



**SAN FRANCISCO BAY**  
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

# Governing Board

## SUMMARY MINUTES

December 04, 2020

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Teleconference Meeting

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Agenda and attachments available at:  
[www.sfbayrestore.org](http://www.sfbayrestore.org)

### **Call to Order**

Dave Pine, Chair of the Governing Board, called the meeting to order at 11:02 A.M.

Chair Pine provided Zoom teleconference meeting instructions.

### **1. Roll Call**

Anulika White, Clerk of the Governing Board, reported that seven (7) members were present: John Gioia, Karen Holman, Susan Gorin, Kate Sears, Aaron Peskin, Vinnie Bacon, and Dave Pine

A quorum of the Governing Board was present at 11:04 A.M.

### **2. Public Comments**

David Lewis, Executive Director of Save the Bay, recognized the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (Authority) for the work it is doing and looks forward to working with the Authority in the future.

Dean Stanford, a designer at Tesla, recognized the Authority for the work it does and informed the Board about an issue related to the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project.

### **3. Board Member Announcements**

There were no announcements.

### **4. Chair's Report**

Dave Pine, Chair of the Governing Board, reported on the potential for a future climate resilience bond, the Cargill salt ponds, and a webinar on coarse beaches hosted by the State Coastal Conservancy and the Exploratorium. Chair Pine recognized Authority Advisor Committee Chair Luisa Valiela, and Vice Chair Ana Alvarez for their great work running the Advisory Committee, as they step down from their leadership positions. Board Members Vinnie Bacon and Kate Sears, who are both leaving elected office, were recognized for their great work and the contributions that they made to the Authority.

**5. Executive Reports**

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority, updated the Board on Round 4 grant applications, the Community Grants Program, and a new adopted policy by staff to allow advancing funds to grantees.

**6. Approval of Summary Minutes of October 02, 2020**

Summary minutes of the Governing Board Meeting for October 02, 2020 were approved with no corrections.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Bacon, Peskin, Holman, Sears, Gorin

**7. Montezuma Wetlands Update**

Jim Levine of the Montezuma Wetlands LLC presented to the Board the progress of the Montezuma Wetlands Restoration Project.

Public member Dean Stanford made a comment. The Board commented and discussed.

Board Member Kate Sears left the meeting at 12:04 P.M.

**8. LONG BEACH RESTORATION DESIGN PROJECT**

Erica Johnson, Project Manager of the Authority, presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Austine Osakwe and Keith Cook of the City of San Leandro.

Resolution:

“The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed five hundred fourteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$514,500) to the City of San Leandro to conduct environmental studies and community engagement, prepare a 35% complete conceptual design of the preferred alternative, develop a cost estimate, and

identify permitting needs for the restoration of Long Beach, located in the City of San Leandro in 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.”

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 Sections 66700-66706.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure (Measure AA).”

The Board commented and discussed. There were no public comments.

Project approval was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Bacon, Peskin, Holman, Gorin

Absent: Sears

## **9. HAYWARD MARSH RESTORATION PROJECT**

Erica Johnson, Project Manager of the Authority, presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Katy Hornbeck and Chris Barton of the East Bay Regional Park District.

Resolution:

“The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed five-hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the East Bay Regional Parks District to conduct environmental studies and prepare environmental documentation under CEQA, conduct community engagement, develop design alternatives, prepare a 35% conceptual design of the preferred alternative, and prepare permit applications for the Hayward Marsh Restoration project, located in the City of Hayward in 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.
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The Board commented and discussed. There were no public comments.

Project approval was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Bacon, Peskin, Holman, Gorin

Absent: Sears

#### **10. Acceptance of Audited Financial Statements and Reports for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Kathy Lai, Lead Engagement Partner, Crowe, LLP, and Brian Mayhew, Treasurer of the Authority, presented the FY 19-20 San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Financial Report and year end audit results.

The Board commented and discussed. Member of the public Dean Stanford made a comment.

The acceptance of Audited Financial Statements and Report for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Bacon, Peskin, Holman, Gorin

Absent: Sears

#### **11. Appointment of New Advisory Committee Member and Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to Recommend New Advisory Committee Members**

Jessica Davenport, Deputy Program Manager of the Authority, presented Resolution 74 *Appointing a New Member to Represent the San Francisco Bay Trail on the Restoration Authority Advisory Committee*. Resolution 74 was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Bacon, Peskin, Holman, Gorin

Absent: Sears

Jessica Davenport requested Board Member volunteers to serve on an ad hoc committee to select new Advisory Committee members. Chair Pine and President Holman volunteered and were appointed by Chair Pine to serve on the ad hoc committee.

There were no public comments.

## **12. Appointment of Oversight Committee Members**

Karen McDowell, Deputy Program Manager of the Authority, and Karen Holman, Governing Board Member; Ad Hoc Committee Member, presented Resolution 75 *Appointing New Members to the Restoration Authority Independent Oversight Committee*. Resolution 75 was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Newly appointed Oversight Committee member Douglas Wallace gave a brief statement.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Bacon, Peskin, Holman, Gorin

Absent: Sears

## **13. Advisory Committee Chair's Report**

Luisa Valiela, Chair of the Authority's Advisory Committee, gave a report on the Advisory Committee. The Board discussed. Public member Dean Stanford commented.

## **14. Adjournment**

Chair Pine adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 12:51 p.m.