



# SAN FRANCISCO BAY

## RESTORATION AUTHORITY

### ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY | FY 2019 - 2020

The Fiscal Year 2019-20 presented the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority with unprecedented challenges while simultaneously reinforcing the importance of our work.

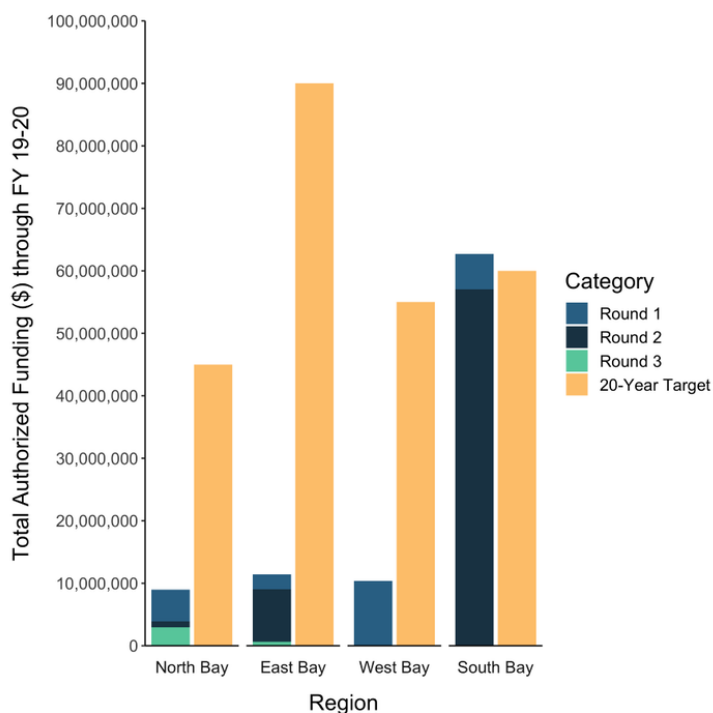
In early Spring, as the Bay Area enacted some of the earliest and strictest measures to control the spread of the coronavirus, Bay Area residents flocked to the region's outdoor spaces, seeking comfort and connection in nature. The importance of protecting, restoring, and opening the Bay's shoreline for the benefit of residents has never been clearer. And, as the region's economy recovers from the prolonged impacts of the pandemic, restoration spending creates good, local jobs. Recently completed projects have created as many as 30 jobs for every \$1 million invested. In California, for every dollar spent on restoration, the state gains \$2.10 of economic activity.

In response to the Shelter-in-Place orders, the Restoration Authority transitioned to remote working and virtual meetings, allowing us to continue allocating grant funding of nearly \$12 million in this fiscal year, in addition to the \$11 million going to the South Bay Shoreline Project.

The projects funded in this period included large awards for major restoration projects as well as smaller grants that lay the groundwork for exciting projects to come.



*Tiscornia Marsh*



Authorized funding by region through FY 19-20 compared to 20-year targets

#### Projects Funded in FY 19-20

- **Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project**
  - Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
  - \$7,929,855
  - East Bay Region
- **Coyote Hills Restoration and Public Access Project**
  - East Bay Regional Park District
  - \$450,000
  - East Bay Region
- **North Richmond Shoreline Living Levee Planning and Preliminary Design Project**
  - West County Wastewater District
  - \$644,709
  - East Bay Region
- **San Pablo Baylands Collaborative Protection and Restoration (CPR) Project, Phase 1**
  - Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
  - \$2,950,000
  - North Bay Region



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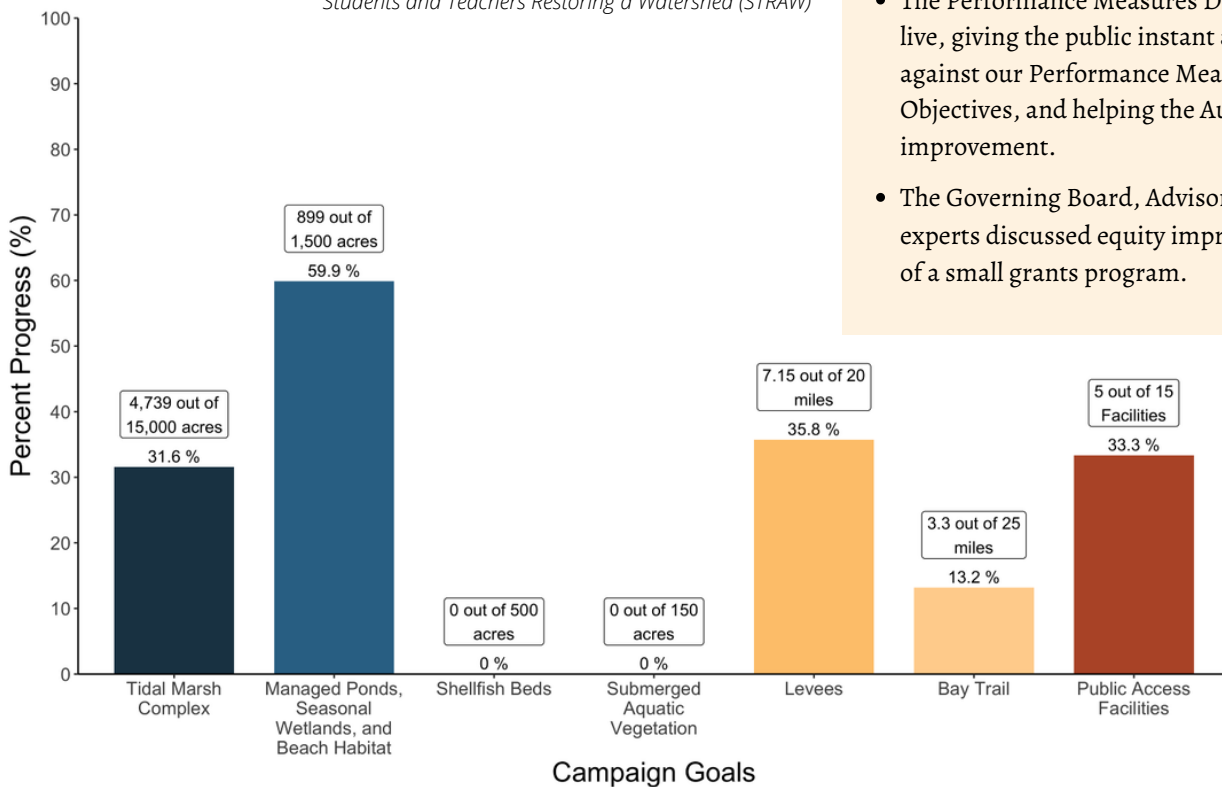
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*Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW)*



Progress towards the goals set during the campaign to pass Measure AA, which passed with 70% approval across the region and went into effect in 2017.

50

Percentage of projects with significant youth involvement component in FY 19-20

Number of youth to be engaged: 1,100

75

Percentage of projects providing benefits to economically disadvantaged communities

### FY 19-20 Milestones

- The Authority's third Request for Proposals netted 21 applications requesting nearly \$30 million dollars for restoration projects spanning the Bay's nine counties. Staff recommended nine for funding.
- The Performance Measures Dashboard on EcoAtlas went live, giving the public instant access to our progress against our Performance Measures and Campaign Objectives, and helping the Authority spot areas in need of improvement.
- The Governing Board, Advisory Committee, and equity experts discussed equity improvements and the creation of a small grants program.