Call for Applications to Serve on the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority’s Independent Citizens Oversight Committee

Due June 30, 2020

On June 7th, 2016, residents of the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area voted with a 70% majority to pass Measure AA, the San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure. This measure is a parcel tax of $12 per year, raising approximately $25 million annually for twenty years to fund shoreline projects that will protect and restore the Bay.

**Measure AA is expected to generate $500 million over its 20-year term.** Funding from this measure will allow for the restoration of thousands of acres of natural habitat for wildlife, support our local economy, improve access to public lands, address flooding issues, and create thousands of new jobs.

The Authority’s Governing Board seeks one individual from Santa Clara County to serve on the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee (“Committee”). Send your application to karen.mcdowell@sfestuary.org by June 30, 2020.

The Committee has three main roles:
1. Annually review the Authority’s conformance with Measure AA;
2. Review the Authority’s audits and expenditure and financial reports; and
3. Publish an annual report of its findings, which will be posted on the Authority’s website.

The Committee will work independently of the Advisory Committee of the Authority, providing a completely independent annual analysis of the work of the Authority, focused on the Authority’s expenditures and finances and on the Authority’s conformance with the requirements of Measure AA.

The Committee will meet at least twice each year: once to discuss and make initial comments on the Authority’s annual reports and any financial documents, such as financial audits or reports; and a second time to discuss, amend, and adopt its findings to the Authority, in the form of a written report.

**Geographic Representation:** This call is seeking to fill the South Bay seat with an individual from Santa Clara County.
**Subject Matter Expertise:** Each member of the Committee must possess expertise in one or more of the following subject matters:

- Water quality,
- Pollution reduction,
- Habitat restoration,
- Flood protection,
- Improvement of public access to the bay, or
- Financing of these objectives.

**Factors that Determine Ineligibility for Membership:** No person may serve on the Committee who:

- Is an elected official or government employee;
- Has had or could have a financial interest in a decision of the Authority; or
- Is affiliated with an organization associated with a member of the Governing Board.

**Term:** The member will be considered for appointment at the July 17th Governing Board Meeting to serve through December 31, 2021, the remainder of the term of the currently vacant South Bay seat.

**Time Commitment:** The Committee will meet 2-3 times a year (usually in the spring and summer) for 2 to 3 hours each. All members are expected to review reports prior to meeting. Meetings are currently being held remotely (previously held at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, California).

**Background**

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority was formed by the California Legislature in 2008. The Authority’s mission is to raise and allocate resources for the restoration, enhancement, protection, and enjoyment of wetlands and wildlife habitat in the San Francisco Bay and along its shoreline, as well as related public recreation and flood protection projects. The Authority is led by a Governing Board of seven members from local governments.

For the [Guidelines for the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee](#) and for more information on the [Committee](#), please visit the [San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority website](#).

**To Apply**

If interested, please fill out the attached application, and send it electronically to karen.mcdowell@sfestuary.org by June 30, 2020.

Questions? Contact Karen McDowell, Deputy Program Manager, San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority, at karen.mcdowell@sfestuary.org.