SAN FRANCISCO BAY
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

Governing Board
DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES
March 6, 2025
10:03 a.m. – 12:12 p.m.
Hybrid Teleconference Meeting

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1. **Call to Order**
   John Gioia, Chair of the Governing Board, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. **Roll Call**
   Paul Johnson, Clerk of the Governing Board, confirmed that five (5) members were present at roll call: Councilmember Blackaby, Supervisor Gauthier, Councilmember Washington, Director Holman, and Chair Gioia. A quorum of the Governing Board was confirmed at 10:04 a.m. Supervisor Manfree joined shortly after roll call.

3. **Public Comments**
   There were no public comments.

4. **Chair's Report**
   Chair Gioia made no announcements.

5. **Board Member Announcements**
   There were no Board Member announcements.

6. **Executive Reports**
   Jessica Davenport, Program Manager, presented the executive reports. She presented: the Memo on Expenditures under Executive Officer's Delegated Authority; an update on the Coastal Conservancy's ability to disburse Fiscal Year 2025-26 Proposition 4 funds, which may be allocated for the San Francisco Bay; and information about the Restore America's Estuaries Conference in San Francisco September 22 – 25, 2026.

   Taylor Samuelson, Public Information Officer, acknowledged the passing of Doug McConnell in February 2026 and his work with the Restoration Authority, and presented a video featuring McConnell and the South Bay Salt Ponds A2W levee breach to the Bay.

7. **Approval of Summary Minutes of December 5, 2025**
   Summary Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting of December 5, 2025 were approved with no corrections.

Moved and seconded.
Ayes: Supervisor Manfree, Councilmember Blackaby, Supervisor Gauthier, Councilmember Washington, Director Holman, and Chair Gioia.

8. Advisory Committee Chair's Report

Advisory Committee (AC) Chair Casey Skinner presented the Chair's Report. Chair Skinner reported that the AC last met in February 2026. The AC received a report on the State of the Estuary, which reports on 24 indicators of estuary health and will be updating data as it becomes available over the next two years. Additionally, the AC received a report from a California Sea Grant Fellow who presented on lessons learned from previous completed SFBRA projects.

9. Overview of Preliminary Recommendation for 2025-26 (Grant Round 9)

Linda Tong, Deputy Program Manager, presented the Memo on Staff's Anticipated Recommendation on Projects to be Considered for Funding in Grant Round 9.

Grant Item

10. McInnis and Bayfront Marshes Beneficial Dredge Sediment Reuse and Tidal Wetlands Restoration Planning Project

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed six hundred forty thousand dollars ($640,000) to the County of Marin to augment the Authority grant of $1,300,000, authorized on June 6, 2025, for the McInnis and Bayfront Marshes Beneficial Dredge Sediment Reuse and Tidal Wetlands Restoration Planning Project (formerly the McInnis Marsh Beneficial Dredge Sediment Reuse and Tidal Wetlands Restoration Project) and to revise the project to include analysis of an innovative, nature-based alternative to traditional dredging that would not reverse subsidence on 140 acres but would instead result in additional sediment reaching the outer Bayfront marshes of Gallinas Creek, subject to the conditions of the June 6, 2025 authorization.

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, Government 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).

Moved and seconded.
Ayes: Supervisor Manfree, Councilmember Blackaby, Supervisor Gauthier, Councilmember Washington, Director Holman, and Chair Gioia.

Non-Grant Items

11. Tribal Engagement Overview and Update to Tribal Consultation Policy
Sara Haugen, Project Manager and Grant Program Coordinator, presented Resolution 142, Tribal Consultation Policy. During discussion of the resolution, Chair Gioia and Councilmember Washington agreed to meet as an ad hoc subcommittee to consider how to include Authority board members in tribal engagement and to present specific recommendations at a future Authority Board meeting.

Moved and seconded.
Ayes: Supervisor Manfree, Councilmember Blackaby, Supervisor Gauthier, Councilmember Washington, Director Holman, and Chair Gioia

12. Levy Report
Jason Roth, presented the 2025/2026 Annual Levy Report for Measure AA Special Parcel Tax.

13. 2026 Board Tour Plan
Taylor Samuelson, Public Information Officer, presented the Memo on Tours of Restoration Authority Funded Projects.

14. State of Our Estuary Website
Natasha Daniels, San Francisco Estuary Partnership, and Laura Feinstein, San Francisco Estuary Institute, presented on the State of Our Estuary Website.

15. Adjournment

Chair Gioia adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 12:12 p.m.