



**SAN FRANCISCO BAY**  
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

**Resolution No. 135**

**Appointing Members to the Restoration Authority Advisory 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**, the Act provides for a Bay Restoration Advisory Committee (“Advisory Committee”) to advise the Governing Board of the Authority; 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 describes additional responsibilities of the Advisory Committee; and

**Whereas**, at its October 14, 2022, Governing Board meeting, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority adopted an amended San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Advisory Committee Procedural Document (“Procedural Document”); and

**Whereas**, an ad hoc committee of the Governing Board reviewed applications for the Advisory Committee and, in accordance with guidance in the Procedural Document, recommended the highly qualified and broadly representative group of Advisory Committee members listed below;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby appoints to four-year terms the following:

1. Chris Barton, Restoration Projects Manager, East Bay Regional Park District
2. Erik Buehmann, Long-Range Planning Manager, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
3. Erika Castillo, Regulatory & Public Affairs Director, Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District
4. Laura Feinstein, Resilient Landscapes Program Director, San Francisco Estuary Institute
5. Heleine Grewe, student leader, San Francisco Estuary Partnership’s Estuary Youth Council

6. Jake Hanft, Program Manager, Schmidt Marine Technology Partners
7. Lee Huo, Senior Bay Trail Planner, Metropolitan Transportation Commission/San Francisco Bay Trail Project
8. David Lewis, Executive Director, Save The Bay
9. Jessica Martini-Lamb, Environmental Resources Manager, Sonoma County Water Agency
10. Kelli McCune, Coordinator, San Francisco Bay Joint Venture
11. Lea Murray-Quintana, Executive Director, Collaborising
12. Christopher Nakamura, Development Manager, San Jose Conservation Corps
13. Emily Perales, Life Scientist, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
14. Marquita Price, Principal Planner, Hood Planning Group
15. Ethan Rayner, Restoration Manager, The Watershed Project
16. Brian Rowley, Water Quality Program Manager, California Department of Transportation
17. Ana María Ruiz, General Manager, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
18. William Tinajero-Noriega, Environmental Justice Program Assistant, Nuestra Casa de East Palo Alto
19. Charlie Toledo, Executive Director, Suscol Intertribal Council
20. Craig Weightman, Habitat Conservation Program Manager, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Bay Delta Region
21. Eileen White, Executive Officer, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
22. Michael Williams, Trails Program Manager, Hayward Area Recreation and Park District

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority at its meeting on February 28, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Governing Board Members Manfree, Blackaby, Holman, Washington, Gioia

NOES: Governing Board Members \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: Governing Board Members Gauthier, Cwirko-Godycki

ABSTAIN: Governing Board Members \_\_\_\_\_

*John Gioia*

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John Gioia, 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 February 28, 2025, which Resolution is on file in the office of this regional governmental entity.

*Paul Johnson*

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Paul Johnson, Clerk



### **Biographies of Recommended Advisory Committee Members**

1. **Chris Barton** is Restoration Projects Manager with the East Bay Regional Park District. He has over 20 years of public agency experience planning and implementing habitat restoration projects, bringing expertise in disciplines such as land use planning, regulatory permitting and compliance, vegetation management, cultural and historic resources, and green infrastructure design.
2. **Erik Buehmann** is Long-Range Planning Manager at the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and he has more than a decade of coastal management experience. He previously served as BCDC's Bay Resources Permit Program Manager, where he led the permitting for projects in and along the San Francisco Bay shoreline, including proposals for habitat restoration and enhancement, and served on the BRRIT Policy and Management Committee.
3. **Erika Castillo** is Regulatory & Public Affairs Director for the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District. She contributes to the success of marsh restoration projects in the Bay Area by ensuring that public health and the perception of wetlands are not negatively impacted by an increase in mosquito populations.
4. **Laura Feinstein** is Resilient Landscapes Program Director at the San Francisco Estuary Institute. She holds a doctorate in Ecology from University of California, Davis with a focus on wetland ecosystems, served as Sustainability and Resilience Policy Director at SPUR, and was a Science and Policy fellow with the California Senate Committee on Environmental Quality.
5. **Heleine Grewe** is a student at Menlo College and was part of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership's Estuary Youth Council. She has worked with Youth United for Community Action, 'Anamatangi Polynesian Voices, and Nuestra Casa, which provided her with experience in community engagement, environmental justice, and addressing climate change in vulnerable communities.
6. **Jake Hanft** is Program Manager at Schmidt Marine Technology Partners, where he executes grants for ocean conservation, including for coastal restoration and living shorelines. He brings ten years of grantmaking experience, an eye for detail during project review, and a collaborative disposition.
7. **Lee Huo** is Senior Planner with the San Francisco Bay Trail Project and has over 20 years of experience in Bay resources, shoreline trails, open space, and public access planning including work with the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project. His interests focus on the successful melding of public access and restoration projects to ensure that

generations of people will have the opportunity to experience and learn from the many Bay restoration projects.

8. **David Lewis** is Executive Director of Save The Bay. He has over 20 years of experience in advocacy for Bay marsh habitat acquisition and restoration and associated state and federal funding, as well as advocacy for regulatory policies and funding to reduce trash and marine debris.
9. **Jessica Martini-Lamb** is Environmental Resources Manager at the Sonoma County Water Agency. She oversees environmental regulatory permitting and compliance, and biological and water quality monitoring for her agency's restoration, water supply, flood control, and sanitation projects. She serves on the San Francisco Estuary Partnership Implementation Committee and manages her agency's Russian River Estuary Management Program.
10. **Kelli McCune** is Coordinator of the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture, a public-private partnership that coordinates, informs, tracks and inspires the protection and restoration of wetlands and other habitats to benefit birds, other wildlife, and people in the Bay Area. She brings over 15 years of conservation experience working to scale habitat restoration and stewardship practices on California's working lands.
11. **Lea Murray-Quintana** is Executive Director of Collaborising, a nonprofit committed to eradicating social injustice through community organizing and movement building. She has extensive experience in community engagement, specifically with unhoused populations, and brings both professional and lived experience to advise on social justice and environmental equity issues.
12. **Christopher Nakamura** is Development Manager for the San Jose Conservation Corps. He has a Bachelors in Enviornmental Studies and is a certified University of California Climate Stewards instructor for their California Naturalist program. He worked as a Crew Lead with the Corps on trails and restoration projects before joining as a staff member, as a testament to workforce development for green collar jobs.
13. **Emily Perales** is a Life Scientist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, where she manages grants that implement water quality and habitat restoration projects in the Bay Area. In addition to her experience with the complex regulatory framework of the San Francisco Bay Area, she aims to strengthen efforts toward improving equity and incorporating diversity in the Authority's decision-making.
14. **Marquita "Keta" Price** is a third generation East Oakland native serving as Principal Planner for the Hood Planning Group. She is the lead on several East Oakland

neighborhood and transportation projects, holds the city of Oakland accountable to equitable zoning and land use in East Oakland, and participates in regional planning.

15. **Ethan Rayner** serves as Restoration Manager for The Watershed Project where he manages flood control projects in local creeks and stormwater runoff programs through the use of habitat gardens, swale and bioswales, and other low impact urban infrastructure. He has experience applying for and implementing grants for restoration projects, engaging local communities, and previously worked for California State Parks.
16. **Brian Rowley** is Water Quality Program Manager with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). He has over 18 years of public and private sector experience (of a 24-year civil engineering career) in the planning, design, and implementation of green stormwater infrastructure.
17. **Ana María Ruiz** is General Manager of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, whose mission is to preserve open space lands, restore native habitat and provide ecologically sensitive public access. She brings strong technical expertise that is rooted in science and a planner's analytical mind, along with a personal understanding of a wide range of community needs.
18. **William Tinajero-Noriega** is the Environmental Justice Program Assistant of Nuestra Casa de East Palo Alto, where he advocates for communities disproportionately impacted by environmental issues by engaging residents on climate issues. He brings experience in community outreach, environmental education, and field experience underpinned by his academic background in conservation science and biology.
19. **Charlie Toledo** is Executive Director of the Suscol Intertribal Council and has participated on numerous boards, committees and advisory boards around issues of access by unrepresented communities since 1993. She has been a water protection advocate since first serving on the Napa County watershed development committee that developed the concept of a "Living River" which has become a model for watershed protection.
20. **Craig Weightman** is Habitat Conservation Program Manager for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Bay Delta Region. He serves on the Policy and Management Committee of the Bay Restoration Regulatory Integration Team, and he has contributed to the Cutting the Green Tape initiative to accelerate the permitting of restoration projects.
21. **Eileen White** is Executive Officer for the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, which protects the quality of the region's water resources for public health and environmental uses. Prior to joining the Water Board, she held leadership positions in

both wastewater and drinking water at the East Bay Municipal Utility District. She is a licensed Civil Engineer.

22. **Michael Williams** is Trails Program Manager for the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District, which has included overseeing the district's first Trails and Open Space Master Plan and securing millions of dollars in grant funding for trail development. He has over 30 years as a capital improvement project manager in the architecture, engineering, and construction industry and is interested in representing the communities he serves in Alameda County.