



SAN FRANCISCO BAY RESTORATION AUTHORITY

SUMMARY

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

In the Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 the Restoration Authority authorized funding to two new projects and one new Community Grant, augmented funding for six existing projects, and funded new phases for four existing projects, including one Community Grant project.

This year, the Authority opted not to issue a Request for Proposals. Instead, we directed our funding to projects from previous years that had requested additional support or were initially not brought to the Governing Board due to lack of available funds.

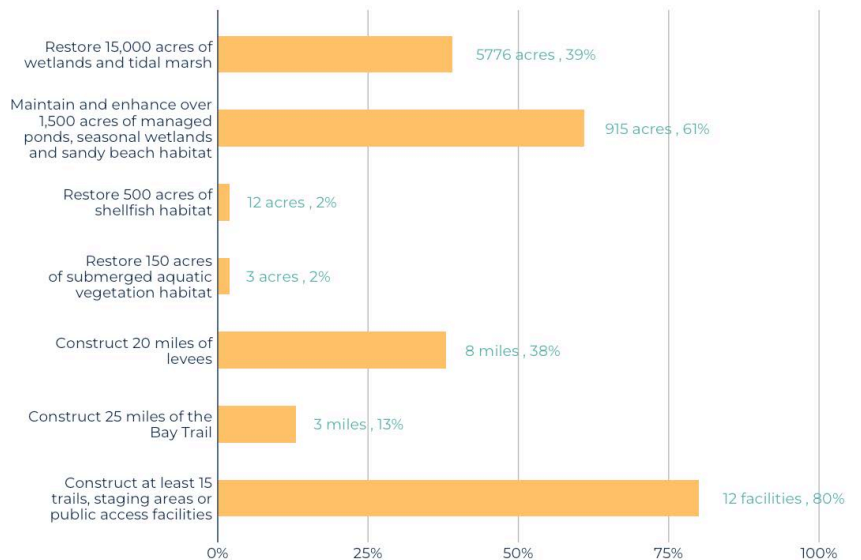
A total of \$12.7 million was authorized to the 13 new and returning projects, in addition to the final installment of the 5-year funding commitment of approximately \$11.4 million per year for the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project.

This year also saw an unprecedented increase in federal funding available for restoration. In June 2023, President Biden visited the Palo Alto shoreline to announce \$575 million available through NOAA's Climate Resilience Regional Challenge. Earlier in the fiscal year, the EPA announced \$25 million available from the San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund to protect and restore San Francisco Bay watersheds and wetlands, and a further \$5 million for building climate resilience in underserved communities.



Photos: Rep. Anna Eshoo, Governor Gavin Newsom, President Joe Biden, and Chiena Ty of the California Climate Action Corps in Palo Alto. Photo: Office of Gov. Newsom
Below: Goat Island Project site Photo: Diana Fu

PROGRESS TOWARDS MEASURE AA CAMPAIGN GOALS



Above: Progress towards the goals set out in the 2016 Measure AA campaign





Photo: Volunteers at the Candlestick Point Stewardship Project
Photo: LEJ

AUTHORITY MILESTONES THIS FY

- Two projects were completed: the [900 Innes Remediation Project](#) and the [Marin City Urban Wetland Community Visioning Project](#) (Community Grant).
- Construction continued on the Reaches 1-3 levee at the [South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project](#). The Coastal Conservancy awarded a grant to the Santa Clara Transportation Authority to bring tunnel muck material from a BART extension project to raise pond bottoms slated for restoration.
- Ducks Unlimited received 918,000 cubic yards of dredged material at Cullinan Ranch as part of the [San Pablo Baylands Collaborative Protection and Restoration Project](#).
- The [Invasive Spartina Removal and Tidal Marsh Restoration Project](#) reduced invasive Spartina in all nine bay counties by 97% to a total of 20.5 net acres baywide.
- The City of Alameda conducted the first set of community engagement workshops for the [De-Pave Park Project](#), with input from over 100 community members. Final designs will be presented to the community for feedback in November 2023.
- Planting Justice, in partnership with the Sogorea Te' Land Trust, has developed a new curriculum for the youth internship program of the [Bay Restoration: Youth Engagement and Service Learning in East Oakland Project](#). They have recruited 18 interns from East Oakland neighborhoods.
- The [Regionally Advancing Living Shorelines Project](#) secured additional funding from National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, EPA SF Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund, and the Coastal Conservancy.
- The [Bay Restoration Regulatory Integration Team \(BRRIT\)](#) has fully permitted 8 projects. Sixteen other projects are in the pre-application phase and 4 are in the application phase.

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AUTHORITY PROJECTS

Between July 2022 and June 2023, the Restoration Authority authorized:
New Projects:

- \$839,700 to the Solano Land Trust to conduct community engagement and prepare plans and permitting for the restoration of 80 acres of tidal wetland, 8 acres of wetland-upland transition zone, and 1 acre of seasonal wetland, and related public access trails and amenities at [Goat Island Marsh](#).
- \$600,000 to the East Bay Regional Park District to assess the feasibility of daylighting Schoolhouse Creek, conduct community engagement, and prepare preliminary designs for the restoration of [habitat along the shoreline of Berkeley North Basin](#) within McLaughlin Eastshore State Park.

New Community Grant:

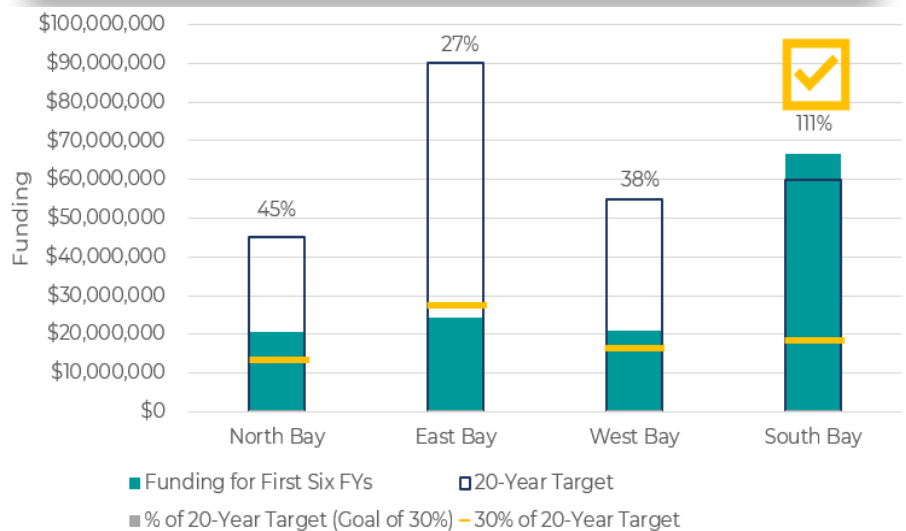
- \$100,000 to the David R. Brower, Ronald V. Dellums Institute for Sustainable Policy Studies and Action to host community planning meetings, provide workforce education and training for creek stewardship, and install native vegetation along the bank of [San Leandro \(Lisjan\) Creek](#).

It augmented funding for the following ongoing projects: [Tiscornia Marsh Restoration and Sea Level Rise Adaptation](#), [SAFER Bay Planning Project](#), [Terminal Four Wharf Removal Project](#), [American Canyon Wetlands Restoration Plan](#), [Hayward Marsh Restoration Project](#), and the [North Richmond Shoreline Living Levee Project](#).

And funded new phases for the following existing projects: [Montezuma Tidal and Seasonal Wetlands Restoration](#), [Suisun Marsh Fish Screen Rehabilitation Project](#), [Heron's Head Park Shoreline Resilience](#), and the [Candlestick Point Stewardship Project](#) (Community Grant).

AUTHORIZED FUNDING THROUGH FY 22-23 COMPARED TO 20-YEAR MEASURE AA TARGET

Progress is shown compared to % expected at 6-year mark (30%)



Above: Authorized funding by region through FY 22-23 compared to 20-year targets

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