# **San Francisco Bay Restoration Regulatory Integration Team (BRRIT)**

The Bay Restoration Regulatory Integration Team (BRRIT) was formed to improve the permitting process for multi-benefit wetland restoration projects and associated flood management and public access infrastructure in the San Francisco Bay and along the bay shoreline of the nine Bay Area counties, excluding the Delta Primary Zone.

The BRRIT can improve the permitting timeline by being available for pre-application meetings and site visits and providing written guidance to restoration projects. A team of representatives across multiple agencies reviews project information collaboratively with applicants, identifies potential issues early in the design and planning process, and provides recommendations to meet agency requirements. This team approach helps applicants navigate permitting from different agencies on parallel tracks as much as possible and is intended to reduce common permitting delays.

The BRRIT consists of dedicated staff from the six state and federal regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over habitat restoration projects in San Francisco Bay, including:

* U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
* NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries)
* San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board)
* California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
* San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)

A Policy and Management Committee (PMC), made up of agency managers and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, meets monthly and coordinates with the BRRIT to resolve policy issues that may otherwise delay permit decisions.

Any project that meets the criteria for the 2016 San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure (Measure AA) should contact the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (SFBRA) at [BRRIT@sfbayrestore.org](mailto:BRRIT@sfbayrestore.org) to request pre-application guidance and permit review from the BRRIT, regardless of whether it has received funding from the SFBRA.

For more information about the BRRIT, go to: [www.sfbayrestore.org/san-francisco-bay-restoration-regulatory-integration-team-brrit](http://www.sfbayrestore.org/san-francisco-bay-restoration-regulatory-integration-team-brrit).