Bay, reported on For The Bay initiative, legislative outreach, polling update, Silicon Valley Leadership Group support, and the hiring of TBWB.

Barry Barnes and Sarah Stern-Benoit, TBWB, reported on outreach to prepare for ballot measure and on successful multi-county measures.

Members discussed ballot measure development, polling related to support of tax measures and bay restoration, outreach, fundraising to place measure on ballot, economy improvements, and legislation related to lowering the vote threshold.

10. Advisory Committee: Reappointment of Original Appointees

Denninger reported on the reappointment of original and replacement members to the Advisory Committee.

A motion to reappoint eleven original appointees or their replacements to the Advisory Committee, including Steve Abbors, John Coleman, Grant Davis, Beth Huning, Jerry Kent, David Lewis, Sally Lieber, Cynthia Murray, Bruce Rafal, Bob Spencer, and Laura Thompson, was made by Foust and seconded by Pine. The motion passed unanimously.

Members discussed expectations of Advisory Committee members, and appointments listed by statute and representation from other sectors.

Pine offered to take the lead on investigating county ballot measure costs. The topic will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

11. Adjournment

The Governing Board meeting adjourned at about 2:33 p.m.

The next Governing Board meeting is on April 24, 2013.

Submitted by the Clerk of the Governing Board:
July 10, 2013

Approved by the Governing Board:
TBD



Date: July 8, 2013

To: Governing Board
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

From: Melanie Denninger
Project Specialist, State Coastal Conservancy

Subject: **Appointment of Chris Elias of the Santa Clara Valley Water District to the Advisory Committee**

This memo is to present another candidate recommended for appointment by the Governing Board to the Restoration Authority's Advisory Committee. The candidate, Christian Elias, is the Deputy Operating Officer for Watersheds for the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD).

The recommendation that Mr. Elias be appointed to the Advisory Committee is the result of an expression of interest by the SCVWD in participating more in the Restoration Authority, the concern voiced by members of the Alviso Collaborative that the SCVWD was not represented on the Advisory Committee, and agreement by Councilmember Foust and Supervisor Gioia—the Governing Board's Committee on the Advisory Committee—that Mr. Elias be considered for appointment.

The following is a brief biography for Mr. Elias:

Chris Elias has more than 20 years experience working both in private and public sectors. Chris joined the Santa Clara Valley Water District in 2000 and has served in various capacities since then. Chris is currently serving as the Deputy Operating Officer for Watersheds where he is managing an inter-disciplinary team of 54 employees overseeing engineering and field operations activities. For two years prior, Chris was Assistant Operating Officer where he oversaw the work of 41 employees in the Office of Technical Support in Water Utility Enterprise and Operations with a budget of \$12 million. In that capacity, he managed multi-disciplinary teams in the Dam Safety Program, Utility Electrical and Control Systems Engineering, Operations Program Support Unit and Environmental Planning and Compliance Program.

In 2011, Chris served as the Acting Chief Operating Officer for Watersheds at the District where he reported directly to the CEO and was responsible for all watershed activities, projects, programs and personnel and served as a key member of the executive leadership team. As the

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Chief Operating Officer, he directed a multi-disciplinary staff of 223 with an operating budget of \$69.8 million and a capital budget for approximately \$86.4 million.

Prior to that role, he served as Assistant Operating Officer in the District's Water Utility Operations Division managing more than 50 employees with an annual operating budget of \$15 million and oversaw asset management program, utility maintenance, water measurement and raw water operations. He successfully managed the Office of CEO/Board Support before transitioning into Water Utility Enterprise.

Before joining the District, Chris was the Director of Environmental and Energy Programs for the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group, a public policy trade association, where he represented more than 195 large high-tech firms and their 275,000 employees. Previously, Chris spent about 10 years working at the Sacramento Municipal Utility District and the California Environmental Protection Agency.

Active in the community, Chris serves as Treasurer of the Santa Clara County League of Conservation Voters, member of VTA Citizens Advisory Committee. For 10 years, Chris also served as Vice President of Advocacy and Public Policy for the San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP.

These vast technical and public policy backgrounds, among others, helped Chris over the years in playing a leadership role in the successful campaign to reduce flows from Santa Clara Valley into the San Francisco Bay in late 1990s; co-leading a statewide effort to pass Propositions 12 and 13 in 2000; assisting with development of a collaborative approach to Adobe flood protection project for the communities of Los Altos and Los Altos Hills; development of a successful and productive relationship with the State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards; and deploying asset management program to improve system reliability in Water Utility Operations Division and Watersheds Division.

Chris holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Metropolitan State College of Denver, Colorado and a Master of Science degree in Project and Systems Management from Golden Gate University, San Francisco, California. Chris is also a graduate of the Executive Leadership Institute, a leading program of the *National Forum for Black Public Administrators*.