

Resolution No. 103

Appointing Two Members to the Restoration Authority Independent Citizens Oversight Committee

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. (“Act”) 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, in June of 2016, the San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure (“Measure AA”) passed with over a two-thirds majority in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area; and

Whereas, Measure AA requires that the Authority appoint six members of the public to an Independent Citizens Oversight Committee (“Oversight Committee”) that shall: (a) annually review the Authority’s conformance with Measure AA; (b) review the Authority’s audits and expenditure and financial reports; and (c) publish an annual report of its findings, which shall be posted on the Authority’s website; and

Whereas, Measure AA further requires that the six members of the Oversight Committee shall include residents of the North Bay, East Bay, West Bay, and South Bay, as defined in Government Code 66703(a), who are experts in water quality, pollution reduction, habitat restoration, flood protection, improvement of public access to the Bay, or financing of these objectives; and

Whereas, the Authority has adopted the *San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Independent Citizens Oversight Committee Procedural Document*, adopted April 27, 2016, amended February 10, 2017 and October 15, 2021 (“Procedural Document”); and

Whereas, the Procedural Document details the process by which members will be selected to serve on the Oversight Committee and notes that the Oversight Committee should have at least one representative from each of the four aforementioned regions, and the two remaining Committee members should be from counties not already represented; and

Whereas, the second terms for the at-large representative from San Mateo County and the West Bay representative from San Francisco County are set to expire on December 31, 2022; and

Whereas, Alameda County, Contra Costa County, and Marin County are already represented by other members of the Oversight Committee; and

Whereas, statements of interest to fill the West Bay and at-large seats were solicited for individuals from Napa County, San Francisco County, San Mateo County, Sonoma County, and Solano County; and

Whereas, Authority staff and an ad hoc subcommittee of the Governing Board reviewed applications for the Oversight Committee and, in accordance with guidance in the Procedural Document, recommended for the Oversight Committee the highly qualified individuals described in Attachment A and listed below.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby appoints Demece Garepis, San Francisco County, representing the West Bay; and Arthur Deicke, Sonoma County, filling an at-large position, to the Oversight Committee, commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority at its meeting on December 16, 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, Paul Johnson, 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 December 16, 2022, which Resolution is on file in the office of this regional governmental entity.

Paul Johnson, Clerk

Resolution 103, Attachment A

Biographies

Arthur Deicke, Sonoma County: Arthur serves as Managing Member of Environmental Pollution Solutions LLC. His experience in water quality and pollution prevention includes storm water management and remediation of contaminated soil and ground water. He has also conducted budget reviews for public, private and non-profit organizations. Arthur serves as a board member for the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation, whose main mission is habitat restoration. He most recently served on the Authority's Advisory Committee, participating in the Annual Report Ad Hoc Committee and Project Application Reviews. With a focus on the Authority's funding and conformance with Measure AA, he decided to bring his skills and experience in service of the Oversight Committee.

Demece Garepis, San Francisco County: Demece serves as Controller for Farallon Geographics, which provides open source geomapping for cultural and environmental preservation. From this she brings experience in financing, contracting, and monitoring of cultural heritage and urban planning projects around the San Francisco Bay. In addition, Demece volunteers with the San Francisco Parks Alliance and writes guidebooks for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to showcase sites accessible along the SF Bay Trail and Water Trail. Demece also served as a board member for the Bernal Heights Neighborhood Center and Housing Corporation.