



**SAN FRANCISCO BAY**  
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** May 3, 2024

**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 March 1, 2023-April 30, 2024, the Executive Officer approved the following:

- Two filing fees under the California Environmental Quality Act totaling \$100.00.

**Letters**

During the period March 1, 2023-April 30, 2024, the Chair, pursuant to delegated authority, signed five letters to members of the San Francisco Bay Area's congressional delegation in support of Federal Fiscal Year 2025 appropriation requests to restore and manage wetland habitats in San Francisco Bay. (See Attachment 1.)



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March 20, 2024

The Honorable John Garamendi  
2004 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Garamendi:

I am writing in support of FY 2025 appropriation requests to restore and manage wetland habitats in San Francisco Bay. San Francisco Bay is the largest estuary on the West Coast of the United States, habitat for endangered species and migratory birds, an economic engine for the region, and home to well over 7 million people. Federal, state, and local agencies, organizations, and businesses are engaged in the restoration of tens of thousands of acres of wetlands in San Francisco Bay, which provide wildlife habitat, improve water quality, and provide coastal flood protection and sea level rise adaptation. Over 72% of Bay Area voters approved Measure AA in 2016, demonstrating the level of support for San Francisco Bay. This funding, administered by the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority, will provide \$500 million in local funding to match federal funding.

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Thank you for your consideration of these requests and your ongoing support for San Francisco Bay.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Jared Huffman  
2445 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Ro Khanna  
306 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Khanna:

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The Honorable Kevin Mullin  
1404 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Alex Padilla  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Laphonza Butler  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Padilla and Senator Butler:

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