



**SAN FRANCISCO BAY**  
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

# Governing Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

March 22, 2024

11:00 A.M. – 1:15 P.M.

Hybrid 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 11:02 A.M.

## **2. Roll Call**

Paul Johnson, Clerk of the Governing Board, reported that four (4) members were present, Sophie Hahn, Aaron Peskin, John Gioia, and Dave Pine.

A quorum of the Governing Board was present at 11:02 A.M.

## **3. Public Comments**

No public comments were made.

## **4. Board Member Announcements**

Councilmember Hahn announced the purchase and rematriation of the West Berkeley Shellmound to the Ohlone People.

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

The chair had nothing to report.

Susan Gorin joined the meeting at 11:05 A.M.

## **6. Executive Reports**

### **A. Quarterly Report on Expenditures and Letters under Executive Officer's Delegated Authority**

Amy Hutzel, Executive Officer, highlighted several expenditures made by the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (SFBRA) for outreach purposes, including sponsorship of NBC Bay Area's OpenRoad television show, KneeDeep Times, and the State of Estuary

Conference. Unfortunately, the conference was canceled due to a shutdown by the Fire Marshal, with plans to reschedule tentatively set for May. Dave Pine provided a letter of support for the Coastal Conservancy's application to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration requesting \$75 million in funding for climate resilience projects in the San Francisco Bay Area. including several projects previously funded by the Authority. Staff are working to acquire additional letters of support for federal fiscal year 2024/2025 funding requests. Additionally, the Heron's Head Park Shoreline Resilience Project received recognition, winning an award from the Friends of the San Francisco Estuary. Executive Officer Hutzel reported on her plan to travel to Washington D.C. the following week to advocate for federal funding.

**7. Approval of Summary Minutes of December 15, 2024**

Summary Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting of December 15, 2024, were approved with no corrections.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Hahn, Gorin, Pine

**8. Advisory Committee Chair's Report**

Advisory Committee (AC) Chair Jessica Martini-Lamb presented on the committee's activity since the December 15 board meeting. The AC last convened on February 2nd, where they voted to recommend the proposed Equity Guidelines being voted on by the board at this meeting. Also received was an update from Authority staff on the development of the draft Tribal Engagement Recommendations, which will be brought back to the AC at the next meeting for a vote. Additionally, Naama Raz-Yaseef from The Watershed Project presented the extensive community engagement work for the North Richmond Shoreline Living Levee Project. The AC also discussed potential future meeting topics. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2024.

**9. Deer Island Basin Phase 1 Tidal Wetlands Restoration Project**

Vanessa Aczon , Project Manager, presented the staff recommendation.

**Resolution:**

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed two million four hundred twenty-three thousand dollars (\$2,423,000) to

Marin County Flood Control District to implement the Deer Island Tidal Basin Wetlands Restoration Project: Phase 1 Construction, consisting of restoring 71.1 acres of tidal Baylands; enhancing flood protection measures along 9,600 linear feet of existing levees, including the creation of 5,500 linear feet of ecotone slopes along the levees and raising of 2,800 linear feet of levee; and conducting three years of post-construction monitoring and adaptive management at Deer Island Basin Complex, Novato, 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.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.
6. 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).

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Hahn, Gorin, Pine

**10. Sacred Spaces Project**

Sara Haugen, Project Manager, presented the staff recommendation.

**Resolution:**

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to Coastal Quest, fiscal sponsor of Ninth Root, to conduct the Sacred Spaces Planning Project, consisting of collecting planning data, holding community engagement workshops, and creating plans for habitat and public access enhancements along the Damon Marsh Trail, including a series of climate-resilient and culturally relevant wellness zones at Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Shoreline in 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:

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Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Hahn, Gorin, Pine

**11. Approval of Annual Report**

Taylor Samuelson, Public Information Officer and Karen McDowell, Deputy Program Manager, presented the Draft Annual Report for the board's consideration of approval.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Hahn, Gorin, Pine

**12. Approval of Staff Response to Oversight Committee Memo**

Karen McDowell, Deputy Program Manager, presented the Staff Response to the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee Letter. The board voted to approve it if it was amended to include additional language.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Hahn, Gorin, Pine

**13. Resolution Supporting EPA Annual Priority List**

Jessica Davenport, Deputy Program Manager, presented Resolution 121 expressing Support for the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Priority List of the U.S. Environment Protection Agency Region 9 San Francisco Bay Program Office.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Gioia, Peskin, Hahn, Gorin, Pine

**14. Approval of Equity Guidelines**

Sara Haugen, Project Manager, presented the proposed Equity Guidelines.

The Board discussed the guidelines and provided direction to staff on suggested revisions to make regarding addressing the needs of people with disabilities before bringing this item back for their consideration at a later meeting.

**15. Overview of Preliminary Recommendation for Grant Round 7**

Jessica Davenport, Deputy Program Manager, presented the Preliminary Recommendation for Grant Round 7.

**16. Adjournment**

Chair Pine adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 1:15 P.M.