



**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** January 21, 2014

**TO:** Governing Board  
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

**FROM:** Amy Hutzell  
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San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy  
State Coastal Conservancy

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of additional Advisory Committee members

Attachment: Roster of existing Advisory Committee members

Staff recommends that the Governing Board make two additional appointments to its Advisory Committee: Jordan Wellwood, Director of Audubon's Richardson Bay Center and Sanctuary, is proposed to replace former Advisory Committee member, Dan Taylor, of California Audubon, who retired last fall. Josh Collins, Chief Scientist for the San Francisco Estuary Institute, would enrich and expand the expertise of the Advisory Committee (roster attached) with respect to wetland ecology and related matters. The Governing Board's committee on the Advisory Committee, Councilmember Foust and Supervisor Gioia, have been consulted about these proposed appointments.

The following are short biographies for Ms. Wellwood and Dr. Collins:

**Jordan Wellwood** is the Center Director at Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary in Tiburon and has been with Audubon California since early 2009. Now in her third position at Audubon, Jordan's experience within the organization includes policy and advocacy, partnership development, chapter capacity-building, strategic planning, and development/fundraising. Jordan chose the non-profit world after a private-sector career in sales and business development because of her desire to focus her energy contributing to creating a healthier planet. She holds an Honors Bachelors of Environmental Studies from the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada, and a Masters of Business Administration from Santa Clara University. Jordan takes every opportunity to enjoy the spectacular outdoors that California offers.

**Josh Collins** is the Chief Scientist at the San Francisco Estuary Institute, where he oversees the development and integration of SFEI's scientific work. Dr. Collins is a landscape ecologist and regional ecological planner with special expertise in mapping and assessing stream and wetland ecosystems. He was the originator and science coordinator for the Bay Area Regional Wetlands Ecosystem Goals Project and is advising on the current update. He has been a technical advisor on many other regional and site-specific ecological plans and assessments around San Francisco Bay and elsewhere. Dr. Collins received his Doctorate in Entomological Sciences at the University of California at Berkeley and did post-doctoral work in Geography and Ecology at the UC Berkeley and UC Davis. As an ecologist in the public utilities industry, he assessed the impacts of power plants on marine, estuarine, and riverine ecosystems. As a consulting ecologist in private practice, he designed stream and wetland restoration projects and developed methods to assess their performance. Since joining SFEI in 1993, Dr. Collins has initiated continuing programs in wetland science, watershed science, historical ecology, and regional GIS. He is a leader for a variety of efforts in the West to set long range ecological goals and he has been instrumental in the development of wetland and stream monitoring and assessment methods for California and the nation. Among his many current advisory roles, Dr. Collins chairs the technical team supporting California's new wetland and riparian area protection policy.