



Governing Board

MEETING AGENDA (REVISED)

Wednesday, January 25, 2012
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:
MetroCenter
101 8th Street, Conference Room 171
Oakland, California 94607

City Hall, Room 190
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102

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www.sfbayrestore.org

The Governing Board may take action on any item on this agenda.

- 1. Call to Order**
Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer, California State Coastal Conservancy
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Public Comment**
- 4. Announcements**
- 5. Approval of Summary Minutes of October 26, 2011**
Action
Attachment: Summary Minutes for October 26, 2011
- 6. Report on Feedback and Mechanisms Regarding Concept of Expanding Upstream Information/Discussion**
Sam Schuchat
Attachment: Hutzel memo dated January 17, 2012

7. Presentation on Capacity Building, Stakeholder Outreach, and Ballot Access Options
Information/Discussion

Patrick Band, Save The Bay; and Eric Jaye, Storefront Political Media

8. Report on Potential ABAG Resolution to Support the Restoration Authority and Potential Regional Measure

Information/Discussion

Sam Schuchat

9. Approval of Sponsorship of Bill to Modify Enabling Legislation

Action

Sam Schuchat

Attachment: Hutzel memo dated January 18, 2012

10. Adjournment

Agenda submitted by the Clerk of the Governing Board:

January 24, 2012

Agenda posted:

January 24, 2012



MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 25, 2012

TO: Governing Board
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

FROM: Amy Hutzler, San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program Manager
State Coastal Conservancy

SUBJECT: Update on San Francisco Bay Restoration Needs and Opportunities 2015 – 2039

- Attachments:
1. Preliminary List of Projects Needing Funding Starting in 2015
 2. San Francisco Bay Restoration Needs and Opportunities 2015-2039 (Maps 1-3)
 3. Sample Project Cost Estimates

This memo and the accompanying project list, maps, and sample cost estimates are being provided to the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority to update previously available information about projects and funding that are needed to restore San Francisco Bay.

As previously estimated by Save the Bay in 2007, the cost of restoring the 13 largest tidal wetland restoration projects ringing the Bay will be in excess of \$1.4 billion. While these projects are at various stages of planning and implementation, the majority of the costs are yet to be funded.

In consultation with the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture, Save the Bay, the San Francisco Estuary Partnership and other individuals, staff of the Coastal Conservancy has compiled a preliminary list of Bay restoration projects anticipated to need funding after 2015, which is the earliest that the Restoration Authority may begin receiving revenue from its envisioned November 2014 parcel tax measure. The project list is attached, as are maps showing the geographic distribution of the projects and a table with cost estimates for a sampling of projects. The project list and maps include bayland properties that have been acquired by public agencies,

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but not yet restored, restoration projects that have been completed but could be enhanced or expanded, and areas that have the potential for restoration work, but are currently conceptual ideas.

The list and map should not be interpreted as implying or limiting eligibility or priority for any funds that may become available to the Restoration Authority. Project eligibility and priorities will be determined in a future public process and in accordance with the Restoration Authority's enabling legislation (Government Code Sections 66700 *et seq.*). The list and maps will continue to be updated as additional information is acquired.

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY RESTORATION NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES:
PRELIMINARY LIST OF PROJECTS NEEDING FUNDING STARTING IN 2015**

NOTE: The purpose of this list and the accompanying memorandum and maps is to update the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority about the scope of Bay restoration needs and opportunities that will require a regional funding source to match State and Federal funds. While the list, map and memo are intended to provide a comprehensive view of existing restoration projects, currently envisioned future Bay restoration projects, and conceptual ideas for future restoration sites, they should not be interpreted as implying or limiting eligibility or priority for any funds that may become available to the Restoration Authority. Project eligibility and priorities will be determined in a future public process and in accordance with the Restoration Authority's enabling legislation (Government Code Sections 66700 *et seq.*).

Sample cost estimates for projects marked with an * are provided on an accompanying table.

San Francisco City and County

Crissy Field
Tennessee Hollow
Pier 94
Heron's Head Marsh
Yosemite Slough*
Islais Creek
Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island
Golden Gate National Recreation Area (bayside)
Subtidal habitats
Bay Trail associated with habitat restoration projects
Watershed projects that clean and protect water and sediment that flow to the Bay

San Mateo County

Brisbane Baylands
Oyster Cove/Shearwater
Coyote Point
Seal Slough
Bair Island
South Bay Salt Ponds (Ravenswood Ponds)*
East Palo Alto Shoreline
San Francisquito Creek
Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge
Subtidal habitats
Bay Trail associated with habitat restoration projects
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Santa Clara County

San Francisquito Creek
Palo Alto Baylands
Charleston Slough
Stevens Creek
Moffett Field wetlands
South Bay Salt Ponds (Alviso Ponds)*
Sunnyvale Baylands
Pond A4
New Chicago Marsh
Pond A18
Coyote Creek
Alviso Slough/Guadalupe River

Santa Clara County (continued)

Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge
Subtidal habitats
Bay Trail associated with habitat restoration projects
Watershed projects that clean and protect water and sediment that flow to the Bay

Alameda County

Warm Springs seasonal wetland
Mowry Slough
La Riviere Marsh
Mayhews Landing
Alameda Flood Control Channel and Alameda Creek
South Bay Salt Ponds (Alviso and Eden Landing Ponds)*
Hayward Shoreline
San Leandro Shoreline
Elsie Roemer Sanctuary
Lake Merritt
Eastshore State Park, including Strawberry and School House Creeks and Albany Beach
Berkeley Aquatic Park
Alameda Naval Air Station
Oakland Estuary
East Bay Regional Park District's Shoreline Parks, including Coyote Hills, Hayward, Oyster Bay and Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline
Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge
Subtidal habitats
Bay Trail associated with habitat restoration projects
Watershed projects that clean and protect water and sediment that flow to the Bay

Contra Costa County

Eastshore State Park, including Hoffman Marsh
North and South Richmond Shoreline (including Breuner Marsh *, San Pablo Marsh, Wildcat Marsh, Stege Marsh and Baxter Creek, and Rheem Creek)
Chelsea Wetlands/Pinole Creek
Rodeo Shoreline
Dutch Slough* and Marsh Creek

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Contra Costa County (continued)

Peyton Slough wetland complex, including
McNabney Marsh
Pacheco Creek/Marsh and Pt. Edith
Alhambra Creek
Concord Naval Weapons Station
Walnut Creek
East Bay Regional Park District's Shoreline Parks,
including Point Isabel, Brooks Island, Point
Molate, Martinez, Bay Point and Big Break
Regional Shorelines
Subtidal Habitats
Bay Trail associated with habitat projects
Watershed projects that clean and protect water and
sediment that flow to the Bay

Solano County

Mare Island
Cullinan Ranch*
Napa-Sonoma Marshes State Wildlife Area: White
Slough
Benicia State Recreation Area
Suisun Creek
Suisun Marsh: Rush Ranch—other project sites
subject to pending Habitat Management,
Preservation, and Restoration Plan for Suisun Marsh
Western Delta Islands
Subtidal habitats
Bay Trail associated with habitat restoration projects
Watershed projects that clean and protect water and
sediment that flow to the Bay

Napa County

Napa River
Napa-Sonoma Marshes State Wildlife Area
(including Stanley Ranch, Napa River Salt Ponds*,
Green Island/Napa Plant Site and Huichica Creek)
American Canyon riverfront
Fagan Marsh
Bull Island
Subtidal habitats
Bay Trail associated with habitat restoration projects
Watershed projects that clean and protect water and
sediment that flow to the Bay

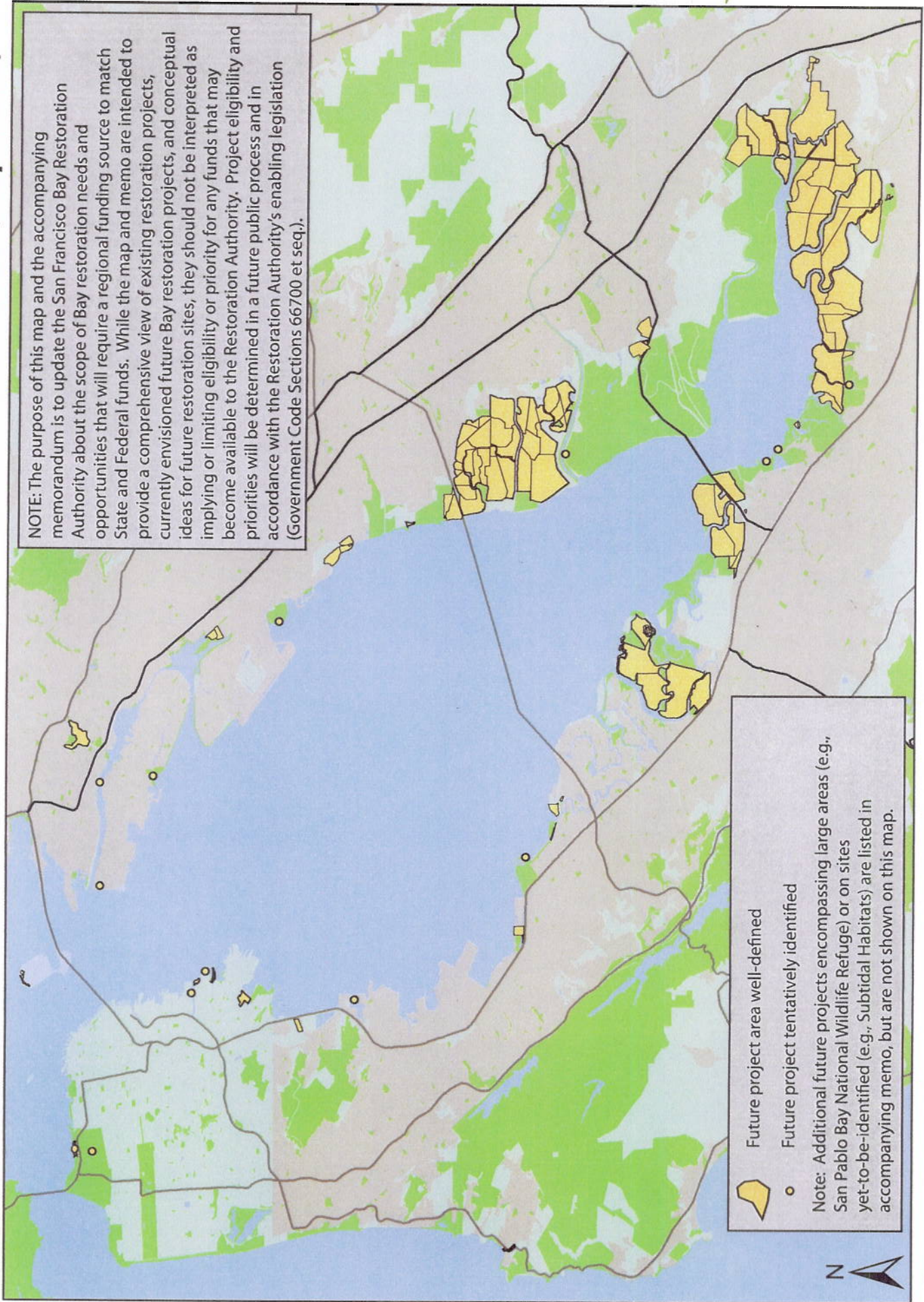
Sonoma County

Skaggs Island
Sonoma Creek
Tolay Creek
Sears Point*
Sonoma Baylands
Lower Petaluma River
Petaluma Marsh
Napa-Sonoma Marshes State Wildlife Area
San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge
Subtidal Habitats
Bay Trail associated with habitat projects
Watershed projects that clean and protect water and
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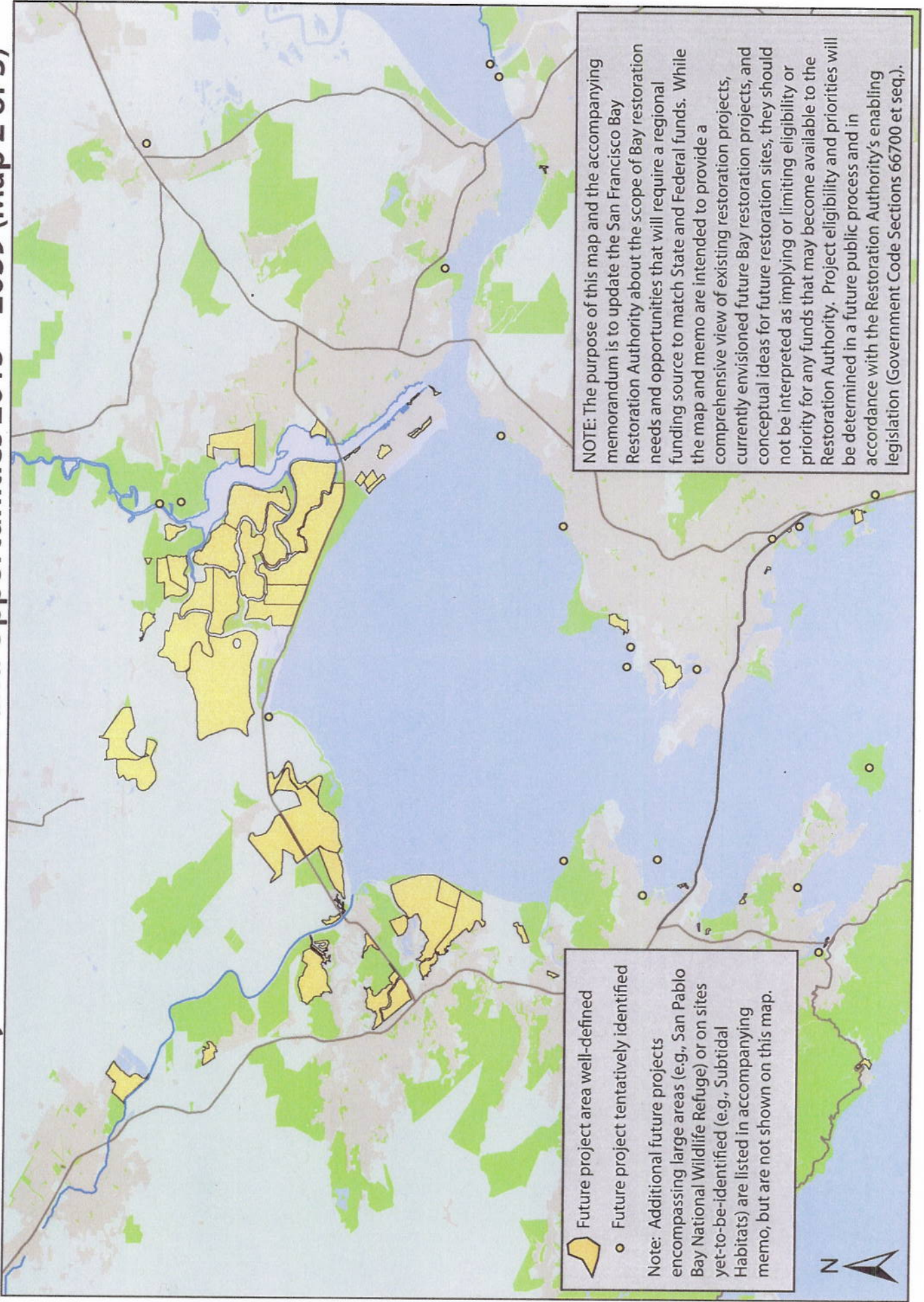
Marin County

Golden Gate National Recreation Area Bayside
Lands
Marin County Parks and Open Space District Bayside
Lands
Lower Petaluma River
Bahia
Novato Creek
Hamilton Wetlands
Bel Marin Keys*
Gallinas Creek
China Camp
Marin Islands
Angel Island
Corte Madera Creek and Marsh
San Rafael Canal
Richardson Bay
Tam Junction Wetlands
Blackie's Pasture
San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge
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San Francisco Bay Restoration Needs and Opportunities 2015 – 2039 (Map 1 of 3)

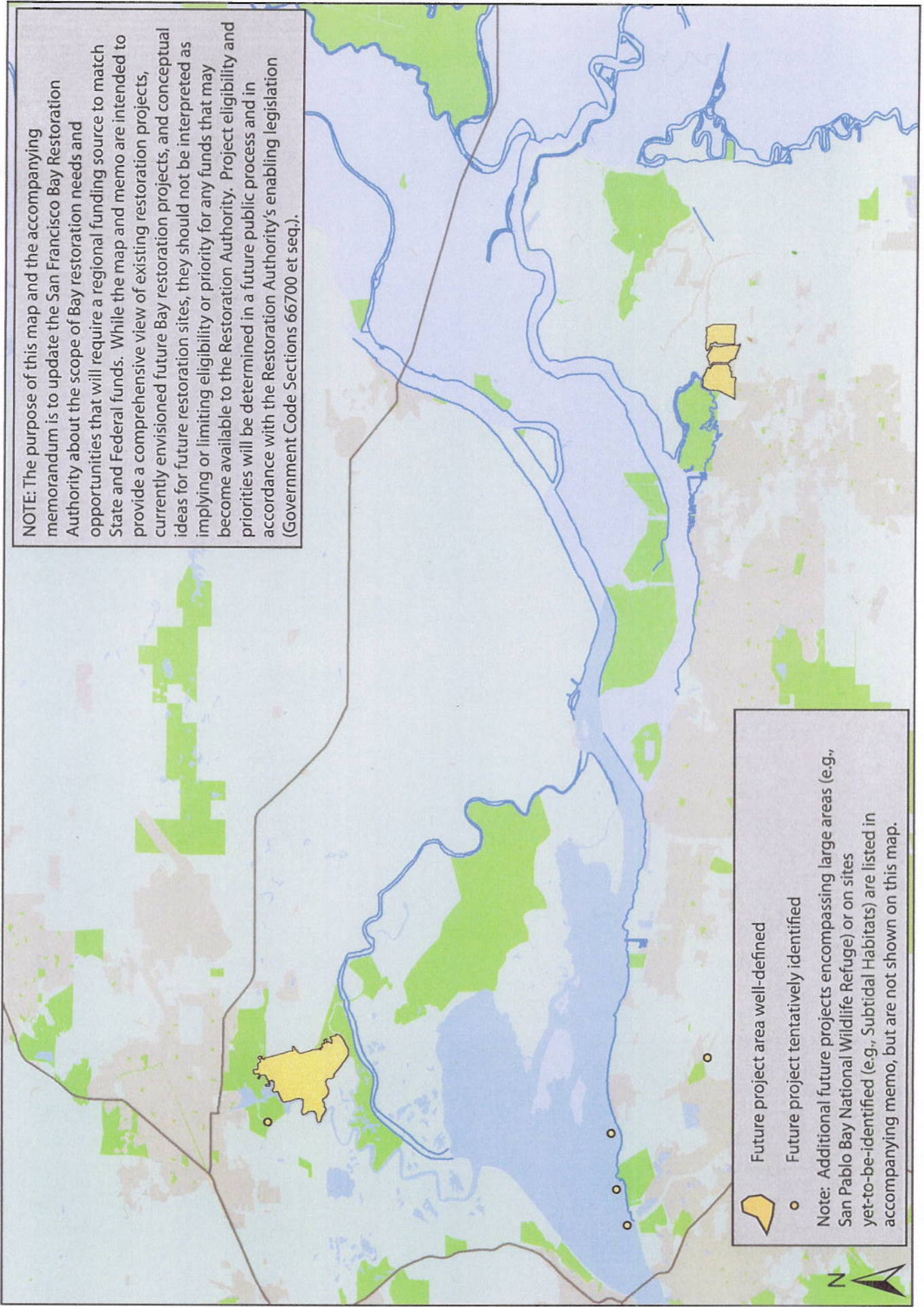




San Francisco Bay Restoration Needs and Opportunities 2015 – 2039 (Map 2 of 3)



San Francisco Bay Restoration Needs and Opportunities 2015 – 2039 (Map 3 of 3)

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-  Future project area well-defined
-  Future project tentatively identified

Note: Additional future projects encompassing large areas (e.g., San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge) or on sites yet-to-be-identified (e.g., Subtidal Habitats) are listed in accompanying memo, but are not shown on this map.



SAN FRANCISCO BAY RESTORATION AUTHORITY
 Cost summary for sample restoration projects (1-2 per county)
 September 6, 2011

PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Project	County	Project Description	Acres	COSTS 2014-2025					Notes
				Planning and Design	Construction	Monitoring and Adaptive Management	Operations and Maintenance	Total	
South Bay Salt Ponds: Eden Landing	Alameda	Restoration of Ponds E6, 5, 6C, 1C, 2C, 3C, and 4C, plus flood management and public access	895 acres	\$1,000,000	\$18-29 million	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$20-30 million	Leads: Department of Fish and Game, State Coastal Conservancy
Dutch Slough	Contra Costa	Tidal restoration of three subsided peninsulas in the southwestern Delta, using fill material to raise elevations and levees to provide flood protection, and construction of associated public access.	1200 acres	\$0	\$23.3 million	\$1,000,000	\$5,600,000	\$90 million	Leads: Department of Water Resources, State Coastal Conservancy, Department of Fish and Game
Breuner Marsh	Contra Costa	Restoration of tidal saltmarsh, seasonal wetland and coastal prairie by removing and recontouring fill, and construction of a 1.5 mile segment of San Francisco Bay Trail and other access improvements	150 acres	\$1,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$250,000	\$750,000	\$9,000,000	Lead: East Bay Regional Park District
Bel Marin Keys	Marin	Design and implementation of tidal restoration, using dredged sediment to raise elevations prior to breaching, along with Bay Trail and levees	1,600 acres	\$3,000,000	\$1.40 million	\$5,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$1.50 million	Lead: State Coastal Conservancy, 75% of implementation costs anticipated to be federal (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)
Napa River Salt Marsh	Napa	Enhancement of Ponds 7, 7A, and 8 for shorebirds and waterfowl, construction of a pipeline to deliver recycled water to dilute bittern in Pond 7, and public access improvements.	750 acres	\$0	\$15-30 million	\$3,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$19-34 million	Lead: California Department of Fish and Game; 65% of implementation costs for levee anticipated to be federal (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)
Yosemite Slough	San Francisco	Phase 3: completion of park improvements (entry, parking, signs, trails, visitor center, etc.), monitoring of restored wetlands, and operations and maintenance of wetlands and visitor amenities	590 acres	\$1,000,000	\$4,425,000	\$325,000	\$1,320,000	\$7 million	Lead: California State Parks Foundation, State Parks
South Bay Salt Ponds: Ravenswood	San Mateo	Restoration of Ponds R1 and R2	590 acres	\$500,000	\$5-6 million	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$7-8 million	Leads: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, State Coastal Conservancy
South Bay Salt Ponds: Alviso	Santa Clara	Construction of flood management levees and restoration or enhancement of Ponds A9 and A10, A3N, and A3W, and associated public access improvements	1345 acres	\$1,000,000	\$16-25 million	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$19-28 million	Leads: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, State Coastal Conservancy, Santa Clara Valley Water District; 65% of implementation costs for levee and A9 and A10 anticipated to be federal (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)
Ponds A18	Santa Clara	Tidal restoration of Pond A18 after placement of fill material	600 acres	\$500,000	\$5-8 million	\$200,000	\$500,000	\$6-10 million	Leads: City of San Jose; Santa Clara Valley Water District; 65% of implementation costs for levee anticipated to be federal (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)
Cullinan Ranch	Solano	Monitoring and management of restored wetlands	1500 acres	\$0	\$0	\$1,300,000	\$0.5-1 million	\$2-2.5 million	Leads: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ducks Unlimited
Sears Point	Sonoma	Completion of restoration, construction of public access improvements, and monitoring and management of restored wetlands.	2300 acres	\$0	\$4-5 million	\$1,600,000	\$0.5-1 million	\$6-8 million	Leads: Sonoma Land Trust, Ducks Unlimited



Governing Board

DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, October 26, 2011
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Locations:

MetroCenter

101 8th Street, Conference Room 171
Oakland, California 94607

Fannie Lou Hamer Freedom High School Lobby
1021 Jennings Street
Bronx, New York 10460

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1. Call to Order

Sam Schuchat, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Frederick Castro, Clerk, reported that six of seven members were present. A quorum of the Governing Board was present.

Present were Sam Schuchat, Keith Caldwell, Dave Cortese, Roseanne Foust, John Gioia (joined later by teleconference), John Sutter (joined later). Absent was Phil Ting

Staff members present were Ezra Rapport, ABAG Executive Director; and Kenneth Moy, ABAG Legal Counsel.

3. Public Comment

Beth Huning, San Francisco Bay Joint Venture, announced the issuance of two reports, *The State of the Birds, San Francisco 2011*, and *The San Francisco Bay Joint Venture*,

Celebrating 15 Years of Partnerships Protecting Wetlands and Wildlife. She distributed copies of the reports to members.

Huning announced that the next wetlands tour is of East Contra Costa Shoreline and the Dutch Slough Project on November 4.

There were no other public comments.

4. Announcements

Foust announced that she will provide a report to update the Governing Board on collaborations with others on restoration activities.

[Gioia joined the meeting by teleconference.]

There were no other announcements.

5. Approval of Summary Minutes of July 27, 2011

A motion to approve the summary minutes of the Governing Board meeting on July 27, 2011, was made by Foust and seconded by Cortese. The motion passed unanimously.

[The Governing Board next took up Item 8, Scheduling of Governing Board Meetings 2012.]

6. Recommendation from Polling Subcommittee regarding November 2012 Ballot Measure

Schuchat reported that the Polling Subcommittee, comprised of Foust, Gioia, and himself, met with staff, EMC and GIS Green Info Network on September 16, to review public support for a parcel tax measure to be placed on the ballot in 2012. The Subcommittee finds that there is no geographic area that would support a parcel tax measure and recommends that the Governing Board consider placing a measure on the ballot in 2014 or 2016.

[Sutter joined the meeting.]

Members discussed developing support for wetland restoration by creating documents that explain the need for local tax measure or parcel tax, placing the measure on the 2014 election ballot, and planning next steps.

A motion to approve the Polling Subcommittee report and to shift the Governing Board's ballot measure efforts to 2014 was made by Gioia and seconded by Cortese. The motion passed unanimously.

7. San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Funding, Staff Activities, and Advisory Committee Activities

Schuchat reported on efforts to identify funding and support, noting in particular the help and support of David Lewis and Save The Bay.

Members discussed activities to be undertaken between now and the election in 2014, including educating the public and developing the message to support wetland restoration; public outreach; developing resources and fundraising; seeking political, foundation, and business community support; alignment of county support regarding ballot costs; and reviewing polling data to determine support throughout the region.

Rapport suggested that the Restoration Authority work with the Association of Bay Area Governments in seeking an exception from the counties regarding the cost of placing a measure on the county ballots. Members requested staff to develop a work plan for doing so to be presented at the next meeting.

[Gioia exited the meeting.]

Stephen Knight, Save The Bay, introduced Patrick Band, and reiterated support for the work of the Restoration Authority. He introduced Eric Jaye, Storefront Political Media, who presented its political and economic analysis, an overview of strategic actions, and recommendations regarding placing a measure on the ballot in 2014.

Members discussed the Bay Area economy and unemployment and their impact on support for a measure; aggregating polling data to develop indicators of support; demographic data; the work of Save The Bay and Storefront; engaging support from the Advisory Committee; transparency in the Restoration Authority's work and its relations with its supporters; defining the measure; separating staff work and work related to developing a campaign; costs of gathering signatures and of placing a measure on the ballot.

Schuchat summarized the discussion and next steps as follows: the Restoration Authority will plan to place a measure on the ballot in 2014; staff will develop the measure itself and a project list; members and staff will review methods of getting a measure on the ballot, either by gathering signatures or as a special measure; members and staff will determine the level of fundraising needed; members and staff will differentiate between staff work and campaign work; members and staff will continue tracking economic indicators.

8. Scheduling Governing Board Meetings 2012

A motion to approve the proposed schedule of Governing Board meetings for 2012 was made by Foust and seconded by Caldwell. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Adjournment

The Governing Board meeting adjourned at about 1:16 p.m.

The next Governing Board meeting is on January 25, 2012.

Submitted by the Clerk of the Governing Board:
November 23, 2011

Approved by the Governing Board:



Date: January 17, 2012

To: Governing Board

From: Amy Hutzell
San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program Manager
State Coastal Conservancy

Subject: **Report on Feedback Regarding Concept of Expanding Upstream**

Sam Schuchat and I have held a series of meetings in an effort to gauge interest in the idea of expanding the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority's purposes and jurisdiction to include upstream activities. We have met with the Executive Directors or Regional Directors of the following organizations: East Bay Regional Parks District, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, Greenbelt Alliance, MidPeninsula Regional Open Space District, The Nature Conservancy, Marin Agricultural Land Trust, Marin County Open Space District, Napa County Regional Parks and Open Space District, Peninsula Open Space Trust, Santa Clara County Open Space Authority, Save Mount Diablo, Save The Redwoods League, and Sonoma Land Trust, and spoken to the Executive Committee of the Bay Area Open Space Council.

There is interest among the Bay Area Open Space community in investigating further the potential for a regional funding measure that includes upland activities (ranging from the inclusion of protection and restoration of creeks and rivers that drain to San Francisco Bay to the inclusion of a wider gamut of upland activities, such as watershed protection, protection and restoration of upland habitat, completion of regional trails, agricultural protection, etc.). Next steps include polling to determine what additional purposes would positively impact voter approval, a determination of what level of funding the open space community could contribute to a campaign, further discussion regarding potentially competing local ballot measures for open space, continued discussions with the Authority board and staff and the bay community about this concept, and analysis of the legislation needed for an expansion and the likelihood of legislative success.

The potential drawbacks to expansion include a reduction in funds that could be spent directly on San Francisco Bay and its shoreline, a dilution of the message and voter confusion over purposes of the ballot measure, a reduction in support by the bay/wetlands community, and the challenges associated with obtaining legislation. The potential advantages include greater voter support for a measure, an increase in the tax rate that voters are willing to vote for and a no reduction in funding for the Bay and its shoreline, a greater number of supportive opinion leaders, a larger pool of funding for the election costs and the campaign, and the opportunity for the Authority to engage in a wider array of conservation activities in the Bay Area.

I Support the Campaign to Fund Restoration Throughout the San Francisco Bay Area



The San Francisco Bay Area's economy and incredible quality of life are dependent upon the San Francisco Bay. The Bay is a world-class treasure and a thriving estuary, supporting hundreds of species of fish and wildlife.

In the decades following the Gold Rush, a full third of the Bay was diked off or filled for development, such that by 1961 residents of the Bay Area had access to less than six miles of shoreline, and that the bay was choked with raw sewage and industrial pollution.

Through the tireless work of thousands across the Bay Area for the past 50 years, tens of thousands of acres of wetlands have been restored to health and reopened to tidal flow, allowing millions of fish, birds, and other wildlife to thrive across the Bay region.

I, _____, recognize the unique and critical role of the San Francisco Bay to those living and working in the Bay Area, and that restoring wetland habitat across the Bay is of critical importance to us all;

I also recognize and publically endorse the work of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority in seeking to establish a source of funding to ensure that critical restoration work can continue for decades to come.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

A Statement in Support of Local Funding for Wetland Restoration

As representatives of North Bay communities, we the undersigned recognize the unique and critical role of the San Francisco Bay to those living and working in the Bay Area, and that restoring wetland habitat across the Bay is of critical importance to us all;

We also recognize and publically endorse the work of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority in seeking to establish a source of funding to ensure that critical restoration work can continue for decades to come.

Signed,

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Priorities & Next Steps

for SF Bay Restoration Authority

JANUARY 25, 2012

Presented by **Save the Bay &
Storefront Political Media**



How we got here

Important coalition partners brought together

- Ducks Unlimited
- Bay Area Council
- Silicon Valley Leadership Group
- Senator Dianne Feinstein

Governing Board assembled to lead us to ballot

How we got here

Intellectual infrastructure — 3 polls in 4 years — What we learned

- Economy closely tied to voter attitudes
- Voters under 30, Democrats, renters, low propensity voters are key
- Identified differences in opinion within 9 counties
- *Greening the Bay* report

Endorsements from regional stakeholders on concept*

- Representatives Zoe Lofgren, Pete Stark, Jackie Speier, Lynn Woolsey
- State Senators Loni Hancock, Lois Wolk, Noreen Evans, Mark Leno
- State Assembly Members Tom Ammiano, Jim Beall, Jerry Hill, Michael Allen, Paul Fong, Jared Huffman





Priorities going forward

Pursue decision on path to ballot

- Pay full amount — estimated \$3-5M
- Negotiate “marginal cost” with local counties through ABAG
- Seek legislative action through Sacramento
- Pursue grassroots signature gathering campaign

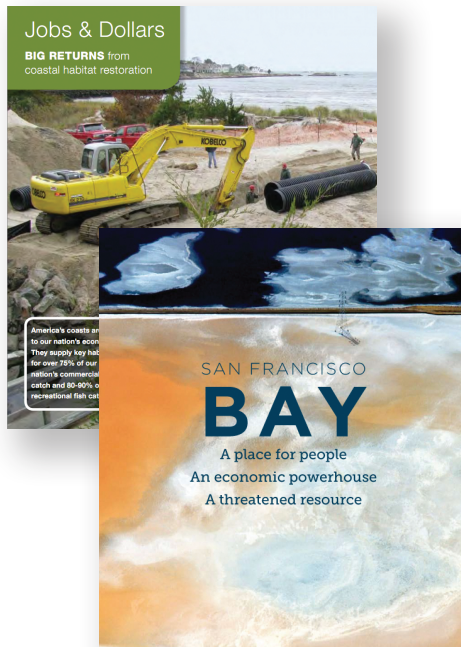


Restoration Authority next steps: Prepare for stakeholder outreach and organizing efforts

Develop materials and strategy for outreach

- Before we can make our case, we need to solidify facts
- Develop educational materials
- Targeting — who should be contacted and when
- Determine what matters to each community, stakeholder, Bay at large

Restoration Authority next steps: Continue to strengthen intellectual infrastructure



Solidify facts we need to build our case

- Jobs created
- Environmental benefits
- Health benefits
- Economic benefits

Audit of useful existing data

- Repurpose existing data for our efforts
- If new data is needed, pursue it

San Francisco Chronicle

Huge Wetlands Plan Floated for Bay

CONTRACOSTA TIMES

San Francisco Bay would get more attention, money under bill

San Jose Mercury News

Bay Area 'trash hot spots' list is out

Highlight SF Bay's issues and funding needs

- **Engage fellow elected officials** to join in earned media opportunities
- **Meet with editorial boards** to begin educating them on issue
- **Develop educational materials** to be used in meetings with key stakeholders
- **Draft and place OpEds and blogs** on important SF Bay issues



Date: January 18, 2012

To: Governing Board

From: Amy Hutzell
San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy Program Manager
State Coastal Conservancy

Subject: **Proposed Amendments to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority's Enabling Legislation**

Staff has identified the need to amend the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority's enabling legislation (Government Code Sections 66700-66706) to accomplish the following:

- **Reverse the exclusion of the northeastern Contra Costa County shoreline from eligibility for ABAG appointment to the Governing Board and address the exclusion of the eastern Solano and Contra Costa shorelines from the definition of San Francisco Bay.**

Discussion: The eastern portion of the Bay shoreline in Contra Costa County was inadvertently excluded from the "East Bay" area to be eligible for appointment to the Governing Board. The eastern portions of Solano and Contra Costa Counties (east of Simmons Point and Stake Point) are excluded from the definition of "San Francisco Bay" in the Authority's enabling legislation, which references the definition of San Francisco Bay in BCDC's enabling legislation.

- **Extend the sunset date for the Restoration Authority's enabling legislation from January 1, 2029 to January 1, 2039.**

Discussion: January 1, 2029 now appears to be too early for prudent administration of revenue expected to begin flowing to the Restoration Authority for its legislated purposes no sooner than late 2015 if a planned ballot measure passes—with funds continuing to come in for 10 to 20 years (i.e., through 2035). The revenue will be used for grants for Bay restoration projects, which often take several years to complete. To enable the Restoration Authority to carry out its fiduciary responsibilities with respect to grant funds, the sunset date for the Restoration Authority should be extended at least seven years to 2036, but preferably ten years to 2039.

Proposed Amendments to Enabling Legislation

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Coastal Conservancy staff is in the process of working with Bay Area legislators to identify an appropriate existing bill in which to incorporate amendments to the Restoration Authority's enabling legislation to accomplish these objectives. If the Governing Board wishes to seek other amendments to the enabling legislation, it may be possible to incorporate them up until late Spring; alternatively, additional amendments could be sought in a future legislative session.