



### **Biographies of Recommended Advisory Committee Members**

1. **Ana Alvarez** is Deputy General Manager at the East Bay Regional Park District, an agency that owns and operates shoreline parcels in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. She oversees the stewardship and development of 40 miles of bay front.
2. **Brian Benn** is a resident of a shoreline community in San Mateo County and a Principal at Environmental Risk & Financial Solutions. He has experience with private risk financing for environmental risks, including long-term funding and transfer of environmental liabilities.
3. **Bruce Beyaert** is a Richmond resident and Chair of TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee. TRAC has worked with the public and private partners for the past 17 years to complete 20 miles of new Bay Trail linking a necklace of local, regional, state and national parks along Richmond's 32-mile shoreline.
4. **Erika Castillo** is Regulatory & Public Affairs Director for the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District. She would like to contribute to the success of marsh restoration projects in the Bay Area by ensuring that public health and the perception of wetlands are not negatively impacted by an increase in mosquito populations.
5. **Steve Chappell** is Executive Director of the Suisun Resource Conservation District. He oversees daily operation and maintenance of 1,300 acres of managed and tidal wetlands at the District's Dean Witter Marshlands Property.
6. **John Coleman** is Chief Executive Officer of the Bay Planning Coalition. The Coalition advocates for the maritime industry.
7. **Grant Davis** is General Manager of the Sonoma County Water Agency. Given his long career in San Francisco Bay protection, restoration, and enhancement, he brings to the Committee a keen understanding of the regional and local issues related to wetland restoration and enhancement, water supply, water quality, flood protection, and climate adaptation and resiliency.
8. **Francesca Demgen** is a semi-retired consultant for AECOM and Demgen Aquatic Biology, and President of Friends of San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge. As a consultant, she has designed scores of habitat restoration projects in the Bay Area since 1978, and has monitored restoration sites for over ten years. As a volunteer, she leads many public wetland and water walks.

9. **Nahal Ghoghaie** is Bay Area Program Coordinator for the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water. She serves as a steering committee member for a Bay Area environmental justice group, the Resilient Communities Initiative, which works to include underserved, under-resourced populations in planning and policy processes.
10. **Susan Gorin** is 1<sup>st</sup> District Supervisor on the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and serves on the boards of several local and regional agencies. She has extensive experience in regional and local governance related to habitat restoration, flood protection, and community outreach.
11. **Letitia Grenier** is Resilient Landscapes Program Director and Senior Scientist at the San Francisco Estuary Institute. She served as the overall science lead and coordinator for the 2015 Baylands Ecosystem Habitat Goals update for climate change.
12. **Beth Huning** is Coordinator of the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture, the partnership of government agencies, NGO's, business, and landowners protecting and restoring wetlands in the region. The partners assist each other with habitat delivery, including seeking funding for and tracking project progress.
13. **Andrea Jones** is Director of Bird Conservation at Richardson Bay Audubon Center. She has led several restoration projects in San Pablo Bay, aimed to improve climate resiliency and habitat for rails and shorebirds. Audubon chapters around San Francisco Bay promote birding opportunities for the public, such as the Christmas Bird Count and the Richardson Bay Audubon Sanctuary waterbird surveys.
14. **Judy Kelly** is Executive Director of the North Bay Watershed Association, a group of 18 regional and local agencies focused on pollution reduction and water supply issues throughout the North Bay region. The former director of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, she hopes to build strong partnership between the Authority and North Bay agencies and organizations.
15. **Zahra Kelly** is Director of Public Advocacy for Nature in the City, a San Francisco nonprofit organization working to restore wild habitat on private and public land. Nature in the City is San Francisco's first organization dedicated to eco-literacy, conservation, restoration, and stewardship of the city's wild places.
16. **Roger Leventhal** is a Senior Engineer at the Marin County Flood Control & Water Conservation District. He is the official representative for the Bay Area Association of Flood Protection Agencies, representing the interests of flood protection agencies around the Bay edge. He has over 25 years of experience in the use of natural systems for flood risk reduction.
17. **David Lewis** is Executive Director of Save the Bay. He has 18 years of experience in advocacy for Bay marsh habitat acquisition and restoration and associated state and federal funding, as well as advocacy for regulatory policies and funding to reduce trash and marine debris.

18. **Sally Lieber** is President of Cardea Center for Women, and has served as a state senator, Mountain View City Council member and Chair of the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission. As Assembly Speaker pro Tem, she authored AB 2954, the 2008 San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Act, which created the Authority.
19. **Shelly Masur**, a Councilmember with the City of Redwood City, has a strong background in community outreach, public health, and regional and local governance.
20. **Mike Mielke** is Senior Vice President of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, a business trade association for technology firms and associated industries. He engages with the public to forge consensus and develop effective programs and partnerships on water, climate and clean energy.
21. **Anne Morkill** is the Manager of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex. With 26 years of experience managing federal public lands, she plays a leadership role in major wetland restoration projects around the Bay, including in the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, Bair Island Restoration Project, and Cullinan Ranch Restoration Project.
22. **Erika Powell** is Flood Protection and Resilience Program Manager with the San Mateo County Department of Public Works. A native Spanish speaker, she can communicate with audiences from varying backgrounds and looks forward to helping to lead the development of partnerships for combining flood risk reduction and habitat restoration.
23. **Marina Psaros** is the Principal at Coravai LLC. She co-founded King Tides Project, and created Youth Exploring Sea Level Rise Science. She was the public engagement lead for San Mateo County's sea level rise planning process and advised on Marin County's sea level rise planning process.
24. **Ameé Raval** is a Policy and Research Associate at Asian Pacific Environmental Network, which works to secure environmental justice for Asian Pacific Islander communities across the state through grassroots organizing, voter engagement, and policy advocacy. She is particularly interested in reduce floods risks and providing economic benefits to low-income communities.
25. **Diane Ross Leech** is Environmental Policy Director at Pacific Gas and Electric Company, which needs to safely operate and maintain its existing gas and electric facilities while adapting to sea level rise. She has been a long time member of the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture Management Board, serving as Chair and on the Executive Committee and brings a business perspective to the Advisory Committee.
26. **Ana Maria Ruiz** is Assistant General Manager of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, whose mission is to preserve open space lands, restore native habitat and provide ecologically-sensitive public access. She brings a strong technical expertise that is rooted in science and a planner's analytical mind, along with a personal understanding of a wide range of community needs.

27. **Gary Stern** is San Francisco Bay Branch Supervisor for the National Marine Fisheries Service. He administers NMFS' authorities under the Endangered Species Act and the Essential Fish Habitat provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.
28. **Laura Tam** is Sustainable Development Policy Director for SPUR. She has conducted research, written major policy reports, delivered lectures, moderated panels and participated in other public education efforts, and led advocacy on many issues the Authority will grapple with, including climate adaptation and managing urban runoff.
29. **Laura Thompson** is the San Francisco Bay Trail Project Manager at the Association of Bay Area Governments. She works with dozens of agencies and organizations to complete the 500-mile regional Bay Trail and has detailed knowledge about the gaps that remain in the Bay Trail.
30. **Luisa Valiela** is San Francisco Bay Program Manager for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where she focuses on improving water quality in partnership with the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board. She also oversees the San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund, an EPA grant program that has provided over \$44 million to protect and restore San Francisco Bay wetlands and water quality.
31. **Scott Wilson** is Regional Manager for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, which supports Bay restoration through its Fishery Restoration Grant Program and Proposition 1 Grant Program. CDFW also owns, restores and maintains extensive wetlands around the edge of the Bay.
32. **Bruce Wolfe** is Executive Officer of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. In his nearly 40 years of work with the Water Board, including the last 13 as its Executive Officer, he has been directly involved with all aspects of water quality protection for the Bay Region. His work at the Water Board includes over 20 years of oversight of the Bay Region's habitat restoration projects.
33. **Jim Wunderman** is President and CEO of the Bay Area Council, representing the regional top business leaders. He brings over 30 years of personal and professional experience in Bay Area public policy, and the institutional knowledge of the Bay Area Council's 72 years of business connectivity and leadership.
34. **Sarah Xuehua Han Young** is a Senior Project Manager at the Santa Clara Valley Water District. She is a certified floodplain manager charged with protecting the District's assets and facilities.