



Resolution No. 102

Creating a New Funding Mechanism for Reimbursing the Regional Water Quality Control Board for Staffing the Bay Restoration Regulatory Integration Team

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. 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, the Bay Restoration Regulatory Integration Team (BRRIT) was developed to improve the permitting process for multi-benefit wetland restoration projects and associated flood management and public access projects in San Francisco Bay by dedicating agency representatives to review project information for consideration as a team and process permit applications in the most efficient possible manner; and

Whereas, on June 1, 2018, the Authority authorized disbursement of up to \$650,000 annually over five years and acceptance and disbursement of up to \$600,000 of additional funds annually for five years (to be adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index), to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) to establish and operate the BRRIT; and

Whereas, the Authority was unable to enter into contract with the Water Board because the Water Board is not authorized to accept grants from local agencies like the Authority; and

Whereas, the State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) authorized disbursement of state funding to the Water Board to staff the BRRIT on September 6, 2018, and augmented the contract for additional time and funding on March 16, 2022; those funds will soon be expended; and the Conservancy has no additional state funding available for this purpose; and

Whereas, Public Resources Code section 31103.1 permits the Authority to grant funds to the Conservancy; and

Whereas, the Conservancy has expressed willingness to pass Authority funds to the Water Board without charging an overhead rate; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes disbursement of an amount not to exceed \$482,423 of previously authorized BRRIT funds to the Conservancy for augmentation of its contract with the Water Board for staffing the BRRIT, which shall include an extension of the contract's termination date to March 31, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority at its meeting on October 14, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Governing Board Members _____

NOES: Governing Board Members _____

ABSENT: Governing Board Members _____

ABSTAIN: Governing Board Members _____

Dave Pine, Chair

I, Devin Bancod, 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 October 14, 2022, which Resolution is on file in the office of this regional governmental entity.

Devin Bancod, Clerk