



SAN FRANCISCO BAY
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Biographies of Recommended Advisory Committee Members

1. **Najiha Alasmar** is an Education Program Manager for Climate Resilient Communities, where she develops programming to educate and empower underserved communities to achieve climate adaptation and resilience by building capacity for nature-based climate adaption projects. Previously, she worked for Fresh Approach, where she focused on providing resources and skill-building for communities to grow their own organic foods.
2. **Casey Ardnt** is the Center Director for Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary, where she oversees restoration projects throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and the Audubon Youth Leaders program. She serves on multiple committees for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging, including committees of Audubon California, National Audubon Society, and the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture.
3. **Sara Azat** is a Fish Biologist at the National Marine Fisheries Service. She has extensive experience in fishery regulation and management and the evaluation of habitat restoration projects. She has served as lead coordinator for interagency groups and work groups involving the public.
4. **Alison Carroll** is the Natural Resources Manager for San Francisco Conservation Corps and Nature in the City, which provides academic, job training, work readiness, and life skills programming for over 100 adults each year. In her role, Alison focuses on habitat restoration and youth programming design.
5. **Adrian Covert** is Vice President for Public Policy at the Bay Area Council, the region's largest multi-sector business advocacy association. He has led the Council's water supply and climate resilience initiatives for many years, including co-chairing the Measure AA campaign, and he co-authored a 2015 report on the Bay Area's economic vulnerability to extreme storm events.
6. **Paul Detjens** is a Senior Civil Engineer for the Contra Costa County Flood Control District, where he serves as the Capital Projects Manager and the point person for sea level rise issues. He has worked for the CCC Flood Control District for over 30 years and will be retiring in 2023.
7. **Lil Milagro Henriquez** is the founder and Executive Director for Mycelium Youth Network, which has been named as one of the only organizations preparing young people for climate change in the United States by the International Transformational Resilience Coalition. Lil Milagro has 20 years of experience in social justice organizing and was recently recognized by Marin Magazine as one of the top 15 Eco-Warriors of 2021.

8. **Dulce Jimenez** is a Planning Assistant with the Solano Transportation Authority and is involved in the Solano Electrical Vehicle (EV) Transition Program to expand EV infrastructure in the county. Dulce also serves on the Solano Land Trust's Land and People Committee, representing her community to increase outdoor access for youth through events and partnerships.
9. **Stuart Siegel**, is the Interim Director for the San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and a Research Professor for the San Francisco State University Estuary & Ocean Science Center. He has over 30 years of experience working in wetland restoration, applied restoration science, and ecosystem planning in the region.
10. **Diane Williams** is a Health Educator at Planting Justice. She has 40 years of experience working in environmental justice. She translates important public health issues to low-income people of color and works to eliminate health disparities.
11. **Beckie Zisser** is a Federal Affairs Advocate in the Office of Government Relations at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, where she works to promote the District's federally-partnered flood protection and water supply projects. She previously served as the Climate Change Program Manager for Save The Bay, where she worked to secure state and federal funding for Bay restoration.