Resolution No. 141

Reappointing Two Members to Second Terms to the Restoration Authority's Independent Citizens Oversight Committee

Whereas, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority ("Authority") was established by the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Act, California Government Code Section 66700 et seq. ("Act"), as a regional entity to generate and allocate resources for the protection and enhancement of tidal wetlands and wildlife habitat in San Francisco Bay and along its shoreline; and

Whereas, in June of 2016, the San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure ("Measure AA") passed with over a two-thirds majority in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area; and

Whereas, Measure AA requires that the Authority appoint six members of the public to an Independent Citizens Oversight Committee ("Oversight Committee") that shall: (a) annually review the Authority's conformance with Measure AA; (b) review the Authority's audits and expenditure and financial reports; and (c) publish an annual report of its findings, which shall be posted on the Authority's website; and

Whereas, Measure AA further requires that the six members of the Oversight Committee shall include residents of the North Bay, East Bay, West Bay, and South Bay, as defined in Government Code Section 66703(a), who are experts in water quality, pollution reduction, habitat restoration, flood protection, improvement of public access to the Bay, or financing of these objectives; and

Whereas, the Authority has adopted the *San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Independent Citizens Oversight Committee Procedural Document*, adopted April 27, 2016, amended February 10, 2017, October 15, 2021, and October 20, 2023 ("Procedural Document"); and

Whereas, Demece Garepis from San Francisco County and Arthur Deicke from Sonoma County are currently serving on the oversight Committee, filling the West Bay seat and at-large seat, respectively, with their first terms set to expire on December 31, 2025; and

Whereas, Demece Garepis and Arthur Deicke are both highly qualified to serve on the Oversight Committee, as described in Exhibit A below; have been active members of the Oversight Committee in their first terms; and have expressed interest in serving second terms; and

Whereas, the Procedural Document states that the Governing Board may reappoint members to a second term without following the regular appointment process;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby appoints Demece Garepis, San Francisco County, representing the West Bay; and Arthur Deicke, Sonoma County, filling an at-large position, to the Oversight Committee for second terms, commencing January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority at its meeting on December 5, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Governing Board Members Blackaby, Gauthier, Washington, Holman, Gioia

NOES: Governing Board Members _____

ABSENT: Governing Board Members Manfree, Cwirko-Godycki

ABSTAIN: Governing Board Members _____

John Gioia

John Gioia, Chair

I, Paul Johnson, Clerk of the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority at its meeting of December 5, 2025, which Resolution is on file in the office of this regional governmental entity.

Paul Johnson

Paul Johnson, Clerk

Resolution 141, Exhibit A

Biographies

Arthur Deicke, Sonoma County: Arthur serves as Managing Member of Environmental Pollution Solutions LLC. His experience in water quality and pollution prevention includes storm water management and remediation of contaminated soil and ground water. He has also conducted budget reviews for public, private and non-profit organizations. Arthur serves as a board member for the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation, whose main mission is habitat restoration. He most recently served on the Authority's Advisory Committee, participating in the Annual Report Ad Hoc Committee and Project Application Reviews. With a focus on the Authority's funding and conformance with Measure AA, he decided to bring his skills and experience in service to the Oversight Committee. During his first term of service, he was an active member and provided insightful comments to the committee.

Demece Garepis, San Francisco County: Demece serves as Controller for Farallon Geographics, which provides open source geomapping for cultural and environmental preservation. From this she brings experience in financing, contracting, and monitoring of cultural heritage and urban planning projects around the San Francisco Bay. In addition, Demece volunteers with the San Francisco Parks Alliance and writes guidebooks for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to showcase sites accessible along the SF Bay Trail and Water Trail. Demece also served as a board member for the Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center and Housing Corporation. During her first term of service, she was an active member of the committee, including serving on the ad hoc writing subcommittee one year.