

SAN FRANCISCO BAY

RESTORATION AUTHORITY

Proposed Equity Guidelines

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SFBRA Equity Efforts: Phase 1

AC forms Ad Hoc Subcommittee, staff hires consultant to conduct focus groups and interviews with community-based organizations to develop recommendations on improving grant program to benefit EDCs, AC refines and adopts equity recommendations

2018-2019

Staff implements equity recommendations in Resolution 70, provides yearly updates on equity work to AC and Governing Board

2020-Present

2020

Governing Board creates Community Grants Program and passes Resolution 70, adopting AC recommendations

SFBRA Equity Efforts: Phase 2



May 2022: AC approves Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Equity's <u>recommendation</u> to create long-term equity guidelines, actions, and indicators for length of Measure AA.



May 2022-June 2023: Staff collaborates with Subcommittee to draft Equity Guidelines and develop community outreach approach.



July-August 2023: Staff holds Community **Outreach and Listening Sessions with** community-based organizations in underserved communities around the Bay.



September-October 2023: Staff, AC, and Subcommittee work on equity indicator alignment with WRMP People and Wetlands Work Group leader

Equity Guidelines Updates

- Collected feedback from November AC meeting, as well as from full AC and Equity Ad Hoc committee via email.
- Discussed edits with Ad Hoc committee.
- AC additions in blueline on proposed Equity Guidelines document. Redline is community input from outreach sessions.
- For your review:
 - Updated Equity Guidelines (redline and blueline)
 - Equity Guidelines in Action
- For your consideration for adoption:
 - Equity Guidelines (clean)





Literacy for Environmental Justice intern watering plants at EcoCenter Nursery (Heron's Head).

AC said:

Clarify support provided to put Community Grant grantees on a pipeline to the regular grant round.

We did:

Added "Support Community Grant program grantees in building capacity to apply to the Authority's competitive grant rounds, including providing feedback before and after grant rounds."



AC said:

Ensure the RFP includes equity and community engagement.

We did:

Added to improve application to reduce barriers "and highlight equity and community engagement in grant program materials."



AC said:

Explain examples of technical assistance provided.

We did:

Added "such as defining project scope, meeting grant requirements, and preparing invoicing documentation."



AC said:

Mention networking opportunities.

We did:

Added "Provide networking opportunities for community-based organizations with landowners, restoration practitioners, and other potential partners."



Next Steps for Equity Guidelines

- Once adopted, use Guidelines to develop the first 5-year equity work plan, with progress to be tracked using new equity indicators
- Align WRMP People + Wetlands indicators with Authority Performance Measures
- Report annually on progress implementing the Equity Guidelines



Shy Walker (Ninth Root) speaking at East Bay Board Tour in 2023.

