



Bay Restoration Regulatory Integration Team

2023 Annual Report to the SFBRA - November 3, 2023

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Introduction

- 3rd Annual Report to Board
- BRRIT started August 2019
- Goal to improve permitting process



Outline

Agnes Farres, Water Board

- Benefits of pre-application process
- Projects and timelines
- BRRIT performance

Craig Weightman, CDFW (PMC Chair)

- Permit and Policy Improvement List
- Challenges and Recommendations

Closing and Questions/Discussion



Meet the BRRIT

- **Frances Malamud-Roam**
US Army Corps of Engineers
- **Alison Weber-Stover**
NOAA Fisheries
- **Agnes Farres**
Water Board
- **Valary Bloom**
US Fish and Wildlife Service
- **Tami Schane**
CA Department of Fish and Wildlife
- **Schuyler Olsson**
BCDC

Not pictured: Jen Siu (Environmental Protection Agency and Dina Bowlin (USACE)



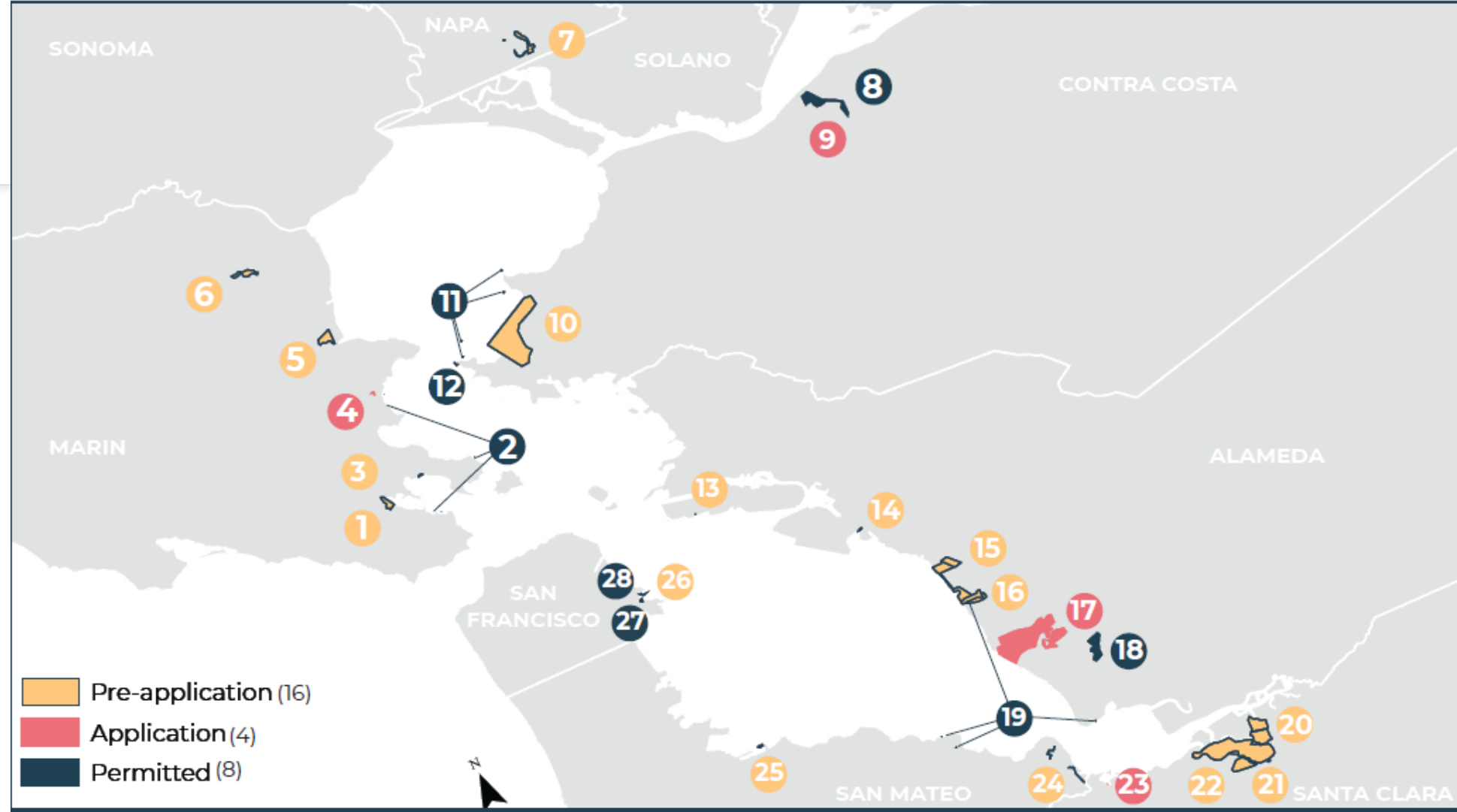
Benefits of the Pre-application Process

- Agency collaboration to avoid conflicting guidance
- Early coordination to avoid conflicts between public access and wildlife habitat
- Help navigating new restoration permitting tools
- Agencies receiving more complete permit applications

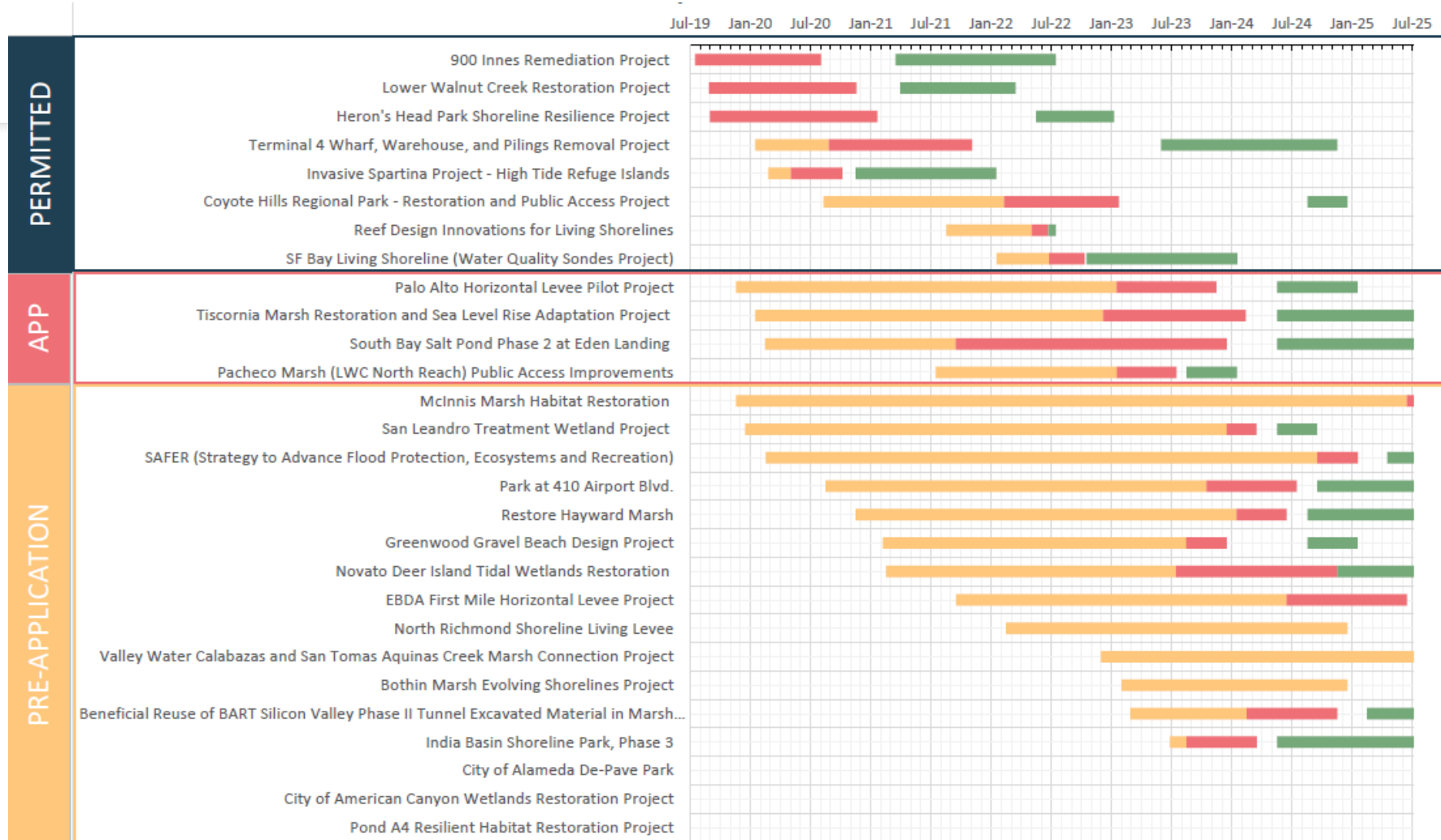


Projects

- 28 Projects in the Bay Area
 - 8 Permitted
 - 4 Application
 - 16 Pre-application
- Accomplishing a variety of Measure AA priorities



Project Timelines



BRRIT Performance

- All agencies respond to permit applications within 30 days
- All agencies meeting agency-specific permitting timelines
- Permits issued to meet project construction schedules
- Positive feedback from online surveys



Permit and Policy Improvement List

- PMC is tasked with identifying and resolving policy issues in the permitting process.
- Fill for habitat
- Collaboration
- Develop guidance
- Aquatic Resource Type Conversion Framework



Challenges and Recommendations

- Existing utilities/infrastructure
- Artificial reefs



Moving Forward

- Board Discussion and Questions
- The BRRIT is always looking to improve and wants feedback and suggestions.
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- More info on our website: [**https://www.sfbayrestore.org/san-francisco-bay-restoration-regulatory-integration-team-brrit**](https://www.sfbayrestore.org/san-francisco-bay-restoration-regulatory-integration-team-brrit)

