



# Governing Board

## SUMMARY MINUTES

Wednesday, September 25, 2013  
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

Association of Bay Area Governments  
101 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Training Center  
Oakland, California 94607

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Clerk of the Governing Board, (510) 464 7900

Agenda and attachments available at:  
[www.sfbayrestore.org](http://www.sfbayrestore.org)

### **1. Call to Order**

John Gioia, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at about 1:12 p.m.

### **2. Roll Call**

Frederick Castro, Clerk, reported that five members were present. A quorum of the Governing Board was present.

Present were John Gioia, Keith Caldwell, Rosanne Foust, Dave Pine, and John Sutter.

Absent were Dave Cortese and Sam Schuchat.

Present were Kenneth Moy (ABAG); Judy Kelly and Karen McDowell (San Francisco Estuary Partnership); Amy Hutzler (California State Coastal Conservancy).

### **3. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

### **4. Announcements**

Sutter commented on an exhibit, *Above and Below, Stories from our Changing Bay*, at the Oakland Museum of California.

Kelly announced the availability of *Ecology Conservation and Restoration of Tidal Marshes in the San Francisco Estuary*, and the State of the Estuary Conference gala at the Oakland Museum of California on October 28 and conference on October 29 to 30 at the Oakland Marriott City Center.

Beth Huning, San Francisco Bay Joint Venture, announced scheduling a wetland tour of the peninsula at Bear Island and Ravenswood Pond, Palo Alto Baylands, etc.

There were no other announcements.

## **5. Approval of Summary Minutes of July 24, 2013**

A motion to approve the summary minutes of the Governing Board meeting on July 24, 2013, was made by Sutter and seconded by Pine. The motion passed unanimously.

## **6. Report from the Vice Chair**

### **A. Timeline for 2014 Ballot Measure**

Gioia stated that the final ballot measure should be completed by July in order to go the county clerks by early August for the general election in 2014.

Members reviewed an outline of tasks distributed at a previous meeting.

## **7. Report on Outreach by Governing Board and Advisory Committee**

Members reported on their outreach activities.

Caldwell reported meeting with the Napa Valley Vintners' Government Affairs Committee and the Napa Farm Bureau.

Pine reported meeting with Congresswoman Jackie Speier.

Hutzel reported that Schuchat met with the Bay Planning Coalition and South Bay Salt Pond Forum.

Patrick Band, Save The Bay, reported on meeting with local elected officials from the North Bay and East Bay and with labor organizations.

## **8. Report on Draft Expenditure Plan**

Hutzel reported on the draft expenditure plan and developing a project list. Staff worked with Save The Bay and TBWB. The draft expenditure plan was distributed to Governing Board members and Advisory Committee members for comment.

Members discussed developing a sample project list, taking a programmatic approach, project eligibility, process for developing criteria, geographical equity, environmental justice, regional signature projects, developing guiding principles, leveraging funds and competitive grant projects, public support for a ballot measure, completion of projects, ensuring that the Advisory Committee reflects geographical representation and environmental equity.

David Lewis, Save The Bay, commented on the discussion regarding projects and on the Authority's purpose and scope as described in statute, polling showing those polled as viewing the Bay as a regional entity, statewide change regarding resource bonds.

Barry Barnes, TBWB, commented on recent polling results regarding support for local community projects or those with general benefits.

Hutzel commented on whether the Authority could be certain that funded projects would be completed and on focus group findings showing support when speaking about general restoration principles, developing outreach materials that include projects and maps.

Huning commented on work by the Joint Venture and its partners on prioritizing and tracking status of projects, the Baylands Goal, and Joint Venture implementation plan.

Gioia noted that the direction based on the discussion was to take a programmatic approach in describing projects in the ballot measure.

Members discussed principles to be used by the Advisory Committee to evaluate projects when providing recommendations to the Governing Board, including geographical equity, environmental justice, leveraging, readiness in site availability and project planning, completion and monitoring, public support, funding support, environmental benefits, flood control, public access.

An *ad hoc* committee was appointed to work with staff and stakeholders to develop project evaluation principles. Members include Schuchat, Pine and Sutter.

Members discussed projects related to creeks, land acquisition, and operations and maintenance.

## **9. Report on Ballot Access Costs**

Pine reported that SB 279 was amended to allow the Authority to pay county registrars the incremental costs for placing a measure on a county ballot. Support for SB 279 came from the Bay Area Council, California State Association of Cities, Resource Law Group, and Save

The Bay. The Department of Finance was concerned that SB 279 would create an unfunded mandate. A meeting with the Governor's aides was productive.

Sutter informed members on an East Bay Park and Recreation District lobbyist's analysis of reimbursable costs to counties.

Gioia commented on whether a Consumer Price Index inflator should be considered.

#### **10. Advisory Committee: Appointment of New Members**

Gioia reported on the recommendation from the Committee on the Advisory Committee on the appointment of a new member to the Advisory Committee.

A motion to appoint Ben Field, South Bay Labor Council, and Mitch Avalon, Contra Costa County Public Works and Bay Area Flood Protection Agencies Association, was made by Caldwell and seconded by Sutter. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **11. Adjournment**

The Governing Board meeting adjourned at about 2:52 p.m.

The next Governing Board meeting is on November 20, 2013.

Submitted by the Clerk of the Governing Board:  
October 24, 2013

Approved by the Governing Board:  
November 20, 2013