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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 28, 2025

TO: Governing Board
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

FROM: Chair John Gioia and Member Karen Holman
Ad Hoc Committee for Advisory Committee Appointments
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 Board Chair John Gioia and Board Member Karen Holman, recommend that the Authority adopt Resolution 135 appointing the listed individuals to the Authority's Advisory Committee for four-year terms. Biographies of the individuals are attached to this memo.

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 states that the Advisory Committee may have up to 34 members who reflect 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.



Advisory Committee Recruitment and Selection

Advisory Committee member terms are staggered, and every two years half of the members' terms expire. Out of 26 existing members, 14 members had terms that were set to end on February 12, 2025. Staff released a new call for applications to the Advisory Committee on September 16, 2024. The call for applications encouraged community-based candidates with expertise in addressing environmental justice issues and candidates with experience working with Tribes to apply, as well as candidates representing the agencies and types of organizations named in the Authority's enabling legislation. The call for applications was distributed widely to existing partners as well as new contacts in community-based organizations serving economically disadvantaged communities. Advisory Committee members with expiring terms were invited to reapply.

Staff received 31 applications by the deadline extended to November 20, 2024, including 10 applications from members applying to be reappointed and 21 new applications.

An ad hoc committee of the Governing Board met on January 24, 2025 to review the applications. The applicants' statements of interest and areas of expertise relevant to the Advisory Committee were considered. At the meeting, staff presented summaries of applicant information that assisted the ad hoc committee in selecting candidates who met the representation goals described above.

The ad hoc committee selected a highly qualified and broadly representative group of 22 applicants to recommend to the Governing Board, which would bring the total number of Advisory Committee members to 34. 12 are new appointments and 10 are reappointments of members. The recommended group includes five representatives of agencies named in the Authority's enabling legislation; three representatives of open space districts; two representatives of nongovernmental organizations working to restore San Francisco Bay wetlands and wildlife habitat; five applicants with strong experience addressing environmental justice issues, including a leader of a tribal nonprofit; and seven other applicants who have expertise in water quality and pollution prevention, community engagement, public health, and climate change. The recommended Advisory Committee candidates represent a broad range of experience and expertise across the counties of the Bay Area, as summarized in the tables below.

Geographic Representation

Two recommended applicants represent more than one county but are not considered baywide.

	Recommended	Total (Recommended + Current)
Baywide	8	11
Alameda	5	8
Contra Costa	3	4
Marin	0	1
Napa	1	1



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Santa Clara	2	4
San Francisco	1	1
San Mateo	3	3
Solano	0	2
Sonoma	2	2

Category or Area of Expertise

All recommended applicants have multiple areas of expertise, but individuals have been placed in single categories described in the Advisory Committee Procedural Document for ease of summarizing information.

	Recommended	Total (Recommended + Current)
Named Agency	5	5
Open Space Park District	3	3
Nongovernmental Organization	2	3
Environmental Justice	5	9
Water Quality & Pollution Prevention	3	3
Flood Protection	0	2
Public Access and Recreation	0	1
Community Engagement	1	1
Regulatory Policies	0	1
Operations & Maintenance of Public Lands	0	1
Public & Private Partnerships	0	1
Public Health	1	2
Climate Change	2	2

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 135.

Attachments

[Resolution 135](#)

[Biographies of Recommended Advisory Committee Members](#)