



**SAN FRANCISCO BAY**  
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

# Governing Board

## SUMMARY MINUTES

July 17, 2020

11:00 A.M – 1:00 P.M

Teleconference Meeting

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Agenda and attachments available at:  
[www.sfbayrestore.org](http://www.sfbayrestore.org)

### **Call to Order**

Dave Pine, Chair of the Governing Board, called the meeting to order at 11:02 A.M.

Chair Pine provided Zoom teleconference meeting instructions and announced that Item 13 would be presented directly following Item 10.

### **1. Roll Call**

Maggie Jenkins, Acting Clerk of the Governing Board, reported that all seven members were present: Vinnie Bacon, John Gioia, Susan Gorin, Karen Holman, Aaron Peskin, Dave Pine, and Kate Sears.

A quorum of the Governing Board was present at 11:03 A.M.

There were no absences.

### **2. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **3. Board Member Announcements**

There were no announcements.

### **4. Chair's Report**

Dave Pine, Chair of the Governing Board, updated the board about the status of resiliency bonds.

### **5. Executive Reports**

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (Authority), summarized the quarterly report on expenditures under delegated authority, informed the board about the joint agency workshop on shoreline adaptation financing, provided a bond update, and announced the Authority's first project completion.

**6. Approval of Summary Minutes of May 8, 2020**

Summary minutes of the Governing Board Meeting for May 8, 2020 were approved with no corrections.

Ayes: Bacon, Gioia, Gorin, Holman, Peskin, Pine, Sears

Absent: None

**7. Bay Restoration Series, Workshop #10: 2019 State of the Estuary Report**

Caitlin Sweeney, Director of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership presented the State of the Estuary Report 2019 Update.

The board commented and discussed. There were no public comments.

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**8. SUISUN MARSH FISH SCREEN REHABILITATION PROJECT: PHASE 1**

Karen McDowell, Deputy Program Manager of the Restoration Authority, presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Steve Chappell, Executive Director, Suisun Resource Conservation District.

Resolution:

“The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed four hundred and fifty-four thousand, six hundred and twenty-four dollars (\$454,624) to Suisun Resource Conservation District to develop and test repair designs to rehabilitate Suisun Marsh Essential Fish Screens along Montezuma Slough and to upgrade the solar facilities that power pumps at six remote Essential Fish Screen sites to ensure resiliency for 5,369 acres of managed wetlands in Suisun Marsh of Solano County. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Authority the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.

2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Authority funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Act, Gov. Code Sections 66700-66706.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure (Measure AA).
3. The grantee is not required to enter into a project labor agreement per Resolution 22 because construction costs for the project will not exceed \$500,000.
4. The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority has independently reviewed and considered the *Suisun Marsh Habitat Management, Preservation, and Restoration Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (SMP EIR/S)*, which was certified by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) on December 22, 2011 (Exhibit 3) The EIR/S indicates that the project has potentially significant effects in the areas of Air Quality, Noise, Utilities and Public Services, Cultural Resources, Public Health and Environmental Hazards. As described in the EIR/S and accompanying MMRP (Exhibit 4) mitigation measures have been incorporated into the project, which will eliminate or substantially lessen all potentially significant effects to a less than significant level. There is no substantial evidence that the project as mitigated will have a significant effect on the environment.”

The board commented and discussed. There were no public comments

Project approval was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Bacon, Gioia, Gorin, Holman, Peskin, Pine, Sears

Absent: None

**9. AMERICAN CANYON WETLANDS RESTORATION PLAN**

Maggie Jenkins, Sea Grant Fellow of the State Coastal Conservancy, presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Creighton Wright, Parks and Recreation Director of the City of American Canyon.

Resolution:

“The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) to the City of American Canyon to conduct feasibility studies, form a Technical Advisory Committee, prepare a Wetlands Restoration Plan, and prepare a Monitoring Plan. The American Canyon Wetlands Restoration Plan will summarize opportunities for projects that will protect, restore, and enhance wetland and upland habitat along the City’s shoreline in Napa County. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Authority the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Authority funding.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Act, Gov. Code Sections 66700-66706.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure (Measure AA).”

The board commented and discussed. There were no public comments

Project approval was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Bacon, Gioia, Gorin, Holman, Peskin, Pine, Sears

Absent: None

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### **10. HERON'S HEAD PARK SHORELINE RESILIENCE PROJECT: PHASE 1**

Marilyn Latta, Project Manager of the Restoration Authority, presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Carol Bach, Environmental Affairs Manager, Port of San Francisco.

Resolution: "The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed two hundred ninety seven thousand dollars (\$297,000) to the Port of San Francisco for Phase One of the Heron's Head Park Shoreline Resilience Project. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Authority the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Authority funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained."

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The board commented and discussed. There were no public comments

Project approval was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Bacon, Gioia, Gorin, Holman, Peskin, Pine, Sears

Absent: None

**13. Request to Accept Advisory Committee’s Recommendations for Implementing Measure AA in a Manner that Benefits Economically Disadvantaged Communities**

Dr. Ana Alvarez, Vice Chair of the Restoration Authority Advisory Committee, presented Resolution 70 to accept the Advisory Committee’s recommendations for implementing Measure AA in a manner that benefits economically disadvantaged communities.

The board commented and discussed. A board member requested that Recommendation 3.2 be implemented with the short-term recommendations.

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer of the Restoration Authority, amended Resolution 70 to move Recommendation 3.2 to the short-term recommendations, and Resolution 70 as amended was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously. There were no public comments.

Ayes: Bacon, Gioia, Gorin, Holman, Peskin, Pine, Sears

Absent: None

**11. Approval of Revised Documents for 2020 Grant Round**

Jessica Davenport, Deputy Program Manager of the Authority, presented Resolution 68, to authorize release of the request for proposals, grant pre-application form, and grant application form for the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority’s 2020 grant round.

There were no public comments.

The board commented and discussed. A board member requested that the concept of habitat connectivity be added to Section II.d. “Eligible Project Types and Activities” in the final version of the 2020 Request for Proposals, and the Executive Officer made the requested change.

Resolution 68 to authorize release of the request for proposals, grant pre-application form, and grant application form for the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority’s 2020 Grant Round was moved, with the above amendment to the final version of the 2020 Request for Proposals adding habitat connectivity, and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Bacon, Gioia, Gorin, Holman, Peskin, Pine, Sears

Absent: None

**12. Community Grants Program**

Linda Tong, Project Manager of the Authority, presented Resolution 69 to create a Community Grants Program.

The board commented and discussed. There were no public comments.

Resolution 69 to create a Community Grants Program was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Bacon, Gioia, Gorin, Holman, Peskin, Pine, Sears

Absent: None

**14. Appointment of New Advisory Committee Member**

Jessica Davenport, Deputy Program Manager of the Authority, presented Resolution 71 to appoint Chris Barr, Acting Manager of the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex, to represent the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the Advisory Committee.

There were no public comments.

Resolution 71 to appoint Chris Barr to the Advisory Committee was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Bacon, Gorin, Holman, Peskin, Pine, Sears

Absent: Gioia

**15. Appointment of New Oversight Committee Member**

Karen McDowell, Deputy Program Manager for the Authority, presented Resolution 72 to appoint a new member to the Oversight Committee.

Don Arnold, appointee for the Oversight Committee, introduced himself and commented.

Resolution 72 to appoint a new member to the Oversight Committee was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Bacon, Gorin, Holman, Peskin, Pine, Sears

Absent: Gioia

**16. Update on South Bay Shoreline Project**

Brenda Buxton, Deputy Program Manager for the Authority, presented an update on the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project.

Rechelle Blank, Deputy Operating Officer, Santa Clara Valley Water District, commented to express gratitude for project support from the Authority.

The board asked questions and discussed and requested another update on the South Bay Shoreline project at a future meeting.

**17. Adjournment**

Chair Pine adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 1:17 p.m.