



SAN FRANCISCO BAY
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

Governing Board
SUMMARY MINUTES
June 12, 2026
10:07 a.m. – 12:23 p.m.
Hybrid Teleconference Meeting

For additional information, please contact
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Agenda and attachments available at:

www.sfbayrestore.org

1. Call to Order

John Gioia, Chair of the Governing Board, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Paul Johnson, Clerk of the Governing Board, confirmed that four (4) members were present at roll call: Supervisor Manfree, Supervisor Gauthier, Councilmember Washington, and Chair Gioia. A quorum of the Governing Board was confirmed at 10:08 a.m.

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

Amy Hutzel, Executive Officer, reported on expenditures and letters under the EO's delegated authority, as outlined in the memorandum. Ms Hutzel further reported that the

Authority held a site tour on May 29, 2026 at Candlestick State Park with Literacy for Environmental Justice. Councilmember Blackaby and Supervisor Gauthier joined the tour.

Ms. Hutzel reminded the board that Restore America's Estuary will be held in San Francisco, for the first time in the Bay Area, from September 22nd – 25th. Several sessions will touch on San Francisco Bay restoration work and the Authority.

7. Approval of Summary Minutes of March 6, 2026

Summary Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting of March 6, 2026 were approved with no corrections.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Supervisor Manfree, Supervisor Gauthier, Councilmember Washington, and Chair Gioia.

8. Advisory Committee Chair's Report

Advisory Committee (AC) Chair Casey Skinner presented the AC Chair's Report. Chair Skinner reported that the AC last met in May 2026. The AC received an update on tribal engagement and the Authority's Tribal Consultation Policy and learned about the Authority's new Tribal Liaison and Environmental Justice Analyst. This led to a discussion among AC members on how the Authority could be more inclusive of communities with intersectional identities and how to ensure that projects authentically incorporate Indigenous perspectives.

The discussion on the Measure AA's 10-year anniversary centered on how AC members' organizations could help uplift the anniversary. The AC also heard about the Restore America's Estuaries Conference, where AC members will be presenting in various sessions. Authority staff presented on performance measures in the annual report and requested volunteers to explore how different performance measures could be presented in a more digestible format.

Lastly, the AC received an update on the BRRIT, including an overview of the preapplication process, the benefits of participating in the process, and the feedback the BRRIT program has received.

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9. Budget and Staff Work Plan

Arleicka Conley, Section Director (Budgets & Financial Planning & Analysis) of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, presented Resolution Number 143 Adopting the FY 2026-2027 San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Operating and Project Budget.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Supervisor Manfree, Supervisor Gauthier, Councilmember Washington, Chair Gioia
Linda Tong, Deputy Program Manager, presented the FY 2026-2027 Staff Work Plan.

10. Independent Citizens Oversight Committee's Annual Review of Conformance with Measure AA

Garth Hall, Vice Chair of the Independent Citizens Oversight committee, presented the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee Annual Report FY 2024-2025 (June 1, 2026).

Grant Item

11. Napa River Estuary Enhancement and Public Access Project

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) to Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to conduct outreach and prepare designs, environmental documentation, and permit applications for restoring 46 acres of tidal wetlands, converting an unused barn to an interpretative center, and redeveloping an existing levee to serve as a pedestrian trail in the Napa River estuary south of the City of Napa's urbanized limit in Napa 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 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).

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Supervisor Manfree, Supervisor Gauthier, Councilmember Washington, and Chair Gioia.

12. Brisbane Living Shoreline Project

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed nine hundred sixty two thousand five hundred dollars (\$962,500) to San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District (OneShoreline, “the grantee”) to undertake the Brisbane Living Shoreline Project, consisting of collecting baseline ecological and physical data, preparing 30% designs and environmental review documentation, conducting regulatory engagement and community engagement, and preparing draft permit applications for restoration of eelgrass and native oyster habitat along approximately 1.5 miles of the Brisbane shoreline in San Mateo County (“the project”).

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.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project 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).

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Supervisor Manfree, Supervisor Gauthier, Councilmember Washington, and Chair Gioia.

13. SAFER Bay

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed three million eight hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$3,850,000) to the

San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (“the grantee”) to obtain permits for the entire seven mile Strategy to Advance Flood Protection, Ecosystems, and Recreation along San Francisco Bay (SAFER Bay) Project and to conduct technical studies and prepare final designs for the restoration of 568 acres of tidal marsh, enhancement of 436 acres of managed ponds, and construction of levees, for the four managed ponds that are part of the SAFER Bay Project in San Mateo County (“the project”).

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 San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority has independently reviewed and considered the Strategy to Advance Flood Protection, Ecosystems, and Recreation Along San Francisco Bay (SAFER Bay) Project Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) certified by the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority on May 28, 2026 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation via website link shown in Exhibit 5. The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority has also reviewed the Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program (MMRP) adopted by the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority on May 28, 2026 and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation via website link shown in Exhibit 5. The Authority finds, as described further in the accompanying staff recommendation, that:
 - a. The SAFER Bay Project will have potentially significant environmental effects in the areas of aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, and transportation. The Authority finds that the mitigation measures identified in the EIR will avoid, reduce or mitigate these possible significant environmental effects to less-than significant levels and these mitigation measures have been required or incorporated into the SAFER Bay Project.

- b. The Authority further finds that the SAFER Bay Project will result in significant and unavoidable impacts in the areas of aesthetics and noise, but environmental and other benefits of the SAFER Bay Project as described in the accompanying staff recommendation outweigh or render acceptable these unavoidable adverse environmental impacts to achieve the objectives of the SAFER Bay Project.
- c. The Restoration Authority adopts the Findings regarding Significant Effects and Statement of Overriding Conservations set forth in the accompanying staff recommendation.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Supervisor Manfree, Supervisor Gauthier, Councilmember Washington, and Chair Gioia.

Public Comment: Margaret Bruce

Non-Grant Items

14. Approval of Round 10 Grant Program Materials

Linda Tong, Deputy Project Manager, presented the Memo on Review of Round 9 Grant Process and Authorization to Release Round 10 (FY2026-2027) Grant Round Materials and Resolution 144 Authorizing Release of the Authority's 2026 Grant Round Materials.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Supervisor Manfree, Supervisor Gauthier, Councilmember Washington, and Chair Gioia

15. Form Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Select OC Members

Karen McDowell, Program Manager, recommended that the board establish an ad hoc committee to select new Oversight Committee members. Chair Gioia moved to establish an ad hoc committee of Supervisor Manfree, Supervisor Gauthier and Chair Gioia.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Supervisor Manfree, Supervisor Gauthier, Councilmember Washington, and Chair Gioia

16. Newark Baylands and Golden Gate Fields Acquisitions

Jessica Davenport, Program Manager, and Karen McDowell, Program Manager, presented the Memo on Newark Baylands and Golden Gate Fields Acquisitions

Public Comment: Robert Cheasty

17. Adjournment

Chair Gioia adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 12:23 p.m.