



SAN FRANCISCO BAY
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

Resolution No. 123

Adoption of the Tribal Engagement Recommendations

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, California Native American tribes have a unique relationship with California’s natural resources; and

Whereas, California Native American tribes and tribal communities have distinct cultural, spiritual, environmental, economic and public health interests, and traditional cultural and ecological knowledge about California resources; and

Whereas, past practices by government agencies have contributed to the marginalization of California Native American tribes, 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 California Native American 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, the Governing Board adopted Resolution 108 on May 5, 2023, establishing the Interim Tribal Consultation Policy, which calls for sending project notification letters to tribes on the Native American Heritage Commission’s Tribal Consultation List for projects being considered for funding by the Authority and for establishing the staff position of Tribal Liaison; and

Whereas, on June 30, 2023, the Authority approved its annual Requests for Proposals (RFPs) with a new prioritization criterion that gives priority for demonstrating a serious effort to engage California Native American tribes ; and

Whereas, there is a need for tribal engagement recommendations to guide the Authority’s work; and

Whereas, Authority staff developed the Tribal Engagement Recommendations in coordination with the Advisory Committee's Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Equity and with input from representatives of local California Native American tribes and tribal organizations; and

Whereas, on April 12, 2024, the Advisory Committee voted to recommend that the Authority adopt the Tribal Engagement Recommendations as shown in Exhibit A.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority adopts the Tribal Engagement Recommendations as shown in Exhibit A.

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 Gioia, Peskin, Holman, Gorin, Pine

NOES: Governing Board Members _____

ABSENT: Governing Board Members _____

ABSTAIN: Governing Board Members _____

Dave Pine

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

Paul Johnson, Clerk