

**Area(s) of Expertise**

Please list if you have experience in fields listed below and list any skills or knowledge in those areas.

- Water Quality
- Pollution Reduction
- Habitat Restoration
- Flood Protection
- Improvement of Public Access to the Bay
- Financing of any of the above objectives

Describe:

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My academic background is in aquatic ecology. I have a BS from U of Michigan in Natural Resources. I worked at Kinnetic Laboratories, Inc. for 5 years as a consultant biologist studying the South Bay, and 9 years studying the South Bay while employed by the City of San Jose (CSJ) at the SJ/SC Regional Wastewater Facility (WPCP). I have led sampling events for water quality, benthic invertebrates, aquatic toxicology all throughout the South Bay. I have also managed multi-million-dollar biological consultant contracts while employed at CSJ and while employed at the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) for 16 years. At the SCVWD I was their technical lead in developing the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan (HCP). That work took over 10 years, but it resulted in a 50-year permit from state and federal regulators.

My time spent on the water in the South Bay, plus my time spent managing large and small biological projects in Santa Clara County give me the experience and the insight to provide over-sight on Measure AA projects to restore San Francisco Bay.

**Eligibility Questions**

Please confirm the following to determine your eligibility:

- I am not an elected official or government employee.
- I do not have or expect to have a financial interest in a decision of the Authority.
- I am not affiliated with an organization associated with a member of the Governing Board.

Members of the Citizen Oversight Committee may be required to file financial disclosure/conflict of interest statements pursuant to rules and forms established by the Fair Political Practices Commission. Are you willing to file such financial disclosure statement if appointed to the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee?  Yes  No

## Interest in the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee

Please explain why you are interested in joining the Restoration Authority's Independent Citizens Oversight Committee, and what you can bring to the Committee. (Limit response to 1 page)

Since the electorate in the region voted to fund the work described in Measure AA there has been good work performed and good oversight of the funds. Critical infrastructure flood protection projects, sedimentation rate studies, all need to go forward if we are to achieve the objectives of Measure AA. This large-scale funding must be used in a way that maximizes its ability to get restoration happening in the vegetation, in the sediment and in the water column. These funds must leverage, pull, dig, and prod as much good work as they can. Therefore, you need many eyes and ears of different backgrounds checking, reviewing, questioning, the work undertaken. As an informed citizen of Santa Clara County for over 30 years, I believe I could provide some of the necessary oversight and review service that needs to be performed by the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee. I would be honored to be selected to be its Santa Clara County representative.

Currently I am serving on the board of Living-Classroom.org, a non-profit providing hands-on, experience-based science using native plant and edible gardens (on site) for grades K-8, in schools in Santa Clara County. I also have a new granddaughter in the area and hope she, and all residents can be proud of, and fully enjoy San Francisco Bay for decades to come.

## Certificate of Applicant

All answers and statements in this document are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: Don Roll

Date: 6/24/20