



SAN FRANCISCO BAY
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

Governing Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

December 10, 2021

11:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Teleconference Meeting

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Agenda and attachments available at:
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1. Call to Order

John Gioia, Vice Chair of the Governing Board, called the meeting to order at 11:02 A.M.

Vice Chair Gioia provided Zoom teleconference meeting instructions.

2. Roll Call

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

Aaron Peskin, Karen Holman, Sophie Hahn, Sally Lieber and John Gioia.

A quorum of the Governing Board was present at 11:05 A.M.

Susan Gorin joined at 11:07 A.M.

Karen Holman departed at 11:12 A.M.

Chair Dave Pine was absent.

3. Public Comments

Public member Joshua Quigley from Save the Bay congratulated Amy Hutzel on her appointed position leading both Coastal Conservancy and the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (Authority). Mr. Quigley briefed the board on two items. First, he noted the front-page article in the San Francisco Chronicle about the Dutch Slough Tidal Marsh Restoration Project and how long it took to complete. Second, he encouraged the board to continue working to increase federal funding for the Bay through the U.S Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) San Francisco Bay Program.

4. Board Member Announcements

Authority board members congratulated Amy Hutzel on her newly appointed position.

Supervisor Hahn thanked Jessica Davenport for her presentation about the Authority to the Berkeley City Council.

Supervisor Lieber informed the board about her attendance at a meeting between the League of California Cities and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission about the Bay Adapt plan.

5. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Gioia congratulated Amy Hutzel. Amy Hutzel introduced Mary Small, Chief Deputy Executive Officer of the Coastal Conservancy, who will be joining the Authority team as Deputy Executive Officer.

Vice Chair Gioia acknowledged the impending retirements of Brian Mayhew, Chief Financial Officer of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Treasurer of the Authority, and Susan Woo, MTC's Director of Treasury and Revenue. He expressed appreciation for their contributions to the financial well-being of the Authority.

6. Executive Reports

Amy Hutzel, Executive Officer of the Authority, presented a memo and resolution on continuation of remote meetings. Resolution 84 *Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings for the Legislative Bodies of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority* was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Hahn, Lieber, Gorin

Absent: Pine, Holman

7. Advisory Committee Chair's Report

Jessica Martini-Lamb, Chair of the Authority's Advisory Committee, gave a report on the Advisory Committee recent meeting. Advisory Committee Chair Martini-Lamb requested feedback from the board on the way that the votes of the Advisory Committee are documented and shared with the board. The board discussed and directed staff to bring a recommended action on Advisory Committee voting procedures to consider at the next meeting.

8. Approval of Summary Minutes of October 15, 2021

Summary minutes of the Governing Board Meeting of October 15, 2021 were approved with no corrections.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Hahn, Lieber, Gorin

Absent: Pine, Holman

9. Approval of Summary Minutes of November 15, 2021

Summary minutes of the Governing Board Meeting of November 15, 2021 were approved with no corrections.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Hahn, Lieber, Gorin

Absent: Pine, Holman

10. Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project Update

Paul Detjens of the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District gave an update on the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project. There were no public comment.

GRANT ITEMS

NORTH

**11. San Pablo Baylands Collaborative Protection and Restoration (CPR) Project Phase 2:
Camp 4 Ranch Acquisition and Stewardship Project**

Jessica Davenport, Project Manager of the Authority, presented the staff recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the staff recommendation: Kendall Webster of Sonoma Land Trust.

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million three hundred seventeen thousand dollars (\$1,317,000) to Sonoma Land Trust to acquire and initially steward the 1,149-acre Camp 4 Ranch property in Sonoma County (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 128-491-005, 128-491-006, and 128-491-007) for habitat protection and restoration and open space preservation, with the potential to allow limited public access and recreation, as part of Phase 2 of the San Pablo Baylands Collaborative Protection and Restoration Project, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds for the acquisition, the grantee shall submit for the

- review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Authority (Executive Officer):
- a. All relevant acquisition documents including, without limitation, the appraisal, purchase and sale agreement, deed, escrow instructions, environmental or hazardous materials assessment, and title report;
 - b. A baseline conditions report; and
 - c. Evidence that sufficient funds are available to complete the acquisition.
2. The grantee shall pay no more than fair market value for the property, as established in an appraisal approved by the Executive Officer.
 3. The property acquired under this authorization shall be managed and operated for the purposes of habitat restoration and protection and open space preservation, with the potential to allow limited public access and recreation that is compatible with those purposes. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
 4. Authority funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining a sign on the property or in a nearby publicly viewable area, the design and location of which are to be approved by the Executive Officer.
 5. Prior to disbursement of funds for stewardship activities, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Authority the following:
 - a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
 - b. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project.
 - c. A plan for acknowledgement of Authority funding.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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. Project approval was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Hahn, Lieber, Gorin

Absent: Pine, Holman

ALL REGIONS

12. Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program Science Elements

Heidi Nutters, Project Manager of the Authority, presented the staff recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the staff recommendation: Christina Grosso and Tony Hale from San Francisco Estuary Institute, Advisory Committee Chair Martini-Lamb, Luisa Valiela from U.S. EPA Region 9, Dave Halsing from the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, and Lisa Horowitz McCann from the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed two million, nine hundred and fifteen thousand dollars (\$2,915,000) to Aquatic Science Center (ASC), a joint powers authority, to implement two elements of the Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program for the San Francisco Bay—implementing the monitoring site network and aligning Authority performance measures with WRMP indicators, including support of the WRMP Lead Scientist for these two elements. Of the funds authorized for disbursement, the Executive Officer shall not disburse more than one-half (\$1,457,500) until after June 30, 2023. 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 implementing the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Authority funding.

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The board commented and discussed. Project approval was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Hahn, Lieber, Gorin

Absent: Pine, Holman

13. Acceptance of Audited Financial Statements and Reports for Fiscal Year 2020-21

Kathy Lai, Lead Engagement Partner, Crowe, LLP and Brian Mayhew, Treasurer, presented the Financial Reports and Year End Audit Result for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The board commented and discussed. Project approval was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Hahn, Lieber, Gorin

Absent: Pine, Holman

14. Appointment of Oversight Committee Members

Karen McDowell, Deputy Program Manager of the Authority, presented a resolution reappointing two members to the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee.

Resolution 85 *Appointing Two Members to Second Terms on the Restoration Authority Independent Citizens Oversight Committee* was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Hahn, Lieber, Gorin

Absent: Pine, Holman

15. Amendments to Stipend Policies for the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee and the Advisory Committee

Karen McDowell, Deputy Program Manager, presented resolutions to update the stipend

policies for the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee and the Advisory Committee.

Resolution 86 *Amending the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Independent Citizens Oversight Committee Procedural Document* and Resolution 87 *Amending the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Advisory Committee Procedural Document* were moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Hahn, Lieber, Gorin

Absent: Pine, Holman

16. Upcoming Events in Economically Disadvantaged Communities

Linda Tong, Grant Program Coordinator of the Authority, presented the memorandum *Upcoming Public Events in Economically Disadvantaged Communities along the Shoreline of San Francisco Bay*.

The board commented and discussed.

17. Adjournment

Vice Chair Gioia adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 12:50 P.M.