



Governing Board

DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES

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

Meeting Locations:

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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Clerk of the Governing Board, (510) 464 7900

Agenda and attachments available at:
www.sfbayrestore.org

1. Call to Order

Sam Schuchat, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 12:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

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

Staff members present were Patricia Jones, ABAG Assistant Executive Director; and Kenneth Moy, ABAG Legal Counsel.

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. Announcements

Schuchat announced that Will Travis has retired and recommended that Steve Goldbeck, Interim Executive Director, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, be appointed to the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority's Advisory Committee. The appointment will be placed on the next Governing Board meeting agenda.

Schuchat announced a federal Environmental Protection Administration grant opportunity of potentially \$1.6 million for outreach and education related to wetlands restoration.

There were no other announcements.

5. Approval of Summary Minutes of October 26, 2011

A motion to approve the summary minutes of the Governing Board meeting on October 26, 2011, was made by Foust and seconded by Caldwell. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Report on Feedback and Mechanisms Regarding Concept of Expanding Upstream

Schuchat reported on meetings Amy Hutzler, Program Manager, State Coastal Conservancy, and he had with the executive directors or regional directors of various regional and park districts, conservancies, open space districts and authorities, land trusts, and similar organizations regarding the idea of expanding the Restoration Authority's purposes and jurisdiction to include upstream activities. Next steps include polling to determine voter support, discussion of funding contribution levels, continuing Board and staff discussion, and legislative analysis. A meeting with open space organization is scheduled on February 15.

Board members discussed the opportunities, advantages, concerns, and drawbacks of expanding the Restoration Authority's jurisdiction to include upstream activities.

[The Governing Board next took up Item 9, Item 8, and Item 7, in order.]

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

Patrick Band, Save The Bay, and Eric Jaye, Storefront Political Media, reported on priorities and next steps for the Restoration Authority, including a review of efforts by coalition partners, intellectual infrastructure, endorsements from regional stakeholders, priorities for decisions related to a ballot measure, preparing for stakeholder outreach and organizing efforts, continuing to strengthen intellectual infrastructure, and highlighting issues and funding needs.

Board members discussed costs of placing a measure on the county ballots; developing voter information; coalition building; funding needs; auditing available information and data.

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

Schuchat reported that at the last meeting Ezra Rapport, Executive Director, Association of Bay Area Governments, suggested that the Restoration Authority seek a resolution of support from ABAG on a ballot measure which could result in cost savings when placing the measure on the county ballots and in building support for the measure itself.

A motion to request ABAG's support for a ballot measure was made by Cortese and seconded by Sutter. Board members discussed developing the resolution supporting a ballot measure and ABAG's review and approval process. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

9. Approval of Sponsorship of Bill to Modify Enabling Legislation

Hutzel reported on the need to amend the Restoration Authority's enabling legislation to reverse the exclusion of the northeastern Contra Costa County shoreline from eligibility for ABAG appointment to the Governing Board, address the exclusion of the eastern Solano and Contra Costa shorelines from the definition of San Francisco Bay, and to extend the sunset date for the Restoration Authority's enabling legislation from January 1, 2029 to January 1, 2039.

Board members discussed expansion of the Contra Costa and Solano shorelines into the San Joaquin Delta; appointments to the Governing Board; the Restoration Authority's taxing and funding authority; controversy that may arise from changing the enabling legislation; defining a geographical line; outreach needed; defining expanding upstream; extending the legislation's sunset date.

A motion to accept the staff report and authorize staff to proceed with working on amendments to the Restoration Authority's enabling legislation, including defining a geographical point east of Dutch Slough in Contra Costa County and a point in Solano County, was made by Cortese and seconded by Sutter. On a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

10. Adjournment

Schuchat distributed a staff memo that provided an update on Restoration Authority needs and opportunities which included a preliminary list of projects needing funding, maps showing needs and opportunities, and sample project cost estimates. Hutzel reported on staff meetings with organizations and individuals in compiling the list of projects.

Board members discussed compiling information on other projects.

The Governing Board meeting adjourned at about 1:25 p.m.

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

Submitted by the Clerk of the Governing Board:
March 2, 2012

Approved by the Governing Board:
TBD