



**SAN FRANCISCO BAY**  
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

# Governing Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

May 03, 2024

11:00 A.M. – 1:15 P.M.

Hybrid Teleconference Meeting

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Agenda and Attachments available at:

[www.sfbayrestore.org](http://www.sfbayrestore.org)

## **1. Call to Order**

Dave Pine, Chair of the Governing Board, called the meeting to order at 11:02 A.M.

## **2. Roll Call**

Paul Johnson, Clerk of the Governing Board, reported that four (4) members were present, John Gioia, Aaron Peskin, Susan Gorin and Dave Pine.

A quorum of the Governing Board was present at 11:04 A.M.

## **3. Public Comments**

No public comments were made.

## **4. Board Member Announcements**

There were no board member announcements.

## **5. Chair's Report**

Chair Pine made no announcement.

Karen Holman joined the meeting at 11:08 A.M.

## **6. Executive Reports**

Amy Hutzal, Executive Officer, introduced Desiree Staeffler-Marchbanks as the new attorney at Coastal Conservancy assigned to the Restoration Authority. Ms. Hutzal reported that staff had revised the FY 22/23 Annual Report based on board feedback, posted it online, and mailed the summary in hard copy to elected city and county officials along the shoreline. Staff is preparing a mini-strategic plan memo and presentation for the October board meeting. The U.S. EPA continues to provide funding for San Francisco Bay projects, with

grants totaling \$43.5 million, including \$5 million for wetlands monitoring. NOAA granted \$7 million for Eden Landing. The Coastal Conservancy is awaiting a response regarding a larger application submitted to NOAA for additional funds for San Francisco Bay projects. Minor expenditures and letters were reported, including support for federal appropriations to restore wetland habitats.

Amy Hutzel recommended that the board pass Resolution 124, approving a support letter for AB 2501, allowing the State Water Board to accept funds from state and local agencies.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Gorin, Holman, Pine

#### **7. Approval of Summary Minutes of March 22, 2024**

Summary Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting of March 22, 2024, were approved with no corrections.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Holman, Holman, Pine

Abstentions: Gorin

#### **8. Advisory Committee Chair's Report**

Advisory Committee (AC) Chair Jessica Martini-Lamb presented on the AC's recent activity. The AC last convened on April 12, 2024, where they voted to recommend that the Governing Board approve the proposed tribal engagement recommendations. Additionally, the AC received a report and presentation on equity performance measures updates with preliminary staff recommendations regarding the Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program's social indicators, potentially to be adopted as Restoration Authority performance measures. They also received an overview of the preliminary staff recommendation for Grant Round 7 and discussed future meeting topics. The next meeting is scheduled for September 13.

#### **9. North Richmond Shoreline Living Levee Project, Phase 2**

Liz Juvera, Project Manager, presented the staff recommendation.

##### **Resolution:**

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million, eight hundred fifty-two thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,852,750) to West County Wastewater District to advance the North Richmond

Living Levee and Collaborative Shoreline Adaptation Plan by developing 65% design drawings and draft environmental documents for a 0.65-mile section of living levee and 7 acres of adjacent wetland restoration and by conducting studies and developing 30% design drawings and collaborative strategies for a living levee at two adjacent areas of shoreline in North Richmond, Contra Costa County. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Authority the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Authority funding.
4. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements with key landowning stakeholders to enable the grantee and its agents to access real property for data collection and technical study.

**Findings:**

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation and attached exhibits, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Act, Gov. Code Sections 66700-66706.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure (Measure AA).
3. The grantee is not required to enter into a project labor agreement per Resolution 22 because the proposed authorization is for planning work.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Gorin, Holman, Pine

**10. Hayward Marsh Restoration Project, Phase 2**

Erica Johnson, Project Manager, presented the staff recommendation.

**Resolution:**

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) to East Bay Regional Park District to prepare a 100% engineering design and plan, cost estimates, and permit applications for the Hayward Marsh Restoration Project, Phase 2, located in the City of Hayward in Alameda County. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Authority the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Authority funding.

**Findings:**

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation and attached exhibits, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Act, Gov. Code Sections 66700-66706.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure (Measure AA)

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Gorin, Holman, Pine

**11. Evolving Shorelines Project at Bothin Marsh, Phase 2**

Linda Tong, Project Manager, presented the staff recommendation.

**Resolution:**

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$1,700,000) to Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy for planning and design, community engagement, and studies in support of environmental review and permitting requirements, to enhance habitat and realign a segment of the Bay Trail at Bothin Marsh Open Space Preserve in Marin

County. Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Authority the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Authority funding.

**Findings:**

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation and attached exhibits, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Act, Gov. Code Sections 66700-66706.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure (Measure AA)

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Holman, Gorin, Pine

**12. Restoring Wetland-Upland Transition Zone Habitat with STRAW, Phase 2**

Natasha Daniels, Project Manager, presented the staff recommendation.

**Resolution:**

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million nine hundred thirty-six thousand dollars (\$1,936,000) to Point Reyes Bird Observatory dba Point Blue Conservation Science to restore approximately 1.1 acres of critical wetland-upland transition zone habitat at the American Canyons Wetlands, engaging STRAW (Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed) participants on site, and to offer early career training and workforce development that focuses on historically underserved communities.

Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Authority the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Authority funding.
4. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.

**Findings:**

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation and attached exhibits, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Act, Gov. Code Sections 66700-66706.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure (Measure AA).

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Holman, Gorin, Pine

**13. Augmentation for the Bay Restoration Regulatory Integration Team**

Mark Kalnins, Project Manager, presented the staff recommendation.

**Resolution:**

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) over at least five years, and acceptance and disbursement of an amount not to exceed two million dollars (\$2,000,000) of additional funds, if such funds are granted to the Authority, to augment the previous authorization to disburse up to \$3,250,000 over five years (to be adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index), and to accept and disburse up to \$3,000,000 of funds granted to the Authority, to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, National Marine Fisheries Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (agencies) to operate the Bay Restoration Regulatory Integration Team (BRRIT) for an

additional five years. The authorization is to support the continued work of the BRRIT, which is operating under San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority and State Coastal Conservancy agreements that are due to terminate in late 2024 and early 2025. Prior to commencement of work on the BRRIT under this authorization by each agency, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority shall either augment existing agreements or enter into new agreements with each agency that includes a budget, agency responsibilities, performance measures, and the obligation of each agency to participate in the Bay Restoration Policy and Management Team. The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority shall annually evaluate the BRRIT, review the evaluation at a public board meeting, and make a determination whether to terminate the agreements with each agency.

**Findings:**

Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Act, Gov. Code §§ 66700-66706.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure (Measure AA).

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Holman, Gorin, Pine

**14. Approval of Equity Guidelines**

Sara Haugen, Project Manager, presented the proposed Equity Guidelines.

The board discussed the guidelines. Supervisor Gioia moved to approve if revised by staff to add references to “people of color” where the terms “tribes” and “people with disabilities” are mentioned.

Supervisor Gioia's motion was seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Holman, Gorin, Pine

**15. Approval of Tribal Engagement Recommendations**

Sara Haugen, Project Manager, presented the proposed Tribal Engagement Recommendations.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Holman, Gorin, Pine

## **16. Adjournment**

Chair Pine adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 12:15 P.M.