



MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 27, 2017

TO: Governing Board
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

FROM: Ad Hoc Committee for the Advisory Committee
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

SUBJECT: Ad Hoc Committee Recommendation on Advisory Committee Appointments

We recommend that the Authority adopt Resolution 26 appointing the listed individuals to the Restoration Authority Advisory Committee.

Background

The Governing Board appointed its first group of Advisory Committee members on October 28, 2009. It consisted of fifteen members who were selected pursuant to the Restoration Authority's enabling legislation. The Board appointed an additional eight members on July 28, 2010. In 2013, the year that the original appointees were reaching the end of their four-year terms, the Board voted to reappoint several of the original members and appoint replacement members at its April meeting. The Board appointed additional Advisory Committee members at various meetings from 2010 to 2015.

On April 27, 2016, the Governing Board adopted the Advisory Committee Procedural Document to provide guidance on the Advisory Committee's role and the membership selection process. On October 12, 2016, the Governing Board adopted revisions to the Procedural Document to more specifically describe the membership process and responsibilities of the Advisory Committee. The latest version of the Procedural Document is based on the Restoration Authority's enabling legislation and The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure ("Measure AA").

The Advisory Committee Procedural Document provides guidance for the selection of Advisory Committee members who represent both the interests of the community, as well as the interests of agencies within the Restoration Authority's jurisdiction. The Procedural Document provides that the Authority will strive to include the following:

- Representatives of agencies named in the Authority's enabling legislation;
- Representatives of open space or park districts that own or operate shoreline parcels in the San Francisco Bay Area;

- Representatives of nongovernment organizations working to restore, protect, and enhance San Francisco Bay wetlands and wildlife habitat;
- Members of the public from bayside cities and counties in the San Francisco Bay Area;
- Balanced representation of public agencies, non-profit organizations, community groups, business interests, and individuals;
- Racial, ethnic, income, and gender diversity;
- Geographic representation, including at least one representative from each of the nine counties in the San Francisco Bay Area; and
- Representation of 16 different areas of expertise listed in the document.

On October 12, 2016, the Governing Board voted to disband the Advisory Committee and recruit a new one based on the guidance in the Procedural Document.

At the Advisory Committee meeting on October 17, 2016, members were thanked for their service and invited to reapply by a December 15, 2016 deadline. Staff developed a call for applications to the Advisory Committee and worked with partner organizations to ensure that it was distributed widely. Staff received 158 applications.

An ad hoc committee of the Governing Board, consisting of Supervisor Gioia, Chair Pine, and Councilmember Bacon, met on January 6, 2017 to review the applications. The applicants’ statements of interest and areas of expertise relevant to the Advisory Committee were considered. At the meeting, staff presented analysis that assisted the ad hoc committee in determining how well groups of applicants met the representation goals described above.

The ad hoc committee selected a highly qualified and broadly representative group of applicants to recommend to the Governing Board. The recommended group includes five representatives of agencies named in the Authority’s enabling legislation, two representatives of park or open space districts, and five representatives of nongovernment organizations working to restore, protect, and enhance San Francisco Bay wetlands and wildlife habitat. In addition to the characteristics summarized below, the recommended Advisory Committee includes eight members who contribute to racial and ethnic diversity and 22 women. Additional details can be found in the table *Representation Provided by Recommended Advisory Committee Members* (Attachment 3).

Geographic Representation

Baywide	16
Alameda	4
Contra Costa	3
Marin	2
Napa	2
Santa Clara	5
San Francisco	2
San Mateo	3
Solano	2
Sonoma	4

Type of Organization

Public Agency	17
Nonprofit Organization	7
Community Group	3
Business Interests Representative	4
Individual	3

To ensure adequate coverage of the areas of expertise, geographic representation, and other representation goals, the committee is recommending an increase in the number of Advisory Committee members from that set forth in the Procedural Document (from 25 to 34).

Recommendation

The ad hoc committee has followed the guidance in the Advisory Committee Procedural Document in recommending a group of new Advisory Committee members who can ably represent both the communities and agencies involved in restoration of wetland areas in San Francisco Bay and along its shoreline. Accordingly, we recommend that the Authority adopt Resolution 26.

Attachments

Resolution 26

Biographies of Recommended Advisory Committee Members

Representation Provided by Recommended Advisory Committee Members (Table)