



SAN FRANCISCO BAY
RESTORATION AUTHORITY

Governing Board
SUMMARY MINUTES
June 6, 2025
10:02 A.M. – 12:21 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 10:02 A.M.

2. Roll Call

Paul Johnson, Clerk of the Governing Board, reported that five (5) members were present: Amber Manfree, Lisa Gauthier, Danielle Cwirko-Godycki, Princess Washington, and John Gioia. A quorum of the Governing Board was present at 10:04 A.M.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Gioia made no announcement.

5. Board Member Announcements

Supervisor Manfree reported that the Authority Board Tour was informative and well run.

6. Executive Reports

Amy Hutzel, Executive Officer, reported on expenditures and letters under delegated authority, as outlined in the memorandum. One expenditure under \$50,000 was made: a \$4,300.58 purchase order for hats and totes. Two letters signed by Chair Gioia were sent: one to U.S. Congressmembers representing California districts; and one to U.S. Senators for California, supporting federal appropriation requests for the San Francisco Bay to: (1) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) for the San Francisco Bay Geographic

Program; (2) the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for Bel Marin Keys; (3) USACE for beneficial use of dredged sediment in the Bay; and (4) USACE for a new coastal flood risk study. The Executive Officer reported that the President's proposed FY 2026 budget did not include funding for the Corps-related requests and decreased funding the US EPA by 41 million dollars, from 54.5 million in the previous fiscal year to 13.5 million. This represents a major setback because they were working to increase the funding to 75 million and following efforts by the late Senator Feinstein and Assemblymember Lieber to authorize the Bay Program as a federal geographic program. The Executive Officer turned it over to Taylor Samuelson, Public Information Officer, who shared photos of and information about the May 23, 2025 Board Tour of the North Richmond Shoreline Living Levee Project, Terminal Four Wharf Removal Project, and Greenwood Gravel Beach Design Project.

7. Approval of Summary Minutes of February 28, 2025

Summary Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting of February 28, 2025 were approved with no corrections.

Moved and seconded.

Ayes: Manfree, Gauthier, Cwirko-Godycki, Washington, and Gioia.

8. Advisory Committee Chair's Report

Advisory Committee (AC) Chair Jessica Martini-Lamb reported that the AC met on May 16, 2025. Since this was the first meeting with newly appointed and reappointed AC members, there was an orientation or refresher on the Authority. Staff provided background information and an overview on grant rounds, including the Requests for Proposals and how the grant program has evolved over the years with input from the AC. David Lewis, AC member and Executive Director of Save the Bay, presented on Measure AA. The AC voted on a recommendation to the Governing Board regarding nominations for the AC Chair and Vice Chair positions. This is Martini-Lamb's final Governing Board meeting as AC Chair. She expressed gratitude to the Governing Board for the opportunity to serve in this role over the last four years, and to Vice Chair Sara Azat of the National Marine Fisheries Service for her contributions over the past two years. She thanked the Staff for their ongoing support, noting their high level of professionalism and expertise. She looks forward to continuing to participate as a member of the AC.

9. Appointment of Advisory Committee Chair and Vice Chair

John Gioia, Board Chair, presented Resolution Number 137 Appointing the Chair and Vice Chair of the Restoration Authority Advisory Committee.

Moved and seconded

Ayes: Manfree, Gauthier, Cwirko-Godycki, Washington, and Gioia

10. Draft Equity Gap Analysis

Sara Haugen, Grant Program Coordinator, presented the Draft Equity Gap Analysis.

Moved and seconded

Ayes: Manfree, Gauthier, Cwirko-Godycki, Washington, and Gioia

11. Independent Citizens Oversight Committee's Annual Review of Conformance with Measure AA

Jim Fiedler, Chair of the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee, presented the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee Annual Report FY 2023-2024 (May 8, 2025).

12. Budget and Staff Work Plan

Arleicka Conley, Section Director (Budget & Financial Planning & Analysis) of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, presented Resolution Number 138 Adopting the FY 2025-2026 San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Operating and Project Budget.

Moved and seconded

Ayes: Manfree, Gauthier, Cwirko-Godycki, Washington, and Gioia

Linda Tong, Deputy Program Manager, presented the FY 2025-2026 Staff Work Plan.

13. Review of Round 8 Grant Process (FY2024-25) and Authorization to Release Round 9 (FY2025-26) Grant Round Materials

Linda Tong, Deputy Program Manager, presented the Memo on Review of Round 8 Grant Process and Authorization to Release Round 9 (FY2025-2026) Grant Round Materials. In response to Governing Board discussion, Staff modified the Round 9 (FY2025-2026) Request for Proposals by explaining how non-federally recognized tribes can apply for grants and clarifying footnote 5.

Moved and seconded

Ayes: Manfree, Gauthier, Cwirko-Godycki, Washington, and Gioia

Grant Item

14. American Canyon Wetlands Restoration and Public Access Project Phase II

Diana Fu, Project Manager, presented the staff recommendation.

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) to the City of American Canyon to complete technical studies, 60% design, California Environmental Quality Act documentation, and draft permit applications, and to conduct public outreach for the American Canyon Wetlands Restoration and Public Access Project Phase II, which will restore or enhance over 60 acres of wetlands and associated transitional habitat along the lower Napa River, improve fish passage, improve water quality, raise 1.2 miles of existing Bay Trail out of the floodplain and increase its resilience to future sea level rise, improve public safety for the trail, and build a new Bay Water Trail trailhead and associated facilities. 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

Findings:

Based on the accompanying staff report 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).

Moved and seconded

Ayes: Manfree, Gauthier, Cwirko-Godycki, Washington, and Gioia

15. Mcinnis Marsh Beneficial Dredge Sediment Reuse and Tidal Wetlands Restoration

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) to the County

of Marin (“the grantee”) to further preliminary designs, collect data and perform technical studies, prepare CEQA documents, and prepare regulatory permit applications for the McInnis Marsh Beneficial Dredge Sediment Reuse and Tidal Wetlands Restoration Project (“the project”), which will improve future tidal restoration potential of the McInnis Marsh Basin in Marin County by restoring 22 to 30 acres of diked wetlands and the reversal of subsidence across 140 acres of marsh. 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.

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, Government 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).

Moved and seconded

Ayes: Manfree, Gauthier, Cwirko-Godycki, Washington, and Gioia

16. Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline Restoration and Flood Management Project

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to K to College, doing business as SupplyBank.org, (“grantee”) to conduct the Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline Restoration and Flood Management Project, consisting of conducting feasibility studies and community engagement, developing designs, and preparing permit applications for restoring 25-28 acres of tidal marsh and other shoreline habitats, updating one mile of Bay Trail, and installing nature-based flood management features at Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline in Alameda County. 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.

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).

Moved and seconded

Ayes: Manfree, Gauthier, Cwirko-Godycki, Washington, and Gioia

17. Community Grant: Southeast San Francisco Shoreline Stewards Project

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to Literacy for Environmental Justice (“the grantee”) from the Authority’s Community Grants Program to implement the Southeast San Francisco Shoreline Stewards Project, consisting of shoreline stewardship capacity building, habitat enhancement, climate adaptation planning, and workforce development in San Francisco (“the project”). 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 the grantee has entered into agreements sufficient to enable the grantee to implement, operate, and maintain the project.

5. Evidence that the grantee has all the permits and approvals required to implement 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, Government 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).

Moved and seconded

Ayes: Manfree, Gauthier, Cwirko-Godycki, Washington, and Gioia

18. Community Grant: Healing a Wounded Watershed with the Colma Creek Collective

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed two hundred seventy eight thousand six hundred sixty dollars (\$278,660) to San Bruno Mountain Watch (“the grantee”) to implement the Healing a Wounded Watershed with the Colma Creek Collective Project in San Mateo County, consisting of community-led restoration on approximately one-quarter to one-third acre at the mouth of Colma Creek; hosting restoration education workshops, watershed field trips, and community-based shoreline restoration events; and collecting and distributing historical Colma Creek Watershed information (“the project”). 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, Government 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).

Moved and seconded

Ayes: Manfree, Gauthier, Cwirko-Godycki, and Gioia

19. Alviso Shoreline Habitat Restoration

Resolution:

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority hereby authorizes the disbursement of an amount not to exceed three hundred thirty thousand seven hundred thirty dollars (\$330,730) to Grassroots Ecology (“grantee”) to restore and enhance two acres of marsh-adjacent upland habitat with a focus on benefits to the burrowing owl and monarch butterfly within the Alviso district of the City of San Jose in Santa Clara County; and, through work with local community groups, to provide training, education, and workforce development as part of conducting the restoration and enhancement. 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 Authority independently reviewed and considered the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan Final Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement (“FEIR/FEIS”) for the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan adopted by the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency on August 2012, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, and attached to the accompanying staff recommendation as Exhibit 4. The Authority finds that the project falls within the set of covered activities described in the FEIR/FEIS and no significant adverse impacts will result from the project.

Moved and seconded

Ayes: Manfree, Gauthier, Cwirko-Godycki, Washington, and Gioia

20. Adjournment

Chair Gioia adjourned the Governing Board meeting at 12:21 P.M.