



Resolution No. 121

Expressing Support for the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Priority List of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 San Francisco Bay Program Office

Whereas, in December of 2022, the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) was signed into law and authorized the establishment of a San Francisco Bay Program Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and

Whereas, the authorizing language in the NDAA set out certain expectations for the Program Office including an annual priority list to direct funding towards projects, activities, and studies, including restoration projects and habitat improvement for fish, waterfowl, and wildlife, that advance the goals and objectives of the San Francisco Bay Plan for water quality improvement, including the reduction of marine litter; wetland, riverine, and estuary restoration and protection; nearshore and endangered species recovery; and adaptation to climate change; and

Whereas, the authorizing language in the NDAA requires the San Francisco Bay Program Office of the EPA to consult with and consider the recommendations of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership; the State of California and affected local governments in the San Francisco Bay estuary watershed; the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (Authority); and other relevant stakeholders involved with the protection and restoration of the San Francisco Bay estuary; and

Whereas, EPA developed the list shown in Exhibit A to reflect mutual priorities identified in the San Francisco Estuary Partnership’s Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for the San Francisco Estuary, the Regional Water Board’s San Francisco Bay Basin Water Quality Control Plan, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority’s stated objectives, and the Implementation Plan of the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture; and

Whereas, Authority staff provided input on the Annual Priority List to the staff of the San Francisco Bay Program Office of EPA and that input is reflected in the resulting list; and

Whereas, staff of the San Francisco Bay Program Office of EPA presented the draft list to the Governing Board of the Authority on December 15, 2023, and the Governing Board did not have any additional comments.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Authority:

1. Supports the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Priority List as shown in Exhibit A; and
2. Looks forward to working collaboratively with the San Francisco Bay Program Office of

EPA to fund projects that serve Authority’s mission of advancing ecological restoration, flood protection, and public access along the shoreline of San Francisco Bay, and serve the Bay Area as a whole in achieving resilient and equitable adaptation to sea level rise.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority at its meeting on March 22, 2024, 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 March 22, 2024, which Resolution is on file in the office of this regional governmental entity.

Paul Johnson, Clerk