



# SAN FRANCISCO BAY RESTORATION AUTHORITY

## SUMMARY

# ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

From July 2020 to the end of June 2021 (FY 20-21), the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority authorized funding to over a dozen projects throughout the nine counties of the Bay Area and made progress towards embedding a focus on equitable outcomes in all our work.

The projects funded in this Fiscal Year encompass a broad range of scale and approach, from innovative pilot projects developing beach designs that work with nature to protect the tidal marshes and trails behind them to projects that improve the ecological health of, and public access to, some of the Bay’s historically neglected shorelines.

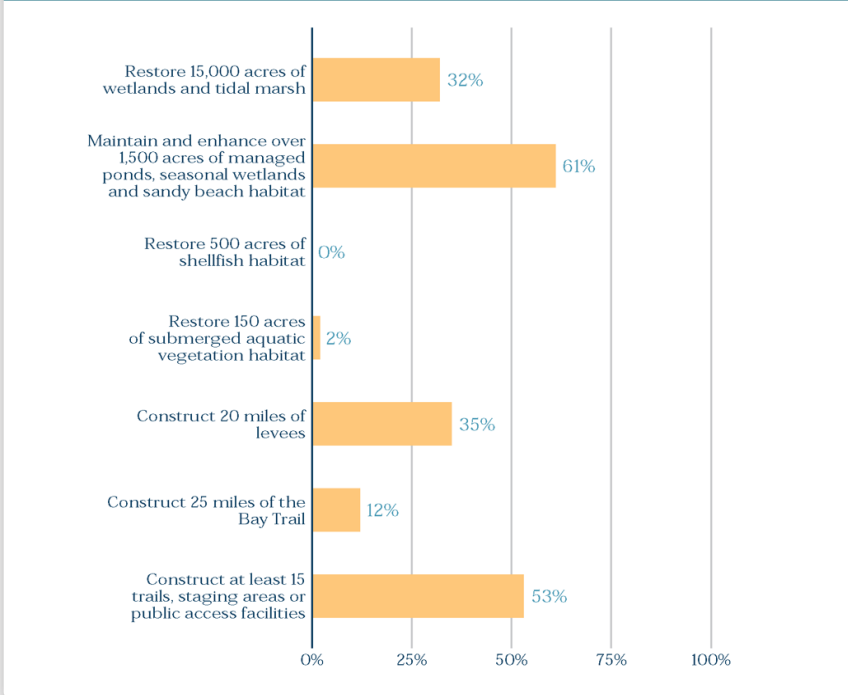
Furthering the Authority’s commitment to equity and environmental justice, this year the Governing Board adopted a resolution to integrate equity into its work by continuing to listen, welcome new voices and partnerships, and engage with community leaders to develop projects that empower and benefit communities that historically have been excluded from habitat restoration and the design of parks and trails. The Authority initiated a Community Grants program, running its first grant round and awarding its first funding for projects that support leadership and engagement with shoreline restoration in economically disadvantaged communities.



**Photos:** Above: Groundbreaking at the 900 Innes Remediation Project in San Francisco. photo: Jessica Davenport  
Below: Beginning of Phase 1 breach at Montezuma Wetlands in Solano County. photo: Montezuma Wetlands, LLC



### PROGRESS TOWARDS MEASURE AA CAMPAIGN GOALS



**Above:** Progress towards the goals set out in the 2016 Measure AA campaign



**Photos:** Encinal Dune Restoration Project in Alameda, photo: East Bay Regional Parks District

### AUTHORITY MILESTONES

Two projects authorized in the Authority’s first round of funding completed construction and one broke ground in FY 20-21.

- Montezuma Wetlands, a large restoration project that has used sediment dredged from the bay’s shipping channels and ports, breached its levee in November 2020, allowing tidal waters to flow over 560 acres of formerly diked baylands.
- The Encinal Dune Restoration and Public Access Project has created improved shoreline habitat and created easier access to a Water Trail site at Encinal Beach in the City of Alameda. It opened to the public in December 2020.
- The 900 Innes Remediation Project in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood of San Francisco broke ground in June 2021.

The Authority also made progress in improving equity:

- Adopted Resolution 70, committing the Authority to implementing Measure AA in a manner that benefits economically disadvantaged communities, adopting a list of recommended actions, and directing staff to report back annually on progress.
- Authorized the first Community Grant: \$100,000 for the Marin City Urban Wetland Community Visioning Project. The project funds a community visioning and planning process for the restoration of a degraded stormwater detention basin in northern Marin City into wetland and open water habitat.

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### AUTHORITY PROJECTS

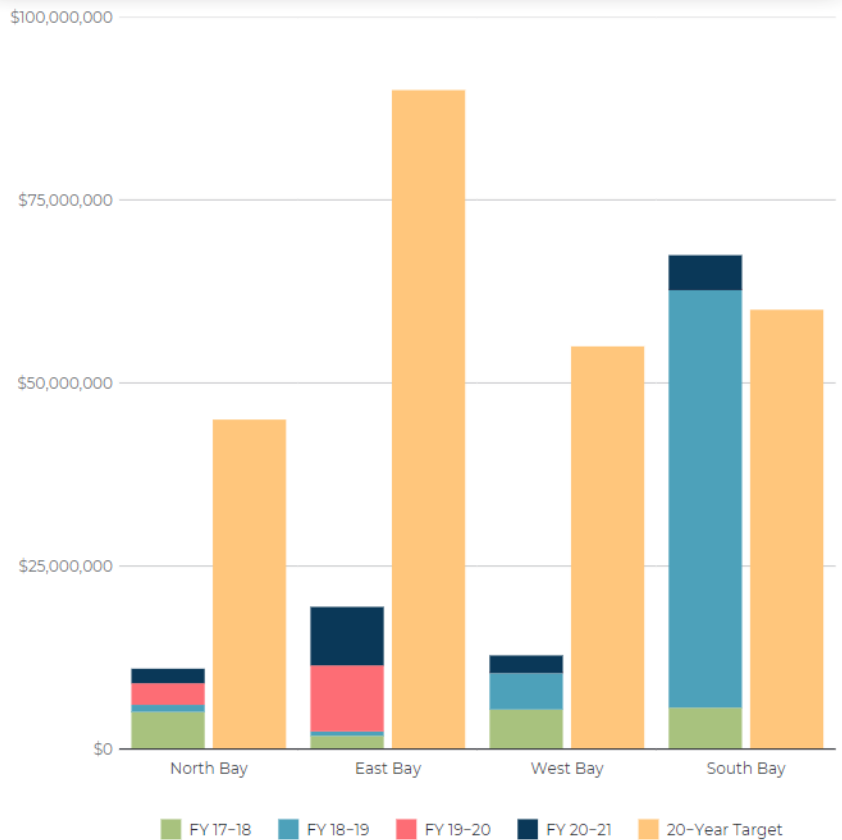
13 projects were authorized by the Authority Governing Board this Fiscal Year, totaling over \$17 million, in addition to the \$11 million previously authorized to the South Bay Shoreline Project.

Among these projects were \$2,300,000 to remove the deteriorating warehouse, piles, decking, and debris at the Terminal Four Wharf in Richmond, which currently pose a navigation hazard and degrade water and habitat quality; \$3,500,000 to restore habitat and improve public access on a 205-acre expansion of Coyote Hills Regional Park in Fremont; and \$297,000 for native plant propagation, revegetation, invasive weed control, community engagement, and job training as part of the Heron’s Head Park Shoreline Resilience Project in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood of San Francisco.

Measure AA continues to be a critical funding stream for the Bay by supporting a wide array of projects throughout the region in the uplands, tidal, and subtidal zones.

### TOTAL AUTHORIZED FUNDING BY REGION THROUGH FY 19-20

Compared to 20-Year Funding Targets



**Above:** Authorized funding by region through FY 20-21 compared to 20-year targets

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