



SAN FRANCISCO BAY
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

SUMMARY MINUTES

**San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
Independent Citizens Oversight Committee**

May 1, 2026, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Bay Area Metro Center
375 Beale Street, 5th Floor, Redwood Room (5150)
San Francisco, CA 94105

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Agenda and attachments available at:
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1. Call to Order

Jim Fiedler, Chair, Independent Citizens Oversight Committee (Oversight Committee) started the meeting at 9:35am.

2. Determination of Quorum

Sarina Seaton, Clerk of the Oversight Committee

The clerk determined that the following committee members were present: Arthur (Art) Deicke, Jim Fiedler, Demece Garepis, Garth Hall, and Susan Ives. A quorum was determined to be present.

Dr. Terry Young joined the meeting at 9:36 am.

3. Public Comment

The clerk confirmed that there were no public comments.

4. Introductions and Announcements

Members introduced themselves. The following staff also introduced themselves: Karen McDowell, Taylor Samuelson, Amy Hutzal (arrived later), and Sarina Seaton

5. Approval of Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2026

Item 5: [*Draft Meeting Minutes for February 20, 2026*](#)

Art Deicke moved for approval of Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2026. The motion was seconded by Dr. Terry Young. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. General Staff Comments on the Draft Report

Amy Hutzal, Executive Officer, San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

Amy lead a discussion on the overarching staff comments on the Draft Report speaking to the communications recommendations and the construction status report. Staff agreed to provide biennial construction status report.

7. Communications Update

Taylor Samuelson, Public Information Officer, San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
Taylor gave a presentation on SFBRA's communications efforts.

8. Review of the Draft Report and Recommendations to the Governing Board

Jim Fiedler, Chair, Independent Citizens Oversight Committee

Item 8: [Draft Report to the Governing Board](#)

Jim Fiedler reviewed the 2024/2025 draft report. OC members went through the report making edits to streamline and clarify the language of the document. Will finalize the report at the June 1st meeting.

9. Executive Officer Q & A

Amy Hutzal, Executive Officer, San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

Amy answered additional questions on sections of the report.

10. Oversight Committee Meeting Schedule and Next Steps

Jim Fiedler, Chair, Independent Citizens Oversight Committee

Karen, McDowell, Program Manager, San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

Jim Fiedler led the discussion of the Oversight Committee meeting schedule and next steps.

The committee requested a presentation on subtidal habitats, possibly on the monitoring results of Giant Marsh or on one of the newly recommended projects if a speaker is available.

Garth Hall made a motion to extend the time for the meeting on June 1st to 9:30 am to 1:30 pm (previously was scheduled to end at 12:30 pm). Art Deicke seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

11. Adjourn

Jim Fiedler adjourned the meeting at 2:29 pm.

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