



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 12, 2014

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

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

**SUBJECT:** Appointment of an additional Advisory Committee member

Attachment: Roster of existing Advisory Committee members

Staff recommends that the Governing Board appoint Arthur Feinstein, who would represent the three Bay Area Sierra Club chapters. The addition of Mr. Feinstein to the Advisory Committee would expand the range and depth of its expertise in Bay wetland issues and experience with planning for Bay restoration. The Governing Board's Committee on the Advisory Committee, Councilmember Foust and Supervisor Gioia, have been consulted about this proposed appointment.

The following is a short biography for Mr. Feinstein:

Arthur Feinstein has worked on wetland issues--local, state and federal--for the last thirty years. Mr. Feinstein has a BA in biology from Reed College and over the years has held many leadership positions in wetland protection and restoration, including the following:

- Conservation Chair, President, and Executive Director (for 12 years) of the Golden Gate Audubon Society;
- Program Coordinator for the Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge, during which time he worked on federal legislation to expand the boundaries of the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge by approximately 20,000 acres;
- Founding member of the Campaign to Save California Wetlands, a statewide wetlands advocacy organization created to rebut the Gingrich Congress' attack on the Clean Water Act;
- Participant in Governor Wilson's Wetlands Consensus group and an active member of both the Management and Wetlands Committees of the San Francisco Estuary Project (now called the Estuary Partnership) from its inception to its successful conclusion and is currently on the board of Friends of the Estuary;

- Chairman of the National Audubon Society's National Wetlands Campaign Advisory Committee; and
- Chair of the National Association of Joint Venture Management Boards and Chair of the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture.

Awards conferred upon Mr. Feinstein include the Clean Water Network's 30-Year Heroes Award celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Clean Water Act and a Bay Champion Award from the National Audubon Society.

Mr. Feinstein earned a BA in biology from Reed College and currently serves as Chair of the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture's Government Affairs Committee, Conservation Chair of the San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club, and board member of the Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge.