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RESTORATION AUTHORITY

DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES

San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
Independent Citizens Oversight Committee

February 20, 2026, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

375 Beale Street, 1st Floor, Claremont Room (112)
San Francisco, CA 94105

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1. **Call to Order**
   Jim Fiedler, Chair, Independent Citizens Oversight Committee started the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

2. **Determination of Quorum**
   Sarina Seaton, Clerk of the Oversight Committee

   The clerk determined that the following committee members were present: Jim Fiedler, Dr. Terry Young, Arthur (Art) Deicke, Garth Hall. A quorum was determined to be present.

   Susan Ives joined the meeting at 9:37 am.

3. **Public Comment**
   The clerk determined that there were no public comments.

4. **Introductions and Announcements**

   Members introduced themselves. The following staff also introduced themselves: Sarina Seaton, Karen McDowell, Art Deicke, Dr. Terry Young, Jim Fiedler, Garth Hall. Susan Ives.

5. **Approval of Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2025**
   Item 5: *Draft Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2025*

Dr. Terry Young moved for approval of Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2025. The motion was seconded by Garth Hall. All committee members were in favor.
The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Oversight Committee Operations

A. General Information

Karen McDowell, Program Manager, reviewed committee operations.

B. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Selection of Chair and Vice Chair. One year Commitment, starts at the end of this meeting. Garth Hall moved for the election of Jim Fiedler for Chair and Dr. Terry Young seconded the motion. All committee members were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Terry Young moved for the election of Garth Hall for Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Jim Fiedler. All committee members were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Formation of Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Discussion of the ad hoc subcommittee commenced. Art Deicke motioned to create an ad hoc subcommittee consisting of the Chair, Vice Chair, and Demece Garepis. Susan Ives seconded the motion. All committee members were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Review Staff's Response to Oversight Committee
Jim Fiedler, Chair, Independent Citizens Oversight Committee
Item 7: *Staff Response to Oversight Committee Letter covering Fiscal Year 2023/2024*
Jim Fiedler led a discussion on the staff response.

8. Construction Projects Status Update
Sara Haugen, Project Manager
Item 8: *Memo on Status of Restoration Authority Construction Projects Portfolio*
Sara Haugen presented the construction project status update.

9. Review Annual Report, Financial Report & Audit, Staff Work Plan, and Program Budget
Karen McDowell, Program Manager
Item 9, Attachment 1: *Annual Report of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority FY 24/25*
Item 9, Attachment 2: *FY 24/25 Work Plan and Budget Approved at the June 14, 2024, Governing Board Meeting*
Item 9, Attachment 3: *San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended June 30, 2025*

Karen McDowell presented the annual report and answered questions about the other report.

10. Communications Update
Taylor Samuelson, Public Information Officer

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

11. Discussion of Report and Potential Recommendations
Jim Fiedler, Chair, Independent Citizens Oversight Committee
Item 11: *Independent Citizens Oversight Committee Annual Review Letter FY 23-24*

Jim Fiedler led the discussion on recommended topics to cover in the FY 24-25 letter.

12. Oversight Committee Meeting Schedule and Next Steps
Jim Fiedler, Chair, Independent Citizens Oversight Committee

A. Future Meeting Schedule

Jim Fiedler led the discussion for the meeting dates and times. The committee discussed needing more time for the meeting on May 1st. Dr. Terry Young made a motion for the following dates and times: Friday, May 1st from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, and Monday, June 1st from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Art Deicke seconded the motion. All committee members were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Next Steps

Jim Fiedler led the discussion about next steps. The ad hoc subcommittee will work on a draft letter based on comments from this meeting.

13. Adjourn

Jim Fiedler adjourned the meeting at 3:19 pm.

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