



Date: May 23, 2011

To: Governing Board

From: Melanie Denninger
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Subject: **Recommendation for Additional Appointment to the Advisory Committee**

Attachment: List of Previous Appointees to the Advisory Committee

Recommendation

Appoint John Coleman, Executive Director, Bay Planning Coalition, to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority's Advisory Committee.

Background

Early this year, one of the Restoration Authority's Advisory Committee members, Ellen Johnck, notified the Governing Board Chair, Sam Schuchat, and staff that she was giving up her appointment to the Advisory Committee, as she had recently retired from her position as Executive Director of the Bay Planning Coalition (BPC). Recognizing the importance of having the Bay Planning Coalition engaged with the work of the Restoration Authority, Mr. Schuchat sent a communication to the Restoration Authority's subcommittee on the Advisory Committee (Supervisor Gioia, Councilmember Foust, and Assessor Ting), that John Coleman, BPC's new Executive Director, be appointed to the Advisory Committee. A majority of the subcommittee replied and was in agreement with the proposed appointment.

Mr. Coleman's biography is below and a list of previous appointees is attached.

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Biography: John A. Coleman:

John A. Colman recently succeeded Ellen Johnck as Executive Director of the Bay Planning Coalition. He is also the current President of the Board of Directors of the East Bay Municipal Utility District. Coleman was elected to the EBMUD Board of Directors in 1990 and was re-elected in 1994, 1998, 2002, and 2006, representing Ward 2, which includes the communities of Alamo, Lafayette, and the Town of Danville, and portions of Pleasant Hill, San Ramon, and Walnut Creek. From 1996 to 2000, he served as President of EBMUD's Board of Directors and was elected to serve as Vice-President in 2009 and 2010.

Coleman is a past president of the board of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies and is past president of DERWA, the joint powers authority for recycled water service provided by EBMUD and the Dublin-San Ramon Services District. He currently chairs the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority and the ACWA Infrastructure and Environment Subcommittee and is chair of the Freeport Regional Water Authority. He is the chair of ACWA's Federal Affairs Committee and also serves on the boards of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), the Contra Costa Council, the National Water Resources Association (NWRRA), the WaterReuse Association, and the Bay Area Leadership Foundation. He serves on ABAG's CALFED Task Force, the Advisory Council for California Forward, and chairs its Water and Land Use Subcommittee. He is also a member of the National Endangered Species Act Reform Coalition of the Association of California Water Agencies. Coleman served Governors Wilson and Davis as Deputy Director of External Affairs for the California Conservation Corps.

Long active in the community, Coleman is past president of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, former board member of the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps, and former member of the California Biodiversity Council. An Eagle Scout, he is Scoutmaster of Troop 243 in Lafayette.

Coleman holds a Bachelor of Sciences in Natural Resources from the University of California, Berkeley, and a certificate in management from the University of the Pacific School of Business and Public Administration. He currently resides in Walnut Creek with his wife Lonna, and he has two daughters; one attending law school in Washington and the other working in the high-tech industry in Arizona.