



SAN FRANCISCO BAY
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

Governing Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

June 18, 2021

11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

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 11:01 A.M.

Chair Pine provided Zoom teleconference meeting instructions.

2. Roll Call

Anulika White, Clerk of the Governing Board, reported that six (6) members were present:

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

A quorum of the Governing Board was present at 11:08 A.M.

Susan Gorin joined the meeting at 11:13 A.M.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Board Member Announcements

There were no Board members announcements.

5. Chair's Report

Dave Pine, Chair of the Governing Board, gave a brief update on the Governing Board tour of the Montezuma Tidal and Seasonal Wetland Restoration Project and the Suisun Marsh Fish Screen Rehabilitation Project.

Chair Pine recognized the achievements of Executive Officer Sam Schuchat on his retirement. A resolution was read, board members discussed. Resolution in Honor of Sam

Schuchat was moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

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

6. Executive Reports

Sam Schuchat, Executive Officer of the Authority, gave a few updates and reports regarding the following matters:

- John Sutter, a champion of San Francisco Bay Area environmental protection, open space preservation, and public access, died in May 2021 at the age of 92. The board shared some memories and thanked Mr. Sutter for his great work and service to San Francisco Bay.
- The Coastal Conservancy's Executive Officer hiring process, and the Conservancy's adoption of a resolution at its May 2021 meeting appointing Amy Hutzel as Interim Executive Officer of the Authority.
- H.R. 610, the bill to establish the federal San Francisco Bay Restoration Act, and climate resilience funding in state budget bills, including funding for San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority projects.
- The Governor's executive order regarding requirements for public meetings.

7. Approval of Summary Minutes of April 16, 2021

Summary minutes of the Governing Board Meeting for April 16, 2021 were approved with no corrections.

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

8. Independent Citizens Oversight Committee's Annual Review of Conformance with Measure AA

Paul Jones, Chair of the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee, presented the Authority's Independent Citizens Oversight Committee Annual Review Letter, Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

There were no public comments.

16. Budgets and Staff Work Plan

- A. Brian Mayhew, Treasurer of the Authority, presented the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget and Resolution 78 *Adopting the FY 2021/2022 Authority Budget*.

The Board asked questions and discussed. There were no public comments.

Resolution 78 was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- B. Jessica Davenport, Deputy Program Manager of the Authority, presented the Fiscal Year 2021/2020 Staff Work Plan. The Board asked questions and discussed. There were no public comments.

20. 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.

9. Geographic Distribution of Funds

Jessica Davenport, Deputy Program Manager of the Authority, reported on the geographic distribution of Authority funds. The Board asked questions and discussed. There were no public comments.

GRANT ITEMS

NORTH

10. Greenwood Gravel Beach Design Project

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

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Roger Leventhal of Marin County.

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed three hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$380,000) to Marin County Department of Public Works to develop detailed designs and specifications, prepare permit applications, and complete CEQA review for a natural bay beach design at Greenwood Beach 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 retained 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, Gioia, Peskin, Holman, Gorin, Hahn, Lieber.

Absent: None

EAST

11. Coyote Hills Restoration and Public Access Project

Shalini Kannan, Project Manager of the Authority, presented the Staff Recommendation.

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

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed three million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) to East Bay Regional Park District to implement the Coyote Hills Restoration and Public Access Project, which includes restoration of wet meadow, willow thicket, mixed riparian forest, oak savanna, grasslands, and seasonal wetland habitats, as well as installation of public access facilities on the new portion of Coyote Hills Regional Park, in the City of Fremont, 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 retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Authority funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.

5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into a project labor agreement consistent with San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Resolution 22.

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, Gioia, Peskin, Holman, Gorin, Hahn, Lieber.

Absent: None

12. Terminal Four Wharf Removal Project

Marilyn Latta, Project Manager of the Authority, presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Lina Velasco of the City of Richmond.

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed two million three hundred thousand dollars (\$2,300,000) to the City of Richmond for final design, implementation, and monitoring of the Terminal Four Wharf Removal Project near Point San Pablo, Contra Costa 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 retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Authority funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.

5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into a project labor agreement consistent with San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Resolution 22.

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).
3. The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority has independently reviewed and considered the “Terminal Four Wharf, Warehouse, and Piling Removal Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration” (MND), and Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program (MMRP) adopted by the State Coastal Conservancy on November 19, 2020 and attached to this staff recommendation as Exhibits 4 and 5. The Authority finds that, as mitigated and designed, there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project will have a significant effect on the environment. The only potential effects, for which mitigation is proposed, are in the areas of Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Noise, Tribal Cultural Resources and the Authority finds that there is substantial evidence that the mitigation measures identified in the MND will avoid, reduce or mitigate any possible significant environmental effect of the project to a less-than-significant level.

The board commented and discussed. Project approval was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Absent: None

WEST

13. Burlingame Shoreline Park Project

Natasha Dunn, Project Manager of the Authority, presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Greg Boro and Will Johnson of the SPHERE Institute.

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 SPHERE Institute to conduct site studies and community engagement, prepare detailed plans and detailed designs, prepare regulatory permit applications and environmental review documents, and prepare a long-term lease application for the Shoreline Park – Burlingame Project, which will transform a 9.4-acre vacant parcel of State-owned bayfront land into a public nature and recreation park and will include restoration of approximately 3-3.5 acres of tidal marsh and transition zone habitats along the shoreline in San Mateo County (Exhibit 1). The proposed education center at the park will be designed to include the best possible bird safety features. Prior to commencement of the work, 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 retained 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).
3. The grantee is not required to enter into a project labor agreement per Resolution 22 because the proposed authorization is for planning work.

The board commented and discussed; an amendment was added. Project approval was moved and seconded with amendment. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Absent: None

14. Colma Creek Restoration and Adaptation Project

Joshua Bradt, Project Manager of the Authority, presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Christina Fernandez of the City of South San Francisco.

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed five hundred ninety-five thousand dollars (\$595,000) to the City of South San Francisco to prepare technical studies, undertake community engagement, perform design and engineering work, and develop a permitting and CEQA plan for the Colma Creek Restoration and Adaptation Project (“the project”). The restoration and sea level rise adaptation actions are expected to expand marsh habitat, increase flood protection, and provide public access at the mouth of Colma Creek in South San Francisco (Exhibit 1).

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 retained 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, Gioia, Peskin, Holman, Gorin, Hahn, Lieber.

Absent: None

SOUTH

15. Calabazas/San Tomas Aquino Creek-Marsh Connection Project

Laura Hollander, Project Manager of the Authority, presented the Staff Recommendation.

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed three million three hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$3,370,000) to Santa Clara Valley Water District to conduct planning, perform data collection and analysis, develop design plans, and prepare California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act documentation for the Calabazas/San Tomas Aquino Creek-Marsh Connection Project. The project will reconnect the Calabazas and San Tomas Aquino Creeks with San Francisco Bay through the Pond A8 Complex near the community of Alviso in Santa Clara 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 retained 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, Gioia, Peskin, Holman, Gorin, Hahn, Lieber.

Absent: None

17. Draft 2021 Grant Round Materials

Linda Tong, Grant Program Coordinator of the Authority, presented the grant round materials and Resolution 79 *Authorizing Release of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority's 2021 Grant Round Materials*. The board commented and discussed.

Resolution 79 was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Amy Hutzler, Deputy Executive Officer; Jana Affonso, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Current Chair of the Policy and Management Committee; and Anniken Lydon, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, Current Chair of the BRRIT, presented the 2021 *Annual Report of the Bay Restoration Regulatory Integration Team* (BRRIT).

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

19. Wetland Regional Monitoring Program Preliminary Proposal

Caitlin Sweeney, Program Manager of the Authority, and Melissa Foley of the San Francisco Estuary Institute, presented the *Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program Preliminary Proposal*.

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

21. Adjournment

Chair Pine adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 02:23 P.M.