



SAN FRANCISCO BAY
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

Governing Board

SUMMARY MINUTES

February 28, 2025

10:05 A.M. – 12:53 P.M.

Hybrid Teleconference Meeting

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Agenda and Attachments available at:

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1. Call to Order

John Gioia, Chair of the Governing Board, called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

2. Roll Call

Paul Johnson, Clerk of the Governing Board, reported that five (5) members were present, Amber Manfree, Brent Blackaby, Karen Holman, Princess Washington, and John Gioia.

A quorum of the Governing Board was present at 10:06 A.M.

Lisa Gauthier joined the meeting at 10:12 A.M. and left meeting at 11:24 A.M.

3. Public Comments

Public comment: Kevin Rennie.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Gioia, during roll call, opened with Board Member introductions.

5. Board Member Announcements

The Board Members made no announcements.

6. Executive Reports

Amy Hutzal, Executive Officer, provided an overview of the State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) and noted that the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (Authority) operates under a Joint Powers Agreement with the Conservancy and ABAG/MTC, which staff the Authority. The Executive Officer reported that there were no letters and some expenditures under the delegated authority, as discussed in the memorandum; Camp 3 closed

escrow; a North Bay board tour is tentatively scheduled for May 2025; and funding will be discussed at a future meeting.

7. Approval of Summary Minutes of December 13, 2024

Summary Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting of December 13, 2024 were approved with no corrections.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Manfree, Blackaby, Gauthier, Holman, Washington, Gioia.

8. Appointment of Governing Board Vice Chair

Chair Gioia presented Resolution 134 Appointment of Governing Board Vice Chair and recommended Director Holman, who accepted the nomination.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Manfree, Blackaby, Gauthier, Holman, Washington, Gioia.

9. Overview of the Restoration Authority and Measure AA

Amy Hutzal, Executive Officer, and David Lewis, Save the Bay, presented.

10. Advisory Chair Committee Chair's Report

Advisory Committee (AC) Chair Jessica Martini-Lamb reported the AC met on February 7, 2025. Key topics included AC member appointments, which were considered at this meeting; a call for AC Chair and Vice Chair nominations, with a vote scheduled for May 2025; and a revised 2025 AC meeting schedule, with meetings proposed for May and October. In addition, the AC discussed balancing wildlife needs and public access in restoration projects and a need for forums to share monitoring results with restoration project planners and implementers. Staff presented the annual report for Fiscal Year 2023-24 and presented on 2021 to 2024 AC accomplishments.

11. Appointment of Advisory Committee Members and Extension of Current Chair and Vice Chair Terms

John Gioia, Board Chair, presented Resolution 135 Appointing Members to the Restoration Authority Advisory Committee.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Manfree, Blackaby, Holman, Washington, Gioia.

Linda Tong, Deputy Program Manager, presented Resolution 136 Extending Terms of Current Chair and Vice Chair of the Restoration Authority Advisory Committee.
Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Manfree, Blackaby, Holman, Washington, Gioia.

12. Overview of Preliminary Recommendations for 2024-25 (Round 8) Grant Round

Linda Tong, Deputy Program Manager, presented the Overview of Preliminary Recommendations for 2024-25 Grant Round 8.

After discussion, the Board expressed interest in continuing dialogue on this agenda item and revisiting this item at the June 6, 2025 meeting.

Public Comment: David Lewis.

Grant Item

13. Invasive Spartina Project Phase 2

Erica Johnson, Project Manager, presented the staff recommendation.

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed 4 million dollars (\$4,000,000) to the California Invasive Plant Council for the continued eradication of invasive cordgrass and enhancement of critically important tidal marsh and mudflat habitat throughout the entire nine county San Francisco Estuary from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027. The project includes invasive Spartina monitoring and treatment, native tidal marsh revegetation, California Ridgway's rail monitoring, construction of high tide island habitat for Ridgway's rails, and workforce development in partnership with the regional San Francisco Estuary Invasive Spartina Project led by the State Coastal Conservancy and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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 employed 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 enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff recommendation 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 Sections 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 due to the fact that there are no unions representing aquatic herbicide application.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Manfree, Blackaby, Holman, Washington, Gioia.

14. Draft Equity Gap Analysis

This agenda item was postponed to the June 6, 2025 meeting.

15. Levy Report

Tim Seufert, Managing Director of NBS, presented the 2024/2025 Annual Levy Report for Measure AA Special Parcel Tax.

16. Adjournment

Chair Gioia adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 12:53 P.M.