



SAN FRANCISCO BAY
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

Governing Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

October 20, 2023

11:00 A.M. – 1:09 P.M.

Hybrid Teleconference Meeting

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Agenda and Attachments available at:

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1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Paul Johnson, Clerk of the Governing Board, reported that five (5) members were present: Sophie Hahn, Aaron Peskin, Lisa Gauthier, John Gioia, and Dave Pine.

A quorum of the Governing Board was present at 11:03 A.M.

3. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

4. Board Member Announcements

There were no board member announcements.

5. Chair's Report

Chair Pine honored the memory of Senator Dianne Feinstein who was instrumental to the prosperity of the San Francisco Bay. He also mentioned that the West Bay Board Tour on October 6th, which toured several projects, had a successful turnout.

6. Executive Report

Amy Hutzler, Executive Officer, presented a time-lapse video of the Terminal 4 Wharf Demolition Project in Richmond. She noted that this is the largest creosote piling removal project in San Francisco Bay to date. Along with removal of pilings, the project will contain subtidal and intertidal restoration. The Ravenswood Breach Event is planned for December 13th. Escrow closed on August

30th for the Camp 4 Ranch Acquisition in Sonoma County, the Authority's first land acquisition grant. The acquisition will help implement the Sonoma Creek Bayland Strategy. October 10th was the deadline for responding to this year's request for proposals. Staff received 17 proposals totaling approximately \$73,000,000. The review process for reviewing applications has started and staff will work with the Advisory Committee on that effort. Staff presented to the San Mateo Council of Cities in July. The State Coastal Conservancy is submitting multiple applications for NOAA funding, which will, if successful, support projects also funded by the Authority. The Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project by the Contra Costa County Flood Control District won the National American Public Works Association Project of the Year in the environmental category. Staff is working on a response to the Oversight Committee findings and recommendations.

Taylor Samuelson, Public Information Officer, presented an overview of the annual report summary for the fiscal year 22-23.

Sara Haugen, Project Manager, presented the interactive map of Authority projects.

Amy Hutzel presented the proposed Authority Governing Board meeting schedule for 2024.

Resolution 114 *Adopting the San 2024 Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Governing Board Meeting Schedule* was moved and seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Hahn, Gauthier, Pine

7. Approval of Summary Minutes of June 30, 2023

Summary Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting of June 30, 2023 were approved with no corrections.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Hahn, Gauthier, Pine

8. Advisory Committee Chair's Report

Advisory Committee (AC) Chair Jessica Martini-Lamb presented an update on the Committee's activity since the June 30 Governing Board meeting. The AC voted to recommend a Vice Chair candidate to the Governing Board. The AC also heard informational updates from Authority staff on the current grant round, tribal engagement recommendations, the Draft Yearly Update on Equity Work, and communications and performance measures. Authority staff also called for volunteers from the AC to assist staff with review of this year's grant applications and preparation of the annual report. The AC also had a presentation on Aligning the Wetland Regional Monitor Program indicators with Authority performance measures. The Advisory Committee will next meet on November 3.

9. Appointment of New Advisory Committee Members and Vice Chair

Jessica Davenport, Deputy Program Manager, presented Resolution 115 *Appointing a New Member to Represent Communities for a Better Environment on the Restoration Authority Advisory Committee*; Resolution 116 *Appointing a New Member to Represent the San Francisco Estuary Institute on the Restoration Authority Advisory Committee*; and Resolution 117 *Appointing the Vice Chair of the Restoration Authority Advisory Committee*.

Resolutions 115, 116 and 117 were moved and seconded jointly.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Hahn, Gauthier, Pine

10. Amendment of Oversight Committee Procedural Document

Karen McDowell, Deputy Program Manager, presented an amendment to the Oversight Committee Procedural Document.

Resolution 118 *Amending the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Independent Citizens Oversight Committee Procedural Document* was moved and seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Hahn, Gauthier, Pine

11. Annual Performance Assessment of Bay Restoration Regulatory Integration Team (BRRIT)

Agnes Farres, San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board, BRRIT staff, presented highlights of the BRRIT's work this last year as described in its most recent annual report.

12. Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program: Improving Alignment with Authority Performance Measures

Caitlin Crain, San Francisco Estuary Institute, presented background and implementation updates on the Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program (WRMP). April Robinson, San Francisco Estuary Institute, described efforts to align WRMP indicators and SFBRA performance measures. Alex Thomsen, San Francisco Estuary Partnership, presented potential equity metrics from the WRMP's People & Wetlands Workgroup.

13. Update on Development of Tribal Engagement Recommendations

Emely Lopez, Authority Tribal Liaison, introduced herself to the Governing Board and provided an update on efforts to seek tribal input on the development of Tribal Engagement Recommendations for the Authority.

14. Yearly Update on Implementation of Equity Recommendations

Sara Haugen, Project Manager, presented the Yearly Update on Implementation of Equity Recommendations.

15. Adjournment

Chair Pine adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 1:09 P.M.