1. **Call to Order**

   Chair Pine called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

2. **Roll Call**

   Anulika White, Clerk of the Governing Board, reported that five (5) members were present at the start of the meeting: Dave Pine, Aaron Peskin, Kate Sears, Vinnie Bacon, and John Gioia. A quorum of the Governing Board was present.

   Susan Gorin joined at 11:10 a.m.

   Karen Holman was absent.

3. **Public Comments**

   There were no public comments.

4. **Board Member Announcements**

   There were no announcements.

5. **Chair’s Report**

   Dave Pine, chair of the Governing Board, made a few announcements and recognized the Authority for winning its first Bay Area Metro Award.
6. **Executive Reports**

Sam Schuchat, Executive Director, Restoration Authority, presented the *Quarterly Report on Expenditures under Delegated Authority*, described the change in Program Manager, and provided an update on the Authority’s Annual Report and the Oversight Committee. Taylor Samuelson, Public Information Officer, Restoration Authority, presented the Restoration Authority’s new website and logo to be launched in late August 2019.

7. **Approval of Summary Minutes of April 05, 2019**

Summary minutes of the Governing Board Meeting for April 05, 2019 were approved with no corrections.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Peskin, Sears, Bacon, Gorin

8. **Budgets and Staff Work Plan**

A. Brian Mayhew, Treasurer of the Restoration Authority, presented to the board Resolution 47A-1 *Amending the FY 2018/2019 Budget*. Board members asked questions and discussed. Resolution 47A-1 *Amending the FY 2018/2019 Budget* was moved and seconded. Motion passed unanimously. There were no public comments.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Peskin, Sears, Bacon, Gorin

B. Brian Mayhew, Treasurer of the Restoration Authority, presented to the board Resolution 58 *Adopting the FY 2019/2020 Authority Budget*. Board members asked questions and discussed. Mr. Mayhew made two changes in the *FY 2019/2020 Authority Budget* prior to adoption of Resolution 58:

- Project Based Budget: Three projects that have not been authorized for funding by the Authority (Lower Walnut Creek, Coyote Hills, Heron’s Head Park) were eliminated as line items and the expenses for those projects were consolidated into the line item identified generally as FY 19/20 Measure AA Projects.
- Operating Budget: To correct an inadvertent error, the line item labeled “Sonoma Creek Baylands Strategy” was relabeled as “Insurance.”

Resolution 58 *Adopting the FY 2019/2020 Authority Budget* was moved and seconded with changes from staff. Motion passed unanimously. There were no public comments.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Peskin, Sears, Bacon, Gorin
C. Matt Gerhart, Program Manager of the Restoration Authority, presented the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Staff Work Plan, which was unanimously approved. There were no public comments.

Ayes: Pine, Gioia, Peskin, Sears, Bacon, Gorin

9. Grants Overview

Matt Gerhart, Program Manager of the Restoration Authority, presented an overview of Round 2 Grant Recommendations. The board asked questions and discussed.

Rebecca Schwartz Lesberg of the Audubon California made a public comment.

NORTH

10. TISCORNIA MARSH RESTORATION

Linda Tong, Restoration Authority, presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Barbara Salzman of Marin Audubon Society.

Resolution:

“The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed nine hundred sixty-eight thousand, nine hundred and sixteen dollars ($968,916) to Marin Audubon Society to prepare technical studies, refine designs, and conduct environmental review and public outreach for restoration and sea level rise adaptation actions at Tiscornia Marsh (“the project”). The restoration and sea level rise adaptation actions are expected to expand marsh habitat, increase flood protection, and provide public access at the mouth of the San Rafael Canal in Marin County (Exhibit 1). Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Authority the following:

   a. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget

   b. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be employed in carrying out the project.

   c. A plan for acknowledgement of Authority funding.”

Findings:
“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Act, Gov. Code § 66700-66706.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure (Measure AA).
3. The grantee is not required to enter into a project labor agreement per Resolution 22 because the proposed authorization is for planning work.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

SOUTH

11. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO BAY SHORELINE PROJECT

Brenda Buxton, Restoration Authority, presented the Staff Recommendation.

Speaking in favor of the Staff Recommendation: Linda Lezotte & Norma Camacho of the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Resolution:

“The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (Authority) hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed fifty-seven million twenty-six thousand six hundred seventy-three dollars ($57,026,673) to the Santa Clara Valley Water District for design and implementation of the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project in the community of Alviso, San José, Santa Clara County, to be disbursed in increments over five years depending on project needs, provided that, in any fiscal year, the Executive Officer shall not make available for disbursement more than $11.4 million plus amounts that were made available but not disbursed in a prior year. The five-year period of disbursement may be extended as necessary to meet the grantee’s needs.

Prior to commencement of the project, the grantee shall submit for the review and written approval of the Executive Officer of the Authority the following:

1. A detailed work program, schedule, and budget.
2. Names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project.
3. A plan for acknowledgement of Authority funding.
4. Evidence that all permits and approvals required to implement the project have been obtained.
5. Evidence that the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to ensure that the project will be implemented, operated, and maintained."

Findings:
“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Act, Gov. Code § 66700-66706.
2. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure (Measure AA).
3. The grantee is not required to enter into a project labor agreement per Resolution 22 since the project will be funded by, and undertaken in collaboration with, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

EAST
12. PHASE 2 SOUTH BAY SALT POND RESTORATION PROJECT
Brenda Buxton, Restoration Authority, presented the Staff Recommendation.
Resolution:
“The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed six hundred thousand dollars ($600,000) to Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for preparation of final construction designs, construction bid package documentation, and permit applications for actions proposed for Eden Landing Ecological Reserve as part of Phase 2 of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, subject to the condition that prior to the disbursement of any funds Ducks Unlimited, Inc. shall submit for the review and approval of the Executive Officer of the Authority a detailed work program, schedule, and
budget, the names and qualifications of any contractors to be retained in carrying out the project, and a plan for acknowledgement of Authority funding.”

Findings:

“Based on the accompanying staff report and attached exhibits, the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby finds that:

1. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Act, Gov. Code § 66700.

2. The proposed authorization is consistent with The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure (Measure AA).

3. A project labor agreement consistent with San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Resolution 22 is not required since the proposed authorization does not include funding for construction.

4. The Authority has independently reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final Environmental Impact Report, South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, Eden Landing Phase 2 (Final Eden Landing Phase 2 EIR) which was certified on May 15, 2019 by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), and is attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 2.

5. The Final Eden Landing Phase 2 EIR identifies “significant and unavoidable” impacts regarding traffic impacts from material import. The Final EIR explains that one potential mitigation measure (changing the timing of traffic signals to reduce delay at affected intersections) is not feasible without causing larger, regional impacts on traffic. Therefore, the Authority finds that it is infeasible to avoid, reduce or mitigate this possible significant environmental effect of the project on traffic.

6. The Final Eden Landing Phase 2 EIR identifies “significant and unavoidable” impacts in the area of Air Quality from short-term construction-generated emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) if diesel fuel is used to power the pumps that deliver dredge material to the project site. In this event, even the project-specific mitigation measure to use more efficient equipment and reduce NOx emissions would be insufficient to
reduce NOx emissions below regional significance thresholds. Because diesel fuel may be used, the Authority finds that it is infeasible to avoid, reduce, or mitigate this possible significant environmental effect of the project on air quality.

7. The Final Eden Landing Phase 2 EIR identifies “significant and unavoidable” impacts in the area of Recreational Resources due to temporary closures of trails to protect public safety during construction. The Authority finds it is infeasible to avoid, reduce, or mitigate this possible significant environmental effect of the project on recreation resources.

8. The Authority finds that specific environmental and other benefits of the project described in the Statement of Overriding Considerations in the accompanying staff recommendation outweigh and render acceptable the project’s unavoidable adverse environmental effects because the project will result in long-term environmental benefits including restoring native habitat for threatened and endangered salt marsh species as well as enhancing managed ponds for other plant and animal species that otherwise would be threatened by loss of habitat. In addition, the project will maintain or improve the existing level of flood protection, which will benefit adjacent residences, businesses, and public infrastructure. Finally, although there are temporary impacts to recreational resources (from closure to construct the project and its public access features), the project will also construct new trails, overlooks, interpretive signs and other public amenities which will result in increased wildlife-oriented recreation and public access opportunities.”

Moved and seconded. Approved unanimously.

13. **Draft 2019 Grant Program Guidelines, Proposal Solicitation, and Grant Application**

   Jessica Davenport, Deputy Program Manager of the Restoration Authority presented the Draft 2019 Grant Program Guidelines, Proposal Solicitation, and Grant Application. The board asked questions and discussed.

   David Lewis of Save the Bay made a public comment.

14. **Advisory Committee Chair’s Report to the Board**

   Luisa Valiela, Advisory Committee Chair, Restoration Authority, gave a report on the
Advisory Committee. There were no public comments.

15. Adjournment

Chair Pine adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 1:25 p.m.