



SAN FRANCISCO BAY
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 15, 2023

TO: Governing Board
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

FROM: Amy Hutzal, Executive Officer
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

SUBJECT: Report on Expenditures and Letters under Delegated Authority

Background

In Resolution No. 28, the Governing Board delegated to the Executive Officer the authority to take specific financial actions as necessary and appropriate to the operations of the Authority. These include, but are not limited to:

1. Executing contracts for technical and other services needed to implement Authority programs and costing no more than \$50,000; and
2. Augmenting funds for Authority-authorized expenditures, including grant agreements, by up to 15%, not to exceed \$100,000.

In Resolution 104, the Governing Board delegated to the Chair or Executive Officer the authority to take the following additional actions as necessary or appropriate for operations of the Authority, consistent with applicable law and the policies of the Authority, without further, specific Authority authorization:

1. Sign comment letters and position papers of the State Route 37-Baylands Group.
2. Sign letters of support for federal funding for San Francisco Bay restoration and enhancement.
3. Sign letters of support for additional funding from other sources for Authority-funded projects.

Expenditures

Pursuant to delegated authority, during the period October 1, 2023-November 30, 2023, the Executive Officer approved the following:

- A contract for \$10,000 with PEAK Digital, LLC for migration of the Authority website onto the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's base theme.
- A contract for \$35 with Santa Rosa Junior College for room rental for Advisory Committee meetings in 2024.

Letters

During the period October 1, 2023-November 30, 2023, the Chair, pursuant to delegated authority, signed a letter (Attachment 1) in support of a federal grant application for the Skaggs Island Restoration Project, which will help implement the Authority-funded Sonoma Creek Baylands Strategy.



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Attachment 1

November 9, 2023

Governing Board

Sup. Dave Pine
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RE: SKAGGS ISLAND RESTORATION PROJECT SUPPORT LETTER

Dear Chief Doley:


The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (SFBRA) was the primary funder of the Sonoma Creek Baylands Strategy, a comprehensive high-level plan for landscape-scale restoration, flood protection, and public access in the tidal Lower Sonoma Creek portion of the San Pablo Baylands in Sonoma County, California. The Strategy was developed by several partners, including Sonoma Land Trust, San Francisco Estuary Institute, Ducks Unlimited, and others. SFBRA also funded the acquisition of Camp 4 Ranch, one of the properties identified as a high priority for restoration in the Strategy.

The Sonoma Creek Baylands Strategy provides the preliminary analysis and conceptual planning underlying current work by Ducks Unlimited (DU) on the Sonoma Creek Baylands Restoration Project, which will result in implementation plans and environmental compliance documentation for approximately 6,000 acres of privately and publicly owned land in the Sonoma Creek Baylands, including Skaggs Island, owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Camp 4 Ranch, owned by Sonoma Land Trust, with a Wetland Reserve Easement held by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.

SFBRA is interested in providing additional funding for implementation of the Sonoma Creek Baylands Strategy through projects such as the restoration of Skaggs Island, although grants for specific projects must be sought through a competitive application process. In general, we are highly supportive of landscape-scale tidal restoration projects that will continue to grow the mosaic of connected tidal wetlands and aquatic habitats in San Francisco Bay.

We thank you for your consideration of supporting this important effort to improve California's valuable wetland resources.

Sincerely,

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Dave Pine, Chair