



San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

Impartial Analysis of Clean and Healthy Bay Ballot Measure

Subject to the approval of two-thirds of the voters voting on the Measure, Measure X would assess a special parcel tax by the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority on each parcel of taxable real property wholly or partially within its jurisdiction, the San Francisco Bay Area comprised of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano and Sonoma and the City and County of San Francisco. The parcel tax would be assessed for a period of 20 years, from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2037, raising \$25 million annually.

Proceeds from the parcel tax would be used to fund shoreline projects that would protect and restore San Francisco Bay for future generations by (1) reducing trash, pollution and harmful toxins; (2) improving water quality; (3) restoring habitat for fish, birds and wildlife; (4) protecting communities from floods; and (5) increasing shoreline access for public enjoyment.

Projects would be prioritized based on their positive impact on the San Francisco Bay as a whole, in terms of clean water, wildlife habitat and beneficial use to San Francisco Bay Area residents, with provisions to ensure that 50% of the funds are allocated geographically among the North Bay, the East Bay, the South Bay, and the West Bay proportional to the size of their populations, and that projects are funded in each of the San Francisco Bay Area's nine counties.

Proceeds from the parcel tax would be used solely for the purpose of supporting the programs set forth in the Measure, would be deposited in a separate account, would be spent exclusively for projects in the nine counties comprising the Authority, and could not be taken by the State, with total administrative expenditures limited to no more than 5% of the Measure's revenue.

An independent, annual audit would be conducted of all proceeds deposited in and all expenditures made from the separate account, and an annual report would be published detailing the amounts deposited and expended and the status of any projects funded under the Measure.

These annual audits and reports would also be submitted to an Independent Citizen Oversight Committee for review, with the committee's findings to be posted on the authority's website.

The parcel tax would appear as a separate item on residents' property tax bills and would be collected by tax collectors at the same time as and in the same manner as other property taxes.

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority currently receives no dedicated local, state or federal tax revenue for shoreline projects to protect and restore San Francisco Bay.

A "yes" vote is a vote to approve a parcel tax of \$12 per parcel on taxable parcels within the San Francisco Bay Area for a period of 20 years.

A "no" vote is a vote not to approve a parcel tax of \$12 per parcel on taxable parcels within the San Francisco Bay Area for a period of 20 years.