



The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

Safe, Clean Water, Pollution Prevention, Habitat Restoration, Flood Protection and Shoreline Access for the San Francisco Bay

Protecting and Restoring the San Francisco Bay

San Francisco Bay is a part of all our lives – whether we live along the Bay; work there; walk, jog, or visit parks along its shores; or simply appreciate it as we drive over a bridge. Over the last century, we have had a massive impact on the Bay with landfill and toxic pollution. If we want our children and grandchildren to inherit a clean and healthy San Francisco Bay – one that will be part of their lives the way it is part of ours – we need to act now to clean up and restore it.

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority was created in 2008 to lead this effort to restore wildlife habitat, reduce pollution, protect shoreline communities from flooding, and increase trails and public access to San Francisco Bay. This work will help protect the Bay's wildlife, provide recreational opportunities, and keep shoreline communities safe.



Benefits of Bay Restoration

Safe, Clean Water and Pollution Prevention

- Improve water quality by reducing pollution and removing trash
- Restore wetlands that provide natural filters and remove pollution
- Restore creeks where they flow into the Bay

Fish, Bird and Wildlife Habitat

- Enhance shoreline parks, open space preserves and other public lands for expanded habitat
- Protect, restore and maintain wetlands to benefit wildlife including shorebirds, waterfowl and fish

Natural Flood Protection

- Provide nature-based flood protection through wetland and habitat restoration
- Build and improve levees that are a necessary part of wetland restoration activities

Shoreline Public Access and Recreation

- Construct new, repair existing and/or replace deteriorating public access trails and signs
- Provide environmental education about the health of the Bay



Next Steps

The Restoration Authority has proposed a \$12/parcel/year tax for the June 2016 ballot that will generate \$500 million for projects to restore thousands of acres of tidal marsh, making the Bay and its shoreline healthier for fish, birds, and other wildlife. The measure will appear on the ballot in all nine Bay Area counties.

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