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To: Governing Board
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

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Subject: **Appointment to the Advisory Committee**

After consulting with Vice-Mayor Foust and Supervisor Gioia, who have advised the Governing Board about past appointments to the Advisory Committee, staff is recommending that the Governing Board appoint a replacement for the departing representative of the Bay Area Flood Protection Agencies Association (BAFPAA). Mitch Avalon (Contra Costa County Public Works Department, retired) is leaving the Advisory Committee, as he has been replaced in his role with BAFPAA by Roger Leventhal (Marin County Public Works Department). BAFPAA represents an important group of stakeholders whose interests are integral with Bay wetlands and rising sea level.

The following is a brief biography for Mr. Leventhal:

Roger Leventhal, P.E. is a Senior Engineer with the Marin County Public Works Flood Control Division. He is currently working on planning and design studies for sea level rise along the Eastern Marin shoreline and at the Stinson Beach area; both locations being among the most vulnerable to sea level rise flooding around the bay. He has a MS from U.C. Berkeley in Hydraulics and Coastal Engineering and worked for over 20 years as a private engineering consultant specializing in hydrology/hydraulic analysis and creek/ tidal wetlands restoration prior to coming to Marin County in 2011. He has helped design and build innovative projects that use natural systems to provide flood protection with habitat; especially the beneficial reuse of dredged sediments in tidal wetlands and coarse-grained bay beach systems to combat wind-wave erosion.

He is working closely with County planning staff and others to develop sea level rise adaptation alternatives that use both these “soft” engineering approaches to flood protection, such as wetlands and beaches, with the need to protect the urban edge with more traditional “hard” engineering measures.

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Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Governing Board approve the appointment of Roger Leventhal, Senior Engineer, Marin County Public Works Flood Control Division, to the Advisory Committee of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority.