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## **MEMORANDUM**

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

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San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

**SUBJECT:** Overview of Round 1 Grant Recommendations

### **Overview**

Staff have completed review of the 2017 grant applications and are recommending the Authority consider nine projects for funding totaling \$23.5 million. Eight projects are being brought forward for consideration at the current meeting, and one project with ongoing CEQA work will be brought for potential approval at a future Authority meeting.

### **Discussion**

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority received 22 submittals to its fall 2017 grant solicitation, requesting \$47.7 million in funding. Authority staff first screened grant proposals for eligibility and then organized proposal review in accordance with the Grant Guidelines, working with 12 reviewers drawn from staff and eligible members of the Advisory Committee. A total of four reviews were completed for each proposal, using both the quantitative and qualitative assessments outlined in the Guidelines. After initial ranking, scores were reviewed for consistency and staff investigated follow-up questions brought up by reviewers during the review.

Staff was able to resolve all eligibility and feasibility questions to its satisfaction, and identified the top nine scoring proposals, each receiving greater than 80 points, as proposals that could be recommended to the Authority for funding either in April or later this year, depending on the

status of environmental analysis under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Eight applicants would be offered their full request; one would receive a partial award. Response letters were sent to applicants, and staff has worked with applicants to prepare the eight staff recommendations on this meeting's agenda. Of the nine proposals, one, for the San Francisco Department of Parks and Recreation project at 900 Innes, does not include all necessary CEQA analysis and will be brought to a board meeting later this year for Authority consideration. One other, for the South Bay Salt Pond Phase II project, includes elements that are eligible for funding now as well as elements that require further CEQA analysis (Eden Landing); therefore, only part of the grant proposal is being recommended for funding at the April meeting, and the remainder will be considered only after the CEQA work is complete.

The partial funding recommendation for the South Bay Shoreline Project was developed after extensive follow-up with the grant applicant about their readiness to begin construction activities this year. The project's construction start is dependent on achieving authorization from Congress, which may be forthcoming within the next 60 days. Even if the Congressional authorization does not occur in 2018, the applicant plans to undertake planning activities. Therefore staff is recommending multi-year funding for the project at a level that will be useful whether a construction start is achieved this year or not. Staff will likely recommend funding the remaining portion of the request at such time as the initial award has been fully utilized.

The nine proposals cover a broad range of the Authority's priorities, achieving both a high level of integration between the program areas and a high level of coverage of the Measure AA Prioritization Criteria. The proposals include both construction projects and planning and design proposals. Six of the proposals achieve all three types of Authority purposes (habitat, flood, and public access) and three center more on one type (one each for flood, habitat and public access).

The nine proposals have a relatively balanced geographic distribution, covering all four regions and seven of the nine bay area counties – with a bit higher allocation to the west, and lower to the east, due mainly to the internal distribution of the South Bay Salt Ponds project funding. No proposals were received for one county, Contra Costa, and Napa did not benefit from a successful funding proposal. The breakdown of funding by region (with one project crossing three regions), is as follows:

- North: \$5,051,264 (21.5%), 4 projects
- West: \$10,393,558 (44.2%), 2 projects
- South: \$5,652,792 (24.1%), 2 projects
- East: \$2,402,386 (10.2%), 3 projects

The final ranking of proposals is listed below in Table 1, with highlighting indicating proposals receiving greater than 80 points that are being recommended for funding.

Staff has been compiling recommendations from reviewers and proponents for updates to the solicitation for next year, and plans to bring a draft of the next solicitation to the Authority at its June meeting.

**Table 1: 2017 Solicitation Ranking**

Organization	Project Name	Project Type	Project Phase(s)	Region	County	Amt Requested	Amt Recommended	Average Score
Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	South Bay Salt Ponds Restoration Project, Phase 2	Habitat, Public Access/Habitat, Flood/Habitat	Planning; Permitting; Design; Construction/Implementation; Monitoring	W, E, S	San Mateo, Alameda, Santa Clara	\$8,021,730	\$8,021,730	92.75
Santa Clara Valley Water District (District)	South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project for Economic Impact Area 11 (Project)	Habitat, Flood/Habitat, Public Access/Habitat	Permitting; Design; Construction/Implementation; Maintenance; Monitoring	S	Santa Clara	\$15,000,000	\$4,439,406	86.25
Montezuma Wetlands LLC (MWLLC)	Montezuma Tidal and Seasonal Wetlands Restoration Project – Phase I Tidal Wetlands Area	Flood/Habitat	Design; Maintenance; Monitoring; Construction/Implementation	N	Solano	\$1,610,000	\$1,610,000	86.25
Marin County Flood Control District	Deer Island Basin Phase I Tidal Wetlands Restoration Project	Habitat, Public Access/Habitat, Flood/Habitat	Permitting; Design	N	Marin	\$630,000	\$630,000	86
City/County of San Francisco, Recreation and Park Department	900 Innes Remediation	Habitat	Planning; Permitting; Design; Construction/Implementation	W	San Francisco	\$4,998,600	\$4,998,600	85.75

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City of San Leandro	San Leandro Treatment Wetland for Pollution Reduction, Habitat Enhancement and Shoreline Resiliency	Flood/Habitat, Public Access/Habitat	Planning; Design; Permitting	E	Alameda	\$539,000	\$539,000	82
Point Blue Conservation Science	Restoring wetland-upland transition zone habitat in the North Bay with STRAW	Habitat, Public Access/Habitat, Flood/Habitat	Design; Construction/Implementation; Maintenance; Monitoring	N	Sonoma, Marin	\$2,661,264	\$2,661,264	81.5
Sonoma Land Trust	Restoration Strategy for Lower Sonoma Creek	Habitat, Public Access/Habitat, Flood/Habitat	Planning	N	Sonoma	\$150,000	\$150,000	81.25
East Bay Regional Park District	Encinal Dune Restoration and Public Access	Public Access/Habitat	Construction/Implementation	E	Alameda	\$450,000	\$450,000	80.25
East Bay Regional Park District	Coyote Hills Restoration and Public Access Project- Phase 2: Initial Vegetation Management, Engineering/Design, Permitting	Public Access/Habitat	Planning, Other (Vegetation Mngt.)	E	Alameda	\$568,000	\$0	77.25
San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority	Tidal Marsh and Upland Habitat Enhancements in Faber Tract Marsh	Flood/Habitat	Construction/Implementation	W	San Mateo	\$361,235	\$0	76

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City of San Rafael	Spinnaker Marsh Tidal Marsh Restoration and Shoreline Flood Protection Improvement Project	Habitat, Flood/Habitat, Public Access/Habitat	Planning; Design	N	Marin	\$432,400	\$0	75.75
San Francisco Bay Joint Venture	Fundamental Accountability Tool	Habitat, Public Access/Habitat, Flood/Habitat	Planning	N, S, E, W	Sonoma, Marin, Napa, Solano, San Francisco, San Mateo, Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara	\$460,000	\$0	75.6
Western Ecological Research Center, US Geological Survey	A Novel Approach to Enhancing Subtidal Habitat for Pacific Herring, Shellfish, and Birds in San Francisco Bay	Habitat	Planning; Permitting; Design; Construction/ Implementation; Operations; Maintenance; Monitoring	N, E, S	Marin, Alameda, Solano	\$263,124.51	\$0	74.75
Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency (HASPA)	Hayward Shoreline Restoration Project- Oliver Salt Ponds & Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center (HSIC)	Habitat, Public Access/Habitat, Flood/Habitat	Planning; Permitting; Design; Construction/ Implementation; Monitoring; Operations	E	Alameda	\$3,210,000	\$0	74.25

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Sonoma County Water Agency	Hudeman Slough Enhancement Wetlands Education and Public Access Improvements	Public Access/Habitat	Planning; Design; Construction/ Implementation	N	Sonoma, Marin	\$78,775.31	\$0	73
Sonoma County Regional Parks	Hudeman Slough Habitat Enhancement and Public Access	Public Access/Habitat	Permitting; Design; Construction/ Implementation; Monitoring	N	Sonoma	\$225,000	\$0	65.75
Montezuma Wetlands LLC (MWLLC)	Montezuma Tidal and Seasonal Wetlands Restoration Project	Flood/Habitat	Operations	N	Solano	\$5,400,000	\$0	65.4
San Mateo County Parks Department	Coyote Point Eastern Promenade Shoreline Project	Public Access/Habitat	Construction/ Implementation	W	San Mateo	\$1,000,000	\$0	62.5
Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	An Integrated Sediment Monitoring and Management Plan for the Napa River	Habitat, Public Access/Habitat, Flood/Habitat	Planning; Design; Monitoring	N	Napa	\$650,000	\$0	59.9
City of South San Francisco	Oyster Point Restoration Project	Public Access/Habitat	Construction/ Implementation	W	San Mateo	\$300,000	\$0	57
City of Petaluma	Beneficial Re-use of Petaluma River and Marina dredging spoils (Phase I)	Habitat, Public Access/Habitat, Flood/Habitat	Planning; Permitting; Design; Construction/ Implementation; Maintenance; Monitoring	N	Sonoma	\$732,000	\$0	54.5