



**SAN FRANCISCO BAY**  
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

# Governing Board

## SUMMARY MINUTES

October 15, 2021

11:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Teleconference Meeting

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

### **1. Call to Order**

Dave Pine, Chair of the Governing Board, called the meeting to order at 11:03 A.M.

Chair Pine provided Zoom teleconference meeting instructions.

### **2. Roll Call**

Anulika White, Clerk of the Governing Board, reported that five (5) members were present:

Aaron Peskin, Karen Holman, Sophie Hahn, Sally Lieber and Dave Pine.

A quorum of the Governing Board was present at 11:05 A.M.

### **3. Public Comments**

Public member Joshua Quigley from Save the Bay described advocacy efforts that Save the Bay has been participating in to increase state and federal funding for bay restoration in ways that would support projects that are eligible for San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (Authority) Measure AA funds.

Public member Jeremy Lowe from San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI) commented on the problems that would be created if a storm surge barrier were erected at the Golden Gate and the benefits associated with sustainable shoreline planning that coordinates marsh restoration and levee building in the Bay.

### **4. Board Member Announcements**

Supervisor Hahn updated the board on her attendance at the State of the Estuary Summit and stated that she and her colleagues at the City of Berkeley have been promoting Bay Day, now celebrated virtually as a month-long celebration organized by Save the Bay.

## **5. Chair's Report**

Dave Pine, Chair of the Governing Board, reported to the board on his participation in the interview process for the hiring of the Coastal Conservancy Executive Officer, who also will serve as the Executive Officer of the Authority.

## **6. Executive Reports**

Amy Hutzal, Interim Executive Officer of the Authority, reported on the following matters:

- Federal and State funding for San Francisco Bay;
- The quarterly report on Expenditures under the Executive Officer's Delegated Authority; and
- The amendment to the Brown Act regarding requirements for public meetings.

Resolution 80 *Adopting the 2022 San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Governing Board Meeting Schedule* was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Pine, Peskin, Holman, Hahn, Lieber.

Absent: Gioia, Gorin

Taylor Samuelson, Public Information Officer of the Authority, presented a one-page summary of the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The board discussed.

## **7. Approval of Summary Minutes of June 18, 2021**

Summary minutes of the Governing Board Meeting of June 18, 2021, were approved with no corrections.

Ayes: Pine, Peskin, Holman, Hahn, Lieber.

Absent: Gioia, Gorin

## **8. Presentation on Sonoma Creek Baylands Strategy**

Kendall Webster, Sonoma Land Trust and Jeremy Lowe, San Francisco Estuary Institute, gave a presentation on Sonoma Creek Baylands Strategy.

Public member Lawrence Abbott made a comment.

The board discussed.

## **GRANT ITEMS**

### **NORTH**

#### **9. Evolving Shorelines Project at Bothin Marsh**

Linda Tong, Project Manager of the Authority, presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Rob LaPorte and Claire Mooney of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy. Public member Lawrence Abbott made a comment.

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed two hundred fifty-five thousand dollars (\$255,000) to Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy to develop schematic designs for enhancing Bothin Marsh Open Space Preserve and realigning a segment of the Bay Trail in Marin 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 recommendation 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. Project approval was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Pine, Peskin, Holman, Hahn, Lieber.

Absent: Gioia, Gorin

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**10. Candlestick Point Stewardship Project (Community Grant)**

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

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Dr. Hollis Pierce-Jenkins from Literacy for Environmental Justice.

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) through the Community Grants Program to Literacy for Environmental Justice to conduct the Candlestick Point Stewardship Project in the City and County of San Francisco. 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 implementing the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Authority funding.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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. Project approval was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Pine, Peskin, Holman, Hahn, Lieber.

Absent: Gioia, Gorin

**11. Oversight Committee Procedural Document Update**

Karen McDowell, Deputy Program Manager of the Authority, presented a memo proposing

updates to the Oversight Committee Procedural Document and Resolution 81 *Amending the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee Procedural Document*.

The Board commented and amended Resolution 81 to include direction to staff to prepare proposed amendments to the stipend policies for the Oversight Committee and Advisory Committee to enable members to automatically receive stipends unless they opt out.

Resolution 81 was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Pine, Peskin, Holman, Hahn, Lieber.

Absent: Gioia, Gorin

## **12. Appointment of New Advisory Committee Member**

Jessica Davenport, Deputy Program Manager of the Authority, presented Resolution 82 *Appointing a New Member to Represent the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on the Advisory Committee*.

Resolution 82 was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Pine, Peskin, Holman, Hahn, Lieber.

Absent: Gioia, Gorin

## **13. Project Management Challenges and Solutions**

Amy Hutzal, Interim Executive Officer and Jessica Davenport, Deputy Program Manager of the Authority, presented a memo on project management challenges and solutions.

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

## **14. Yearly Update on Implementation of Equity Recommendations**

Linda Tong, Grant Program Coordinator of the Authority, presented the memo *Yearly Update on Implementing Advisory Committee Recommendations for Implementing Measure AA in a Manner that Benefits Economically Disadvantaged Communities*.

The board commented and discussed.

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

Jessica Martini-Lamb, Chair of the Authority's Advisory Committee, gave a report on the Advisory Committee. There were no public or board comments

## **16. Guidance for Grantees on Accepting Mitigation Funds**

Jessica Davenport, Deputy Program Manager of the Authority, presented the memo *Use of Mitigation Funds on Property Used for Authority Projects* and the grantee guidance document *San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Grantee Guidance: Restoration and Acquisition Grants - Grantee's Subsequent Use of Property as Mitigation*. The board commented and discussed. There were no public comments.

**17. Adjournment**

Chair Pine adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 01:26 P.M.