

Resolution No. 132

Appointing Two Members to the Restoration Authority's Independent Citizens Oversight Committee

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, in June of 2016, the San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure (“Measure AA”) passed with over a two-thirds majority in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area; and

Whereas, Measure AA requires that the Authority appoint six members of the public to an Independent Citizens Oversight Committee (“Oversight Committee”) that shall: (a) annually review the Authority’s conformance with Measure AA; (b) annually review the Authority’s audits and expenditure and financial reports; and (c) publish an annual report of its findings, which shall be posted on the Authority’s website; and

Whereas, Measure AA further requires that the six members of the Oversight Committee shall include residents of the North Bay, East Bay, West Bay, and South Bay, as defined in Government Code 66703(a), who are experts in water quality, pollution reduction, habitat restoration, flood protection, improvement of public access to the Bay, or financing of these objectives; and

Whereas, the Authority has adopted the *San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Independent Citizens Oversight Committee Procedural Document*, adopted April 27, 2016, amended February 10, 2017, October 15, 2021, and October 20, 2023 (“Procedural Document”); and

Whereas, the Procedural Document details the process by which members will be selected to serve on the Oversight Committee and notes that the Oversight Committee should have at least one resident of each of the four aforementioned regions, and the two remaining Committee members should be residents of counties not already represented; and

Whereas, the first term for the South Bay representative from Santa Clara County and second term of the North Bay representative from Marin County are set to expire on December 31, 2024; and

Whereas, the Procedural Document states that the Governing Board may reappoint members to a second term without following the regular appointment process; and

Whereas, Garth Hall, representing the South Bay, is a highly qualified individual, has been an active member of the Oversight Committee during his first term, as described in Exhibit A below, and has expressed his interest in serving a second term; and

Whereas, the North Bay seat will be vacated on December 31, 2024 because Doug Wallace will have completed his second term (the maximum number of terms that can be served); and the Authority is very grateful for his service; and

Whereas, the Oversight Committee currently has an at-large member who is a resident of Sonoma County; and

Whereas, statements of interest to fill the North Bay were solicited for individuals from Napa County, Marin County, and Solano County; and

Whereas, Authority staff and a member of the Governing Board reviewed applications for North Bay Seat of the Oversight Committee and, in accordance with guidance in the Procedural Document, recommended for the Oversight Committee Susan Ives, a Marin County resident who is highly qualified as described in Exhibit A below.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby appoints Susan Ives, Marin County, representing the North Bay; and Garth Hall, Santa Clara County, representing the South Bay, to the Oversight Committee for first and second terms respectively, commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2027.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority at its meeting on December 13, 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 December 13, 2024, which Resolution is on file in the office of this regional governmental entity.

Paul Johnson, Clerk

Resolution 132, Exhibit A

Biographies

Garth Hall, Santa Clara County: Garth Hall is retired and spent his career in the electric and power industry in the San Francisco Bay Area at Pacific Gas & Electric, East Bay Municipal Utility District, and Santa Clara Valley Water District. He also served on Palo Alto's Utility Advisory Commission from 2013 to 2016. Garth brings experience in budgeting and financial management, having managed multi-million-dollar budgets during his career, as well as in program management and pollution reduction. Garth's first term serving as the South Bay representative for the Independent Citizens Oversight committee began on March 3, 2023 will expire on December 31, 2024. The first term was just two years, since he filled a vacant seat part way through a three-year term. During his two years of service, he was an active member and provided insightful comments to the committee.

Susan Ives, Marin County: Susan Ives is a former journalist who is currently providing strategic communications for the nonprofit sector. She has been writing about environmental and climate issues for over 35 years. Her professional experience includes being the founding director of the Massachusetts Environmental Trust (an innovative public-private partnership that has provided a permanent funding source for citizen-based environmental restoration projects statewide), Special Assistant to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the Boston Harbor cleanup, 14-year Vice President, for the Trust for Public Land, along with serving on many other boards and advisory committees for environmental organizations.