

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 12, 2021

**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 Appointments, consisting of Supervisor Dave Pine and Board President Karen Holman, recommend that the Authority adopt Resolution 76 appointing the listed individuals to the Authority's 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 nongovernmental 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.

The Procedural Document states that the Advisory Committee may have up to 34 members. Seventeen members had terms that expired on February 10, 2021.

Staff released a call for applications to the Advisory Committee and worked with partner organizations to ensure that it was distributed widely. In the call for applications, staff recommended appointing fewer than the maximum number members in order to enable members to more fully participate in discussions during meetings. The call for applications also placed priority on adding leaders of community-based organizations located in economically disadvantaged communities to the Advisory Committee, as well as maintaining representation of agencies and types of organizations named in the Authority’s enabling legislation.

Advisory Committee members with expiring terms were invited to reapply. Staff received 15 applications by the November 13, 2020 deadline, including ten from members applying to be reappointed and five new applications.

An ad hoc committee of the Governing Board met on January 15, 2021 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 12 applicants to recommend to the Governing Board, which would bring the total number of Advisory Committee members to 29. Two are new appointments and ten are reappointments of members with expired terms. The recommended group includes four representatives of agencies named in the Authority’s enabling legislation, bringing the total to six. It includes two representatives of nongovernment organizations working to restore, protect, and enhance San Francisco Bay wetlands and wildlife habitat, bringing the total to three. In addition to the characteristics summarized below, the recommended Advisory Committee candidates include five members who contribute to racial and ethnic diversity, bringing the total to ten, and ten women, bringing the total to 18.

**Geographic Representation**

	Recommended	Total (Recommended + Current)
Baywide	7	13
Alameda	3	5
Contra Costa	1	2
Marin	0	1
Napa	0	1
Santa Clara	1	4
San Francisco	0	1
San Mateo	1	3
Solano	0	2
Sonoma	1	3

### Type of Organization

	Recommended	Total (Recommended + Current)
Public Agency	9	16
Nonprofit Organization	2	4
Community Group	1	2
Business Interests Representative	0	2
Individual	0	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 76.

### Attachments

Resolution 76

Biographies of Recommended Advisory Committee Members