



San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

Date: July 13, 2010

To: Governing Board

From: John Gioia
Supervisor, County of Contra Costa
Chair, Subcommittee on the Advisory Committee

Subject: **Recommendation for Additional Appointments to the Advisory Committee**

Attachment: Biographies of Proposed Advisory Committee Appointees

Recommendation

Appoint the following additional individuals to the Advisory Committee of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (see attachment):

Josh Arce, Executive Director, Brightline Defense Project
Dion Aroner, Partner, Aroner, Jewel & Ellis
Sally Lieber, Community Advocate; Sponsor of AB 2954
Steve Ngo, Trustee, San Francisco City College District
Rahul Prakash, President, Earth Aid Enterprises
John Rizzo, Trustee, San Francisco City College District
Laura Thompson, Manager, San Francisco Bay Trail Project
Kate White, Executive Director, Urban Land Institute

Background

Section 66703.7 of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority's (Authority) enabling legislation (California Government Code Section 66700-66706) requires that the Governing Board of the Authority appoint an advisory committee to assist and advise it in carrying out its functions.

At its July 29, 2009 meeting, the Governing Board of the Authority took the following actions toward formation of the Advisory Committee including:

- Reviewed preliminary list compiled by staff of 19 potential advisors willing to serve;

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- Formed a Subcommittee of the Governing Board consisting of Councilmember Foust, Supervisor Gioia, and Assessor/Recorder Ting, with Supervisor Gioia agreeing to serve as Chair, to focus on formation of the Advisory Committee;
- Developed a process for completing formation of the Advisory Committee: Governing Board members were to supply names of additional potential nominees; the Subcommittee was to vet all nominees; and a slate of potential members was to be presented to the full Governing Board.

At its October 28, 2009 meeting, the Governing Board of the Authority appointed the following fifteen individuals to serve as Advisory Committee members:

Steve Abbors, General Manager, Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District
Cindy Chavez, Executive Officer, South Bay Labor Council
Patrick Congdon, General Manager, Santa Clara County Open Space Authority
Grant Davis, Assistant General Manager, Sonoma County Water Agency
Beth Huning, Coordinator, San Francisco Bay Joint Venture
Ellen Johnck, Executive Director, Bay Planning Coalition
Jerry Kent, Former Acting General Manager, East Bay Park and Recreation District
David Lewis, Executive Director, Save The Bay
Cynthia Murray, President/CEO, North Bay Leadership Council
Bruce Raful, Proprietor, Raful & Associates
Curt Riffle, Program Operations Manager, Conservation and Science, The David and
Lucile Packard Foundation
Patrick Rutten, Implementation Team Chair, NOAA Restoration Center
Bob Spencer, Economist/Financial Consultant
Mendel Stewart, Project Leader, Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife
Refuge
Will Travis, Executive Director, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development
Commission

In order to consider additional appointees to round out the expertise and representation on the Advisory Committee, the Subcommittee deliberated further and, in its meeting conducted by phone on June 30, agreed to recommend that the Governing Board make the additional appointments shown in "Recommendation" above. While other capable and qualified individuals were nominated by Governing Board members and staff, the Subcommittee concluded that appointments beyond those recommended above could make the Advisory Committee unwieldy and introduce redundancy. The Subcommittee does not contemplate further appointments at this time.