



SAN FRANCISCO BAY
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

Governing Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

June 14, 2024

11:00 A.M. – 12:47 P.M.

Hybrid Teleconference Meeting

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Agenda and Attachments available at:

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1. Call to Order

Dave Pine, Chair of the Governing Board, called the meeting to order at 11:03 A.M.

2. Roll Call

Paul Johnson, Clerk of the Governing Board, reported that five (5) members were present, John Gioia, Karen Holman, Sophie Hahn, Lisa Gauthier, and Dave Pine.

A quorum of the Governing Board was present at 11:05 A.M.

3. Public Comments

Joshua Quigley of Save the Bay made a comment.

4. Board Member Announcements

Karen Holman made comments on the Newark Baylands Acquisition Project tour.

5. Chair's Report

Chair Pine made no announcement.

6. Executive Reports

Amy Hutzel, Executive Officer, reported on the State of the Estuary Conference, highlighting that 4 out of 7 outstanding environmental project awards were for Restoration Authority grantees: Heron's Head Park Shoreline Resilience Project, Phase 2 Restoration at Ravenswood South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, San Francisquito Creek Flood Reduction, Ecosystem Restoration, and Recreation (SAFER) Project (San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority), and Students and Teachers Restoring A Watershed (STRAW) Program (Point Blue Conservation Science). SFBRA staff and grantees participated as

speakers or moderators on several panels, including topics such as funding, wetland restoration, living shorelines, State Route 37, flooding in frontline communities, community resilience, and native plant nurseries. Ms. Hutzel noted that an Advisory Committee tour of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project has been scheduled for July 30th from 10-2, which will include visits to Eden Landing in Hayward, the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project in Alviso, and the Ravenswood restoration site in Menlo Park. She also mentioned that the Association of Bay Area Governments' General Assembly will take place on June 21 at the Oakland Museum. Following the business meeting, there will be a workshop focused on climate resilience from 12-2. Councilmember Lisa Gauthier and Caitlin Sweeney will be on the panel discussing "Resilience - Innovative Governance for Regional Challenges."

7. Approval of Summary Minutes of May 03, 2024

Summary Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting of May 03, 2024, were approved with no corrections.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Holman, Hahn, Gauthier, Pine

8. Advisory Committee Chair's Report

Advisory Committee (AC) Chair Jessica Martini-Lamb reported that the AC last met on April 12, and a summary was provided at the May 3 Governing Board meeting. She noted several upcoming items for the fall, including recommendations for aligning equity performance measures with the equity indicators being developed by the Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program. The AC Equity Ad Hoc Subcommittee will meet later this summer to continue these discussions. Additionally, Restoration Authority staff will be calling for AC member applications as several current members' terms will end in early 2025. The next meeting is scheduled for September 13.

9. Independent Citizens Oversight Committee's Annual Review of Conformance with Measure AA

Jim Fiedler, Vice Chair, Independent Citizens Oversight Committee, presented the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee's Annual Review of Conformance with Measure AA.

10. San Leandro Treatment Wetland, 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 three million seven hundred thirty-four thousand four hundred eighty-nine (\$3,734,489) dollars to the City of San Leandro to: 1) convert a 6.9-acre wastewater storage basin adjacent to San Leandro's Water Pollution Control Plant to a multi-benefit freshwater treatment wetland that will remove wastewater-borne nitrogen, phosphorus, and contaminants of emerging concern, including completing final permitting for the conversion; and 2) develop a shared vision for community-based shoreline resilience planning efforts and scope a Shoreline Master Plan for the City of San Leandro, 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.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into a project labor agreement consistent with San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Resolution 22.

Findings:

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

1. The proposed project is consistent with the current Project Selection Criteria and Guidelines.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with the purposes and objectives of Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code, regarding the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program.
3. The Authority independently reviewed and considered the San Leandro Water Pollution Control Plant Treatment Wetland and Shoreline Resilience Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) adopted by the City of San Leandro on April 2, 2024, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 5, public comment to the MND, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. The Authority finds that the project as designed and mitigated avoids, reduces or mitigates the potentially significant environmental effects to a less-than-significant level, and that there is no substantial evidence based on the record as a whole that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Holman, Hahn, Gauthier, Pine

11. South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project Phase 2: Eden Landing Implementation

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million one hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$1,155,000) for levee slope and transition zone enhancement to benefit western snowy plovers and marsh-dependent wildlife, as part of Phase 2 of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project. 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 all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. 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, Holman, Hahn, Gauthier, Pine

12. Storytelling Shoreline Futures: Youth Visioning and Action

Vanessa Aczon, Project Manager, presented the staff recommendation.

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to Mycelium Youth Network to develop and implement the Storytelling Shoreline Futures: Youth Visioning and Action project, which consists of: 1) empowering and educating approximately 12 youth on shoreline and climate justice issues through the power of storytelling; 2) conducting shoreline habitat restoration and enhancement; and 3) hosting a community event that will engage approximately 150-300 members in shoreline restoration activities, artmaking, and role-playing games at three shoreline locations in Alameda and Santa Clara Counties. 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.

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Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Holman, Hahn, Gauthier, Pine

**13. San Pablo Baylands Collaborative Protection and Restoration (CPR) Project, Phase 3:
Camp 3 Ranch Acquisition**

Sara Haugen, Project Manager, presented the staff recommendation.

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed five million seven hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$5,730,000) to Sonoma Land Trust to acquire the 1,480-acre Camp 3 Ranch property in Sonoma County (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 128-491-013, 128-491-014, and 128-491-015) as Phase 3 of the San Pablo Baylands Collaborative Protection and Restoration Project, subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to the disbursement of funds for the acquisition, the grantee shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Authority (Executive Officer):

- a. All relevant acquisition documents including, without limitation, the appraisal, purchase and sale agreement, deed, escrow instructions, environmental or hazardous materials assessment, and title report;
 - b. A baseline conditions report; and
 - c. Evidence that sufficient funds are available to complete the acquisition.
2. The grantee shall pay no more than fair market value for the property, as established in an appraisal approved by the Executive Officer.
 3. The property acquired under this authorization shall be managed and operated for the purposes of habitat restoration and protection and open space preservation, with the potential to allow limited public access and recreation that is compatible with those purposes. The property shall be permanently dedicated to those purposes by an appropriate instrument approved by the Executive Officer.
 4. Authority funding shall be acknowledged by erecting and maintaining a sign on the property or in a nearby publicly viewable area, the design and location of which are to be approved by the Executive Officer.

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, Holman, Hahn, Gauthier, Pine

14. Budget and Staff Work Plan Fiscal year 2024/2025

Derek Hansel, Treasurer, presented the memo on the FY 2024/2025 Operating and Project Budget.

Jessica Davenport, Deputy Program Manager, presented the memo on Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Staff Work Plan.

Mr. Hansel recommended approval of Resolution 125 Adopting the FY 2024/2025 San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Operating and Project Budget.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Holman, Hahn, Gauthier, Pine

Karen Holman left the meeting at 12:40 P.M.

15. Draft 2024 Grant Rounds Materials

Sara Haugen, Grant Program Coordinator, presented the Draft 2024 Grant Round Materials.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Hahn, Gauthier, Pine

16. Formation of Ad Hoc Committee to Select Oversight Committee Member

Karen McDowell, Deputy Program Manager, recommended that the Governing form an Ad Hoc Committee to select a new member from the North Bay from either Marin, Napa, or Solano. Councilmember Hahn made a motion to authorize the chair to appoint the Ad Hoc subcommittee to select oversight committee members with advice from the executive officer, which was seconded by Supervisor Gioia.

Ayes: Gioia, Hahn, Gauthier, Pine

17. Adjournment

Chair Pine adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 12:47 P.M.