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To: Governing Board
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

From: Amy Hutzal
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Subject: **Appointment to the Advisory Committee**

Staff is recommending that the Governing Board appoint Andrea Jones to represent Audubon California on the Advisory Committee. The previous Audubon California representative, Jordan Wellwood, who was the Director of the Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary, has left this position at Audubon California. Andrea Jones, Director of Bird Conservation at Audubon California, has been recommended by Audubon California to be appointed to the Advisory Committee. Audubon California represents an important stakeholder with interests in the restoration of Bay wetlands.

The following is a brief biography for Ms. Jones:

Andrea Jones is the Director of Bird Conservation for Audubon California. Andrea leads Audubon's coastal programs and works with staff and the network of Audubon chapters across the state to implement conservation projects at high priority Important Bird Areas (IBAs). She oversees Audubon's efforts in priority bird species and serves as a spokeswoman for bird conservation across California. Prior to California, Andrea worked at Massachusetts Audubon where she served as the Director of the Coastal Waterbird Program. Andrea received her M.S. in Wildlife Conservation/Ornithology and her B.S. in Wildlife Biology and Management from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She is a past board member and continues to volunteer for her local Audubon chapter, Morro Coast Audubon. Andrea is currently serving as Interim Director for the San Francisco Bay Program.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Governing Board approve the appointment of Andrea Jones, Director of Bird Conservation, Audubon California, to the Advisory Committee of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority.