

**Tips for Project Proponents for Smooth Project Permitting  
Bay Restoration Regulatory Integration Team (BRRIT)**

1. Engage with the BRRIT early in planning your restoration project. Pre-application coordination is key to collaboratively resolve issues and ensure a smooth permitting process.
2. You are encouraged to bring any targeted questions for the BRRIT to your initial pre-application meeting. The BRRIT is also there to help identify and discuss any significant technical issues that could complicate permit approval. The goal is to resolve such matters through this pre-application collaboration process.
3. If you know, share with the BRRIT your expected construction start year or date, and number of anticipated construction seasons.
4. Schedule pre-application coordination meetings at appropriate points during the project planning and permitting process, including at planning milestones and as new issues or questions arise.
5. The BRRIT will identify a primary point of contact for your project and will stay with your project throughout both the pre-application collaboration process and the permitting process. You can communicate with your BRRIT point of contact at any time to request assistance, answer questions, schedule meetings, etc. Reach out whenever you have concerns so that we can resolve issues that could impact the permitting process.
6. The BRRIT Policy and Management Committee (PMC) is also here to help as necessary for project and policy issues that cannot be resolved at the staff level. First, seek to resolve the issue with the BRRIT, and second, with the affected agency manager(s). For issues that cannot be resolved via the first or second steps, the issue may be raised to the PMC for resolution. If the PMC cannot implement a resolution within a reasonable time period, the issue will be presented to the SF Bay Restoration Authority and highlighted in the BRRIT annual performance report.
7. Due to individual agency requirements, applicants are required to prepare applications for each agency and submit them directly to the appropriate agencies, with any associated fees.
8. The BRRIT has online resources to help you – review these resources at <http://sfbayrestore.org/san-francisco-bay-restoration-regulatory-integration-team-brrit>
9. Permit fees must be received before permits can be issued by BCDC and the Water Board and before LSA Notifications or CESA permit applications can be considered complete by CDFW, so plan ahead to submit the payments on time.