



MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 15, 2019

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, the ad hoc committee for Advisory Committee consisting of Supervisor John Gioia and Supervisor Susan Gorin recommend that the Authority adopt Resolution 55 appointing the listed individuals to the Restoration Authority Advisory Committee for four-year terms.

Background

The Advisory Committee Procedural Document, adopted by the Governing Board, is based on the Restoration Authority's enabling legislation and The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure ("Measure AA"). It 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 February 10, 2017, the Governing Board voted to appoint 34 new members to the Advisory Committee. Half were appointed to four-year terms and half were appointed to two-year terms, which expired on February 10, 2019. One member, Supervisor Gorin, was not replaced on the Advisory Committee when she was appointed to Governing Board, creating the opportunity for up to 18 appointments.

Staff released a call for applications to the Advisory Committee and worked with partner organizations to ensure that it was distributed widely. Advisory Committee members with expiring terms were invited to reapply. Staff received 29 applications by the October 30, 2018 deadline, including 10 from members applying to be reappointed and 19 new applications.

An ad hoc committee of the Governing Board met on January 16, 2019 to review the applications. The applicants' statements of interest and areas of expertise relevant to the Advisory Committee were considered, as well as the need to fill gaps left by members whose terms were expiring. 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 18 applicants to recommend to the Governing Board, which would bring the total number of Advisory Committee members to 34. Ten are new appointments and eight are reappointments of members with expired terms. The recommended group includes two representatives of agencies named in the Authority's enabling legislation, bringing the total to five. It includes two representatives of nongovernment organizations working to restore, protect, and enhance San Francisco Bay wetlands and wildlife habitat, bringing the total to four. In addition to the characteristics summarized below, the recommended Advisory Committee candidates include three members who contribute to racial and ethnic diversity, bringing the total to nine, and ten women, bringing the total to 23. Additional details can be found in the table *Representation Provided by Recommended Advisory Committee Members* (Attachment 3).

Geographic Representation

	Recommended	Total (Recommended + Current)
Baywide	6	13
Alameda	2	5
Contra Costa	1	3
Marin	2	2
Napa	1	1
Santa Clara	3	5
San Francisco	1	3
San Mateo	2	5
Solano	1	1
Sonoma	2	3

Type of Organization

	Recommended	Total (Recommended + Current)
Public Agency	7	17
Nonprofit Organization	3	7
Community Group	1	3
Business Interests Representative	2	2
Individual	5	5

Recommendation

The ad hoc committee has followed the guidance in the Advisory Committee Procedural Document in recommending appointment of a group of 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 55.

Attachments

Resolution 55

Biographies of Recommended Advisory Committee Members

Representation Provided by Recommended Advisory Committee Members (Table)