



SAN FRANCISCO BAY
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

Resolution No. 122

Adoption of the Equity Guidelines

Whereas, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (“Authority”) was established by the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Act, California Government Code Section 66700 et seq. (“Act”) as a regional entity to generate and allocate resources for the protection and enhancement of tidal wetlands and wildlife habitat in San Francisco Bay and along its shoreline; and

Whereas, pursuant to the Act, the Authority convened the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Advisory Committee (“Advisory Committee”) to advise the Authority Governing Board in carrying out its functions; and

Whereas, Measure AA, Section 3.B.1.e requires the Authority to prioritize projects that benefit economically disadvantaged communities (EDCs); and

Whereas, on June 9, 2017, the Governing Board adopted Resolution 31, amending the Grant Program Guidelines to define an EDC as a community with a median household income less than 80% of the area median income, and within this set of low-income communities, to further define high priority EDCs as communities that are historically underrepresented in environmental policymaking and/or projects; bear a disproportionate environmental and health burden; most vulnerable to climate change impacts due to lack of resources required for community resilience; or severely burdened by housing costs, increasing the risk of displacement; and this definition has been included in the Authority’s annual Requests for Proposals (RFPs); and

Whereas, Measure AA, Section 3.A.4 establishes the Shoreline Public Access Program to enhance the quality of life of Bay Area residents, including those with disabilities, through safer and improved public access, as part of and compatible with wildlife habitat restoration projects in and around the Bay; and

Whereas, past practices by government agencies have contributed to the marginalization of EDCs, California Native American tribes, and people with disabilities, resulting in inequitable access to a clean, healthy Bay shoreline; and

Whereas, there has not been adequate consultation and co-management of natural areas along the shoreline of San Francisco Bay by EDC residents who live there, by people with disabilities, or by tribes who stewarded the shoreline for generations prior to colonialization; and

Whereas, the Authority is committed to advancing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion through its grant programs and throughout its operations; and

Whereas, on July 17, 2020, the Governing Board adopted Resolution 70, accepting the recommendations of the Advisory Committee for implementing AA in a manner that benefits economically disadvantaged communities (“Equity Recommendations”); and

Whereas, the Equity Recommendations provided guidance for a 6-month to 5-year period, with the majority of the recommendations intended to be carried out within two years;

Whereas, there is a need for equity guidance that extends the full length of the Measure AA timeframe, until 2036;

Whereas, to provide for equity over the full length of Measure AA, Authority staff developed the Equity Guidelines in coordination with the Advisory Committee's Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Equity and with input from representatives from local community-based organizations; and

Whereas, the Advisory Committee voted on February 2, 2024, to recommend that the Authority adopt the Equity Guidelines as shown in Exhibit A.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority adopts the Equity Guidelines as shown in Exhibit A and directs staff to report back annually on progress in implementing these guidelines.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority at its meeting on May 3, 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 May 3, 2024, which Resolution is on file in the office of this regional governmental entity.

Paul Johnson, Clerk