



SAN FRANCISCO BAY
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

Governing Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

June 24, 2022

11:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Hybrid Teleconference Meeting

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Agenda and attachments available at:

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1. Call to Order

Dave Pine, Chair of the Governing Board, called the meeting to order at 11:02 A.M. Chair Pine provided instructions on how to make public comments by connecting to the meeting's Zoom teleconference.

2. Roll Call

Devin Bancod, Clerk of the Governing Board, reported that seven (7) members were present: Aaron Peskin, Karen Holman, Sally Lieber, John Gioia, Susan Gorin, Sophie Hahn, and Dave Pine.

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

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Board Member Announcements

Councilmember Lieber made comments regarding the U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

5. Chair's Report

Chair Pine announced that Nancy Cave and Paul Jones would be stepping down from the Oversight Committee and thanked them for their service.

6. Executive Reports

Amy Hutzel, Executive Officer of the Authority, reported on the following:

- State Coastal Conservancy’s Fiscal Year 2022/2023 budget for coastal resilience and nature-based sea level rise adaptation projects;
- Updates on federal funding for San Francisco Bay restoration projects; and
- Updates on the work of the State Route 37-Baylands Group to express concerns to Caltrans about the proposed interim projects and support for the ultimate project, elevating the road on a causeway.

7. Approval of Summary Minutes of April 22, 2022

Summary minutes of the Governing Board Meeting of April 22, 2022 were approved with no corrections.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Peskin, Lieber, Gorin, Holman, Hahn

8. Independent Citizens Oversight Committee’s Annual Review of Conformance with Measure AA

Paul Jones, Chair of the Authority’s Oversight Committee, gave a report on the Authority’s conformance with the provisions of Measure AA. Councilmember Hahn and Supervisor Gorin thanked Mr. Jones for his report. Ms. Cave and Mr. Jones thanked the Authority’s board members for the opportunity to serve on the Oversight Committee and thanked staff members for their support.

9. Advisory Committee Chair’s Report

Jessica Martini-Lamb, Chair of the Advisory Committee, gave a presentation on the committee’s recommendations to advance equity in the Authority’s grants and programs. Jessica Davenport, Deputy Program Manager of the Authority, provided additional detail on the measures that will be taken to reach the committee’s goals.

10. Budget and Staff Work Plan

A. Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget

Derek Hansel, Treasurer of the Authority, presented the Authority’s budget for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 and Resolution 98 *Adopting the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget*. The board commented on and discussed the presentation. Resolution 98 was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Peskin, Lieber, Gorin, Holman, Hahn

B. Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Staff Work Plan

Jessica Davenport, Deputy Program Manager, gave a presentation on the Authority's Staff Work Plan for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023. The board commented on and discussed the presentation. Item approval was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Peskin, Lieber, Gorin, Holman, Hahn

GRANT ITEMS

11. De-Pave Park

Karen McDowell, Deputy Program Manager of the Authority, presented the staff recommendation on behalf of Natasha Dunn, Project Manager of the Authority.

Speaking in favor of the staff recommendation: Amy Wooldridge of the City of Alameda.

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) to the City of Alameda to complete a master plan, 30% design plans, and a community stewardship program for restoration and enhancement of De-Pave Park in the city of Alameda, Alameda County to provide for the park to have a range of habitats, from subtidal and tidal to upland, and public access amenities. 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 recommendation 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 the proposed authorization is for planning work.

The board commented and discussed. Project approval was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Peskin, Lieber, Gorin, Holman, Hahn

12. Grassroots Ecology

Virgilio Cuasay, Project Manager of the Authority, presented the staff recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the staff recommendation: Junko Bryant of Grassroots Ecology and Violet Saena of Climate Resilient Communities.

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed six hundred eighty-eight thousand sixteen dollars (\$688,016) to Grassroots Ecology to restore and enhance marsh-upland transition zone habitat along the San Francisco Bay Trail in Ravenswood Open Space Preserve and at Cooley Landing, work with East Palo Alto-based community groups to provide restoration training and organize stewardship events, and hire local young adults for restoration internships in San Mateo 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 retained 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 an agreement with the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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. Project approval was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Peskin, Lieber, Gorin, Holman, Hahn

13. SAFER Bay

Laura Cholodenko, Project Manager of the Authority, presented the staff recommendation. Speaking in favor of the staff recommendation: Margaret Bruce of the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority.

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority to conduct planning, perform data collection and analysis, develop design plans, and prepare program-level and project-level California Environmental Quality Act documentation for the Strategy to Advance Flood Protection, Ecosystems and Recreation along San Francisco Bay (SAFER Bay) Planning Project in San Mateo 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 retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Authority funding.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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. Project approval was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Peskin, Lieber, Gorin, Holman, Hahn

14. Living Shorelines

Marilyn Latta, Project Manager of the Authority, presented the staff recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the staff recommendation: Jeremy Lowe of the San Francisco Estuary Institute.

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the San Francisco Estuary Institute for monitoring, preparation of guidance on programmatic permitting, and establishment of a framework for collaboration on development of living shoreline projects as part of the Regionally Advancing Living Shorelines in San Francisco Bay Project at 10 locations in the Central Bay in San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa and Marin counties. 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 retained.
3. A plan for acknowledgment of Authority funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the monitoring activities have been obtained.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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. Project approval was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Peskin, Lieber, Gorin, Holman, Hahn

15. Appointment of New Advisory Committee Member

Jessica Davenport, Deputy Program Manager, presented Resolution 99 *Appointing a New Member to Represent the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission on the Advisory Committee* to the board to appoint Erik Buehmann to the Authority's Advisory Committee.

The board commented and discussed. Resolution 99 was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Peskin, Lieber, Gorin, Holman, Hahn

16. BRRIT Annual Report

Evyann Sloane, Project Manager of the Authority; Sahrye Cohen, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and Alison Weber-Stover, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, presented the annual report of the Bay Restoration Regulatory Integration Team (BRRIT).

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

17. Development of Tribal Engagement Policy

Erica Johnson, Project Manager of the Authority, gave a presentation on the development of the Authority's Tribal Engagement Policy. The board commented and discussed. There were no public comments.

18. Adjournment

Chair Pine adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 1:26 P.M.