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In order to avoid such misunderstanding in the future, the Oversight Committee and the Authority staff jointly have agreed on two procedural changes: 1) staff responses will be embedded in the Oversight Committee’s letter; and 2) the Oversight Committee Chair and Vice-Chair will be afforded the opportunity to review and comment on the draft staff response prior to its publication.

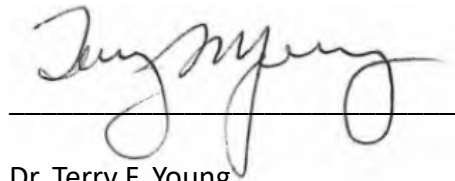
We trust that the changes will make this valuable process even better.

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Like many other regions, the Bay Area is facing an ever-shorter timeframe during which to adapt to the changing climate while restoring nature and enhancing our communities. In its thorough analysis of restoration needs, the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture has issued “A Call to Dramatically Increase the Pace and Scale of Action”<sup>13</sup> up to fourteen-fold compared with past efforts. According to this analysis, “This will require unprecedented funding levels, strong collaborative efforts, and accelerated planning timelines.”

In our view, the passage of Measure AA in 2016 was -- in many respects – visionary, and the work of the Authority since then has helped to pave the way for an accelerating pace of adaptation and restoration. We look forward to continuing to work with the Authority and the Governing Board to achieve the regional goals we all share.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Young", is written over a horizontal line.

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<sup>13</sup> San Francisco Bay Joint Venture. 2022. Restoring the Estuary - A Framework for the Restoration of Wetlands and Wildlife in the San Francisco Bay Area. Richmond, CA. The San Francisco Bay Joint Venture is a voluntary, cooperative, public-private partnership with a mission to protect, restore, increase, and enhance habitats throughout the San Francisco Bay region for the benefit of birds, other wildlife, and people.