



**SAN FRANCISCO BAY**  
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

# Governing Board

## SUMMARY MINUTES

December 06, 2019

11:00 A.M – 1:00 P.M

### Meeting Location:

San Francisco – Bay Area Metro Center  
375 Beale Street, Board Room, San Francisco CA 94105

For additional information, please contact  
Anulika White, Clerk of the Governing Board: (510) 286-0343

Agenda and attachments available at:

[www.sfbayrestore.org](http://www.sfbayrestore.org)

### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Pine called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

### **2. Roll Call**

Anulika White, Clerk of the Governing Board, reported that three (3) members were present.

No quorum was present during first roll call at 11:10 a.m.

A second roll call was called, and board clerk reported that four (4) member were present.

A quorum was present at 12:24 p.m.

Dave Pine, Aaron Peskin, John Gioia, and Susan Gorin.

Kate Sears, Karen Holman, and Vinnie Bacon were absent.

### **3. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **4. Board Member Announcements**

There were no announcements.

### **5. Chair's Report**

There was no Chair's Report.

**6. Approval of Summary Minutes of September 06, 2019**

Summary minutes of the Governing Board Meeting for September 06, 2019 were approved with no corrections.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Peskin, Gorin.

Absent: Sears, Bacon, Holman.

**EAST**

**7. LOWER WALNUNT CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT**

Adrien Baudrimont, Restoration Authority, presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Paul Detjens of Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

Resolution:

“The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed seven million, nine hundred twenty-nine thousand, eight hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$7,929,855) to the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) to implement the North and South reaches of the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project, consisting of restoration and enhancement of brackish tidal wetlands and adjacent uplands along the southern shore of Suisun Bay, Walnut Creek and Pacheco Creek in Contra Costa County.

Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Authority the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Authority funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into a project labor agreement consistent with San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Resolution 22."

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Act, Gov. Code § 66700 - 66706.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure (Measure AA).
3. The Authority has considered the “Final Initial Study/Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project” (MND) adopted by the District on November 19, 2019 and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 3, and comments received, and finds that on the basis of the whole record, the proposed project avoids, reduces or mitigates any possible significant environmental effect of the project and there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project, as mitigated, will have a significant effect on the environment.”

Moved and Seconded. Approved unanimously.

**8. COYOTE HILLS REGIONAL PARK**

Adrien Baudrimont, Restoration Authority, presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Lisa Baldinger of East Bay Regional Park District

Resolution:

“The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed four hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) to the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) to prepare final designs and permit applications and conduct pre-construction land management activities and ecology studies for the Coyote Hills Restoration and Public Access Project, which is a 306 acre expansion of Coyote Hills Regional Park that includes restoration of wet meadow, willow thicket, mixed riparian forest, oak savanna, grasslands, and seasonal wetland habitats, as well as installation of public access facilities on the new portion of the park, east of the existing park in the City of Fremont, Alameda County.

Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Authority the following:

- a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
- b. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
- c. A plan for acknowledgement of Authority funding.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Act, Gov. Code § 66700-66706.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure (Measure AA).
3. The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority has independently reviewed and considered the information contained in the Coyote Hills Restoration and Public Access Project Final Environmental Impact Report, July 2019 (Final EIR) (Exhibit 3), which was certified by East Bay Regional Park District on September 3, 2019 in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and is attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 3.
4. The Final EIR identifies potentially significant effects of the Coyote Hills Restoration and Public Access Project (Project) with respect to Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural and Tribal Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology, Noise, Utilities, and Transportation. With regard to these impacts, as modified by incorporation of the mitigation measures identified in the Final EIR, the Project has been changed to avoid, reduce or mitigate the possible significant environmental effects of the project, except for the impact identified in finding 6, below.
5. The Final EIR identifies dismantling and removal of the Patterson Ranch Labor Contractors Residence as a significant and unavoidable effect in the area of Cultural and Tribal Resources. It will be mitigated by making professional documentation of

the building publicly accessible and installing interpretive signage to teach the public about this historical resource, but nevertheless will create a significant and unavoidable impact. Specific environmental and social benefits of the Project described in the accompanying staff recommendation and detailed in the Final EIR outweigh and render acceptable this unavoidable adverse effect; these benefits include restored native habitat and enhanced public access opportunities in an ecologically significant area.”

Moved and Seconded. Approved unanimously.

**9. Oversight Committee Member Terms and Reappointment of Oversight Committee Members**

Karen McDowell, Project Manager of the Restoration Authority, presented a memo on Oversight Committee Member Terms and Reappointment of Oversight Committee Members, which included Resolution 63 to *Adjust Oversight Committee Member Team* and Resolution 64 to *Reappoint Two Members of Restoration Authority Independent Citizens Oversight Committee*.

The board discussed. There were no public comments.

Resolution 63 to *Adjust Oversight Committee Member Team* was moved and seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 64 to *Reappoint Two Members of Restoration Authority Independent Citizens Oversight Committee* was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Peskin, Gorin

Absent: Sears, Bacon, Holman

**11. Review of Draft Financial Statements and Independent Auditor’s Report**

Arleicka Conley, Section Director, Finance and Accounting, Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Scott Diem and David Bullock, Macias Gini & O’Connell LLP, presented the Draft San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Financial Statements and Independent Auditors Report. There were no public comments.

Draft San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Financial Statements and Independent Auditor’s Report was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Peskin, Gorin

Absent: Sears, Bacon, Holman

#### **10. Equity and Community Engagement Program Development**

Dr. Ana Alvarez, Vice Chair of the Restoration Authority Advisory Committee, presented a report of the Advisory Committee Recommendations to Benefit Economically Disadvantaged Communities.

Nahal Ghoghaie Ipakchi, Principal Consultant, EcoEquity Consulting, presented her consultant's report: Establishing an Equity and Community Engagement Program that Benefits Economically Disadvantaged Communities.

Jessica Davenport, Deputy Program Manager of the Restoration Authority, presented to the board a Staff Memo on Implementing Recommendations on Equity and Community Engagement.

Board members asked questions and discussed. There were no public comments.

During this item presentation quorum was lost. Supervisor Gioia left.

#### **12. Executive Reports**

**A.** Sam Schuchat, Executive Director, Restoration Authority, presented the Quarterly Report on Expenditures under Delegated Authority to the board.

**B.** Taylor Samuelson, Public Information Officer, Restoration Authority, presented the Authority Communications Plan.

Board members asked questions and discussed. There were no public comments.

#### **13. Adjournment**

Chair Pine adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 12:53 p.m.