



SAN FRANCISCO BAY
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

Resolution No. 70

**Accepting Restoration Authority Advisory Committee Recommendations for
Implementing Measure AA in a Manner that
Benefits Economically Disadvantaged Communities**

Whereas, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (“Authority”) was established by the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Act, California Government Code Section 66700 et seq. (“Act”) as a regional entity to generate and allocate resources for the protection and enhancement of tidal wetlands and wildlife habitat in San Francisco Bay and along its shoreline; and

Whereas, the Act requires the Authority to convene a San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Advisory Committee (“Advisory Committee”) to advise the Authority Governing Board in carrying out its functions; and

Whereas, Measure AA, Section 3.B.1.e requires the Authority to prioritize projects that benefit economically disadvantaged communities (EDCs); and

Whereas, on June 9, 2017, the Governing Board amended the Grant Program Guidelines to define an EDC as a census tract with a median household income less than 80% of the area median income, and within this set of low-income communities, to further define high priority EDCs as groups that are historically underrepresented in environmental policymaking and/or projects; most economically and environmentally impacted by heavy industrial activity and development; most vulnerable to climate change impacts, due to lack of resources required for community resilience; and severely burdened by housing costs, increasing the risk of displacement; and

Whereas, failure to engage low-income communities in planning for habitat restoration and public access improvements along the shoreline could lead to the unintended consequence of Authority projects contributing to gentrification; and

Whereas, in October 2018, the Advisory Committee formed an ad hoc subcommittee to explore how best to engage with and provide benefits to EDCs; and

Whereas, the Authority and the Advisory Committee recognized the need for input from community leaders and experts in community engagement to guide the Authority’s work in this area; and

Whereas, the Authority hired a consultant who conducted focus group meetings with community leaders and prepared recommendations based on their input, and the ad hoc

subcommittee vetted the consultant’s recommendations and obtained input from other reports and experts; and

Whereas, the ad hoc subcommittee completed their recommendations, which are categorized as “Near-Term – 6-12 Months”, “Short-Term – 1-2 Years”, and “Long-Term – 3-5 Years”; and

Whereas, the Advisory Committee adopted the ad hoc subcommittee’s Near-Term Recommendations in October 2019 and adopted the Short-Term and Long-Term Recommendations in June 2020 (Exhibit A).

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority commits to integrating equity into its work by continuing to listen, welcome new voices and partnerships, and work with community leaders to develop projects that empower and benefit communities that historically have been excluded from habitat restoration and the design of parks and trails. The Governing Board hereby acknowledges and appreciates the input of community leaders and the hard work of the Advisory Committee’s ad hoc subcommittee; accepts the recommendations of the Advisory Committee for implementing AA in a manner that benefits economically disadvantaged communities as shown in Exhibit A; and directs staff to report back annually on progress in implementing these recommendations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority at its meeting on July 17, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Governing Board Members _____

NOES: Governing Board Members _____

ABSENT: Governing Board Members _____

ABSTAIN: Governing Board Members _____

Dave Pine, Chair

I, Maggie Jenkins, Clerk of the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority at its meeting of July 17, 2020, which Resolution is on file in the office of this regional governmental entity.

Maggie Jenkins, Clerk