



SAN FRANCISCO BAY
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

Governing Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

October 02, 2020

11:00 A.M – 1:00 P.M

Teleconference Meeting

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Agenda and attachments available at:
www.sfbayrestore.org

Call to Order

Dave Pine, Chair of the Governing Board, called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

Chair Pine provided Zoom teleconference meeting instructions.

1. Roll Call

Anulika White, Clerk of the Governing Board, reported that five (5) members were present:

John Gioia, Karen Holman, Aaron Peskin, and Dave Pine

A quorum of the Governing Board was present at 11:03 A.M.

Vinnie Bacon joined at 11:06 A.M

Kate Sears and Susan Gorin were absent.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Board Member Announcements

Karen Holman announced the Ravenswood Bay Trail is now complete and open to the public; it is a 1.2-mile easy-access trail.

4. Chair's Report

There was no Chair's Report.

5. Executive Reports

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (Authority), updated the Board regarding changes in the membership of the Authority's Advisory Committee and Independent Citizens Oversight Committee.

A. Sam Schuchat presented Resolution 73 *Adopting the 2021 San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Governing Board Meeting Schedule*. The board discussed and Mr. Schuchat revised one of the proposed dates, changing the date of the April meeting from April 23 to April 16. Resolution 73 as revised with the new date was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Bacon, Peskin, Holman

Absent: Sears, Gorin

B. Sam Schuchat presented the Quarterly Report on Expenditures under Delegated Authority.

C. Taylor Samuelson, Public Information Officer of the Authority, gave a communications update. The board discussed. There were no public comments.

6. Approval of Summary Minutes of July 17, 2020

Summary minutes of the Governing Board Meeting for July 17, 2020 were approved with no corrections.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Bacon, Peskin, Holman

Absent: Sears, Gorin

7. Independent Citizens Oversight Committee's Annual Review of Conformance with Measure AA

Cindy Darling, Chair of the Authority's Oversight Committee, presented to the board the *Independent Citizens Oversight Committee Annual Review Letter FY 18/19*.

The board commented and discussed. There were no public comments.

8. OAKLAND SHORELINE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY PROJECT

Linda Tong, Project Manager of the Authority, presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Phoenix Armenta and Brian Beveridge of the West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project (WOEIP).

Resolution:

“The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) to West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project to host a community-led planning process for shoreline habitat restoration in Alameda County and to give local residents from economically disadvantaged communities education and training to assist them in meaningfully engaging in the planning process.

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 employed in carrying out the project.
3. 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 Sections 66700-66706.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure (Measure AA).”

The board commented and discussed. There were no public comments
Project approval was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Bacon, Peskin, Holman

Absent: Sears, Gorin

9. INVASIVE SPARTINA REMOVAL AND TIDAL MARSH RESTORATION PROJECT

Marilyn Latta, Project Manager of the Authority, presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Doug Johnson, Executive Director of the California Invasive Plant Council.

Resolution:

“The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to the California Invasive Plant Council for the continued eradication of invasive cordgrass (invasive *Spartina*) and enhancement of critically important tidal marsh and mudflat habitat throughout the entire nine county San Francisco Estuary. The project includes invasive *Spartina* monitoring and treatment, native marsh plant revegetation, California Ridgway’s rail monitoring, and community outreach and job training in partnership with the San Francisco Estuary Invasive *Spartina* Project led by the State Coastal Conservancy and US Fish and Wildlife Service Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

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 employed 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 agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.”

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 Sections 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 grantee is not required to enter into a project labor agreement per Resolution 22 due to the fact that there are no unions representing aquatic herbicide application.

4. The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority has independently reviewed and considered the “San Francisco Estuary Invasive Spartina Project: Spartina Control Program Volume 1: 2003 Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report” and “Volume 2: Appendices” (EIR) certified by the State Coastal Conservancy on September 25, 2003 and the Addendum to the EIR adopted on June 16, 2005, attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibits 4 and 5, and comments received. The EIR and Addendum identified potential significant effects in the areas of Hydrology and Geomorphology, Water Quality, Biological Resources, Air Quality, Noise, Human Health and Safety, and Visual Resources. With regards to the potentially significant impacts on Hydrology and Geomorphology, Water Quality, Air Quality, Noise, and Human Health and Safety, the Authority finds that the mitigation measures identified in the EIR and Addendum avoid, reduce or mitigate any possible significant environmental effect of the project. Effects on Biological Resources (short term effects on the salt marsh harvest mouse, tidal shrew, California Ridgway’s (previously known as clapper) rail and California black rail) and short-term impacts to Visual Resources remain significant even after incorporation of mitigation measures.
5. Statement of Overriding Considerations for the Invasive Spartina Removal and Tidal Marsh Restoration project. The implementation and operating conditions of the ISP, and therefore this project, will result in “significant and unavoidable” short-term effects on the salt marsh harvest mouse, tidal shrew, California Ridgway’s (previously known as clapper) rail and California black rail and short-term impacts to Visual Resources. Specific benefits of the project are described in the accompanying staff recommendation and are also detailed in the EIR. The Authority finds that the long-term environmental benefit of restoring and protecting native habitat for endangered species and other wildlife that would be threatened with the spread of invasive Spartina outweighs the short-term adverse impacts associated with the ISP and this project. These project benefits are: 1) over the long term it is anticipated that the removal of invasive Spartina and planting of native vegetation will promote native

vegetation to return to where it had previously been displaced, thus creating additional species habitat; 2) other restoration projects may move forward and add further native habitat without risk of infestation of invasive Spartina; 3) more severe long term impacts of invasive Spartina on tidal marsh species will be avoided.”

The board commented and discussed. There were no public comments
Project approval was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Bacon, Peskin, Holman

Absent: Sears, Gorin

10. Formation of Ad Hoc Committee to Select Oversight Committee Members

Karen McDowell, Deputy Program Manager of the Authority, requested board member volunteers to serve on the ad hoc committee to select Oversight Committee members. Chair Pine, Councilmember Bacon and President Holman volunteered. No vote was taken for this action item.

There were no public comments.

11. Advisory Committee Chair’s Report to the Board

Jessica Davenport, Deputy Program Manager of the Authority, gave a report on the Advisory Committee. There were no public comments.

14. Adjournment

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