Resolution No. 75

Appointing New Members to the Restoration Authority Independent Citizens Oversight Committee

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, in June of 2016, the San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure (“Measure AA”) passed with over a two-thirds majority in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area; and

Whereas, Measure AA requires that the Authority appoint six members of the public to an Independent Oversight Committee (“Oversight Committee”) that shall: (a) annually review the Authority’s conformance with Measure AA; (b) review the Authority’s audits and expenditure and financial reports; and (c) publish an annual report of its findings, which shall be posted on the Authority’s website; and

Whereas, Measure AA further requires that the six members of the Oversight Committee shall include residents of the North Bay, East Bay, West Bay, and South Bay, as defined in Government Code 66703(a), who are experts in water quality, pollution reduction, habitat restoration, flood protection, improvement of public access to the Bay, or financing of these objectives; and

Whereas, on April 27, 2016, the Authority approved the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Independent Citizens Oversight Committee Procedural Document (“Procedural Document”) and further amended the Procedural Document on February 10, 2017; and

Whereas, the Procedural Document details the process by which members will be selected to serve on the Oversight Committee and notes that the Oversight Committee should have at least one representative from each of the four aforementioned regions, and the two remaining Committee members should be from counties not already represented; and

Whereas, the member representing the North Bay, with a term set to expire December 31, 2021, resigned from the Oversight Committee in September 2020; and

Whereas, the terms for the at-large representative from Alameda County and the East Bay representative from Contra Costa County are set to expire on December 31, 2020; and
Whereas, Santa Clara County, San Mateo County, and San Francisco County are already represented by other members of the Oversight Committee; and

Whereas, statements of interest to fill the remaining term of the North Bay seat, and three-year terms for the East Bay and at-large seats were solicited for individuals from Marin County, Napa County, Sonoma County, Solano County, Contra Costa County, and Alameda County; and

Whereas, Authority staff and an ad hoc subcommittee of the Governing Board reviewed applications for the Oversight Committee and, in accordance with guidance in the Procedural Document, recommended the highly qualified group of Oversight Committee members described in Attachment A and listed below.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby appoints the following individuals to serve on the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee with terms as specified:

1. Douglas Wallace, Marin County, North Bay seat, term commencing December 4, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2021
2. James Fiedler, Contra Costa County, East Bay seat, term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2023
3. Dr. Terry Young, Alameda County, at-large seat, term commencing January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2023

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority at its meeting on December 4, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Governing Board Members

Pine, Gioia, Bacon, Holman, Gorin, Peskin

NOES: Governing Board Members

Sears

ABSENT: Governing Board Members

ABSTAIN: Governing Board Members

I, Anulika White, 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 December 4, 2020, which Resolution is on file in the office of this regional governmental entity.
Resolution 75, Attachment A

Biographies

**Douglas (Doug) Wallace, Marin County:** Doug Wallace retired in 2019 from the East Bay Municipal Utility District after 25 years of service. For most of his tenure he was the Environmental Affairs Officer, responsible for policy analysis and direction on a wide range of issues including water supply and water quality, ecosystem restoration, the CALFED Bay-Delta program, and sustainability. He co-authored EBMUD’s Climate Change Monitoring and Response plan and helped guide the agency to an industry leadership position on climate change. He was also responsible for external relations with environmental NGOs, state and federal agencies, and the business community. He continues to consult on climate change and natural resource issues, particularly sea level rise adaptation. In addition, he sits on the Tamalpais Design Review Board and works with the Citizens’ Climate Lobby to advance federal carbon fee and dividend legislation.

**James (Jim) Fiedler, Contra Costa County:** Jim Fiedler retired in 2017 from the Santa Clara Valley Water District. He served as Chief Operating Officer from 2007 until retiring. Over his 34 year career he amassed leadership, management and engineering experience in the areas of water supply, water quality, pollution reduction, flood protection, watershed stewardship and public financing. Mr. Fiedler presently serves on the Board of Catholic Charities East Bay and as Officer Emeritus on the San Francisco Estuary Institute Board. He has also served on a variety of boards including: San Francisco Bay Planning Coalition, WaterReuse Association, The Water Research Foundation, and the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA). He also served on the Contra Costa County 2018-2019 Civil Grand Jury. He currently volunteers with the Knights of Columbus and AARP Foundation Tax-Aide.

**Dr. Terry Young, Alameda County:** Dr. Young has dedicated her professional life to protecting the environment. From 2006 - 2019, she was a member of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, serving as Chair from 2014 – 2019. For nearly four decades prior to her service on the Board, Dr. Young advised Bay Area environmental organizations and selected corporations on environmental science and policy, primarily in the areas of water pollution, ecological indicators, and the use of economic incentives. Dr. Young also was an appointed member of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Science Advisory Board for twelve years, where she chaired the Ecological Processes and Effects Committee and was a member of the Executive Committee. In addition, Dr. Young served on panels of National Research Council; helped to develop “The State of the Nation’s Ecosystems” in 2002 and 2008 for the H. John Heinz Center for Science, Economics, and the Environment; and was a member of the Washington State Academy of Sciences Committee on Puget Sound Indicators. Dr. Young holds a Ph.D. in Agricultural and Environmental Chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley and a B.A. in Chemistry from Yale University.