Call for Applications to Serve on the
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Advisory Committee

Due October 26, 2018

In 2016, voters of the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area passed Measure AA, the San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure. This measure is a parcel tax of $12 per year, raising approximately $25 million annually for twenty years to fund shoreline projects that will protect and restore the Bay. The Governing Board of the Restoration Authority awarded the first round of grants funded by Measure AA in April 2018.

Measure AA is expected to generate $500 million over 20 years. Funding from this measure will allow for the restoration of thousands of acres of natural habitat for wildlife, support our local economy, improve access to public lands, address flooding issues, and create thousands of new jobs.

The Authority’s Governing Board seeks community and agency representatives and other experts to serve on the San Francisco Bay Restoration Advisory Committee (AC). A stipend for attending meetings will be provided to eligible AC members. Send your application to AC Clerk Anna.Schneider@scc.ca.gov by October 26, 2018.

The AC’s role is to provide diverse perspectives, generate new ideas, and seek consensus on recommendations to Governing Board of the Restoration Authority.

Over the past two years, the AC has fulfilled its role by:

- Commenting on the grant program documents and procedures;
- Developing a proposed definition of economically disadvantaged communities for the grant program guidelines that was adopted by the Governing Board;
- Developing recommendations on performance measures for the grant program; and
- Advising the staff of the Restoration Authority in developing a communications strategy.

Future work of the AC is expected to include:

- Following up on recommendations provided by an environmental justice panel convened by the AC to provide advice on improvements to outreach and technical assistance to partners in disadvantaged communities;
- Reviewing and commenting on the Authority’s Annual Report; and
- Other efforts to be determined by the AC with input from the Governing Board and staff.

The AC may have a maximum of 34 members. Half of the current members’ terms will expire in Feb. 2019. The Governing Board will appoint up to 17 members, which may include all new members or a combination of new members and reappointed members.
Serving on the Committee will not prevent that Committee member’s organization from applying for grants. Conflicts of interest will be avoided through specific policies that restrict members from influencing project selection in grant rounds in which they are competing for funds. Those AC members who are not applying for funds or explicitly supporting specific projects in a given round may volunteer to serve as grant application reviewers.

The Board seeks Advisory Committee members from all nine Bay Area counties with racial, ethnic, income, and gender diversity and expertise in the following areas:

- Habitat restoration
- Environmental justice
- Water quality
- Flood protection
- Public access and recreation
- Pollution reduction
- Economic
- Public and private financing
- Community engagement
- Regulatory policies
- Regional and local governance in the San Francisco Bay Area
- Operation and maintenance of public lands
- Monitoring and evaluation of restoration
- Public and private partnerships
- Public health
- Climate change.

Background

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority was formed by the California Legislature in 2008. The Authority’s mission is to raise and allocate resources for the restoration, enhancement, protection, and enjoyment of wetlands and wildlife habitat in the San Francisco Bay and along its shoreline, as well as related public recreation and flood protection projects.

The Authority is led by a Governing Board of seven members from local governments. An Advisory Committee comprised of private citizens, local stakeholders and experts on Bay issues supports the work of the Authority. The Advisory Committee represents both the interests of the community, as well as the interests of agencies within the Restoration Authority’s jurisdiction, pertaining to the restoration of wetland areas in the San Francisco Bay and along its shoreline.

For more information on the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority, please visit our website. Information about the AC can be found here.
To Apply

If interested, please fill out the attached application, and send it electronically to Anna Schneider at Anna.Schneider@scc.ca.gov by October 26, 2018.

Questions? Contact Jessica Davenport, Project Manager, SF Bay Restoration Authority, at Jessica.Davenport@scc.ca.gov or 510-286-4164.