



## **Advisory Committee**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

May 4, 2018, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Elihu Harris State Building  
1515 Clay Street, 2nd Floor, Room 11  
Oakland, CA 94612

#### **1. Call to Order**

Luisa Valiela, Advisory Committee (AC) Chair, called the meeting to order.

AC Member Attendance: Brian Benn, Erika Castillo, Steve Chappell, John Coleman, Francesca Demgen, Letitia Grenier, Zahra Kelly, Roger Leventhal, David Lewis, Greg Martinelli, Jessica Martini-Lamb, Mike Mielke, Anne Morkill, Gaylon Parsons, Erika Powell, Mita Prakash, Diane Ross Leech, Ana Maria Ruiz, Gary Stern, Laura Tam, Luisa Valiela (Chair), Bruce Wolfe

Staff Attendance: Sam Schuchat, Amy Hutzler, Matt Gerhart, Caitlin Sweeney, Jessica Davenport, Kelly Malinowski, Karen McDowell, Anna Schneider

#### **2. Determination of Quorum**

AC Clerk Anna Schneider determined that there was a quorum.

#### **3. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **4. Announcements**

David Lewis announced that the California Water Bond of 2018, which will be on the November ballot, contains \$200 million for the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority. John Coleman announced that the Bay Planning Coalition's 2018 Spring Summit would be held on May 11. Anne Morkill announced that a public meeting would be held on May 8 for the South Bay Salt Ponds Phase 2 Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report, with comments due June 5. She also announced that the AC's Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Communications would be holding a half-day workshop to develop a Communications Strategy for the SFBRA on June 12, and that the 2018 Annual Mother's Day Celebration would be held at the Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge on May 12.

## **5. Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2018**

**Decision:** There was consensus to approve the minutes.

## **6. Report from Staff on Lessons Learned from First Grant Round and Request for Feedback on Staff's Proposed Revisions to the Grant Program Documents**

Staff presented proposed revisions to the Grant Program Guidelines, Request for Proposals, and application form. The most substantive revisions included a proposal to recommend that the Governing Board add acquisitions to the list of project phases eligible for Measure AA funds and a proposal that wetland mitigation activities incurred as part of restoration project also be made explicitly eligible for funding. The AC provided feedback on ways to improve the proposed revisions to the grant program documents. Staff and the AC agreed that more input is needed from agencies and stakeholders involved in the *Long-Term Management Strategy for the Placement of Dredged Material in the San Francisco Bay Region (LTMS)* to advise on how to evaluate proposals seeking Measure AA funds when the project involves funding the mechanics of obtaining dredged materials, for instance, covering the incremental cost or storage of dredged material.

## **7. Chairs' Report from the April 11, 2018 Governing Board Meeting**

Chair Valiela reported that the Board approved the grant awards and discussed the coordinated permitting proposal as an information item.

## **8. Report from the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Performance Measures**

Roger Leventhal gave a presentation of the work to date of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Performance Measures and got feedback from the AC. Several members encouraged narrowing the list of performance measures to those that are most useful to inform future grant making and the public. Clear distinctions between what the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee will want to track and what the AC wants to recommend to the Governing Board as a suite of performance measures to track will be needed. The Ad Hoc Subcommittee will prepare a recommendation to the Governing Board for the full AC to consider approving at its next meeting.

## **9. Recommendation to Governing Board on Funding Coordinated Permitting Proposal**

Amy Hutzel, Deputy Executive Officer of the SFBRA, presented the staff's recommendation for the Governing Board to fund a coordinated permitting proposal that would support dedicated regulatory agency staff to work together as a team to review projects and issue permits for multi-benefit wetland restoration projects. The AC was asked to make a recommendation to the Governing Board on whether to fund the proposal.

**Decision:** The AC did not reach consensus on the recommendation and the Chair called for a vote. The AC approved a recommendation to fund the proposal by a majority vote of 9 yeses, 4 noes, and 4 recusals. Those opposed to the proposal supported the goal of regulatory

integration but did not think it should be supported by Measure AA funds. Four AC members representing agencies that would receive funds from the proposal recused themselves from the vote to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

**10. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.