

DRAFT MINUTES

San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority Advisory Committee Meeting May 16, 2025, 10 am – 12 pm

Agenda and meeting materials are available at:
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1. Call to Order

Jessica Martini-Lamb, Chair of the Advisory Committee (AC), called the meeting to order.

2. Determination of Quorum

Paul Johnson, Clerk of the Advisory Committee

AC Member Attendance: Chris Barton, Erik Buehmann, Paul Detjens, Laura Feinstein, Jake Hanft, Lil Milagro Henriquez, Lee Huo, Dulce Jimenez, David Lewis, Jessica Martini-Lamb, Kelli McCune, Lea Murray-Quintana, Christopher Nakamura, Emily Perales, Marquita Price, Ethan Rayner, Brian Rowley, Ana Maria Ruiz, William Tinajero-Noriega, Diane Williams, Michael C. Williams, Beckie Zisser

3. Public Comment

New and returning AC members introduced themselves, including a few remote members who were viewing the meeting as members of the public.

4. Approval of Advisory Committee (AC) Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2025 (ACTION)

Jessica Martini-Lamb, Chair

Item 5: [Draft Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2025](#)

David Lewis moved to approve the meeting minutes and Paul Detjens seconded. There were no objections or abstentions. The minutes were approved with no corrections.

Ayes: Chris Barton, Erik Buehmann, Paul Detjens, Laura Feinstein, Jake Hanft, Lil Milagro Henriquez, Lee Huo, Dulce Jimenez, David Lewis, Jessica Martini-Lamb, Kelli McCune, Lea Murray-Quintana, Christopher Nakamura, Emily Perales, Marquita Price, Ethan Rayner, Brian Rowley, Ana Maria Ruiz, William Tinajero-Noriega, Diane Williams, Michael C. Williams, Beckie Zisser

5. Chair's Report from February 28, 2025 Governing Board Meeting (INFORMATION)

Jessica Martini-Lamb, Chair, shared updates from the February Governing Board Meeting. Four new members were welcomed to the Board: Councilmember Brent Blackaby, Councilmember Danielle Cwirko-Godycki, Supervisor Amber Manfree, and Councilmember Princess Washington. Supervisor Lisa Gauthier was reappointed to the Board. Supervisor John Gioia is now serving as Chair, and the Board voted to appoint

Director Karen Holman as Vice Chair. David Lewis provided a presentation on the history of the Restoration Authority. Twenty-two new and returning members to the AC were appointed, and the terms of the current Chair and Vice Chair of the AC were extended to cover the May AC meeting. The Board received staff's preliminary recommendations for 2024-2025 grant round. The Board approved grant of up to 4 million dollars to the California Invasive Plant Council for the Invasive Spartina Project Phase II. They also received the 2024-2025 annual Levee Report for Measure AA. One item was postponed due to time constraints.

6. **Orientation for New Advisory Committee Members (INFORMATION)**

Sara Haugen, Grant Program Coordinator and Project Manager
Linda Tong, Deputy Program Manager

Item 6: [Orientation for New Advisory Committee Members](#)

Linda Tong, Deputy Program Manager, and Sara Haugen, Project Manager, provided an orientation about Measure AA and the Authority for new AC members.

Staff shared the opportunity to join the May 23rd Board tour of projects. A member suggested providing transportation and food for future SFBRA tours.

7. **Measure AA: Voter Analysis for the Ballot Measure (INFORMATION)**

David Lewis, Save the Bay, Executive Director

Item 7: [Presentation on Voter Analysis for Measure AA](#)

David Lewis, Executive Director of Save the Bay, provided background information about the origins of the Measure AA ballot measure. He provided polling data about voter interest and willingness to pay an extra tax for bay restoration through polls dating back to 2006. The two sets of polling provided direction and confidence that Measure AA could pass as a parcel tax in all nine-counties in the 2016 election, and similar polling will be helpful to assess when to place the next version of Measure AA on the ballot.

8. **Evolution of Grant Round Materials (INFORMATION)**

Sara Haugen, Grant Program Coordinator and Project Manager
Linda Tong, Deputy Program Manager

Item 8: [Memo on Evolution of Grant Round Materials](#)

Sara Haugen provided a summary of the Request for Proposals and grant program evolution since the Authority's inception.

The Grant Round 9 Request for Proposals, which are substantively similar to Round 8 Materials, will be presented to the Board at the June 6, 2025 meeting. The grant round will be open from early July to early October 2025.

AC members will be invited in September to serve as reviewers in the fall for the competitive grant round. Staff are also seeking additional volunteers to serve as Community Grant reviewers as applications come in on a rolling basis.

9. Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair for 2025 to 2027 (ACTION)

Linda Tong, Deputy Program Manager

Linda Tong thanked Jessica Martini-Lamb for serving as the Chair and Sara Azat for serving as the Vice Chair for the past 4 years. As their terms end June 6, 2025, the AC voted to recommend a Chair and Vice Chair for a new term 2025 to 2027.

Jessica Martini Lamb nominated Casey Skinner for Chair and Erika Castillo for Vice Chair. Both accepted their nominations prior to the meeting since they could not attend.

Diane Williams moved to vote to recommend Casey Skinner for Chair and Erika Castillo for Vice Chair. Dulce Jimenez seconded. The motion was approved with no abstentions or recusals.

Ayes: Chris Barton, Erik Buehmann, Paul Detjens, Laura Feinstein, Jake Hanft, Lil Milagro Henriquez, Lee Huo, Dulce Jimenez, David Lewis, Jessica Martini-Lamb, Kelli McCune, Lea Murray-Quintana, Christopher Nakamura, Emily Perales, Marquita Price, Ethan Rayner, Brian Rowley, Ana Maria Ruiz, William Tinajero-Noriega, Diane Williams, Michael C. Williams, Beckie Zisser

The AC's recommendation will be presented to the Board to appoint the AC Chair and Vice Chair at the June 6, 2025 Board Meeting.

10. Announcements (INFORMATION)

The next AC meeting will be on Friday, October 17, 2025.

Lil Milagro Henriquez shared that Mycelium Youth Network will be on Episode 6 of PBS's Climate California series at the end of the month. They will be hosting a community day of action on June 28th at the Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline; invite to follow.

Paul Detjens shared that John Muir Land Trust hosted an open house and funders day at Pacheco Marsh. The restoration and public access was funded by the Authority through the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project. The project was well received by the public at the grand opening.

David Lewis shared that Save the Bay has a fellowship program for policy, habitat restoration, communications and development. There is currently an opening for a policy fellowship, and a habitat restoration fellowship will open soon.

Members thanked Jessica Martini-Lamb and Sara Azat for their service as AC Chair and Vice Chair.

Erik Buehmann shared that the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission's regional action plan to support beneficial sediment reuse was released recently and is on their website.

11. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

12. Adjourn

Chair Martini-Lamb adjourned at 11:48.