

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area



October 9, 2013

Ray Miller
Mayor
City of Brisbane
224 Sierra Point Road
Brisbane, CA 94005

Dear Mayor Miller:

The Bayside Cities/Counties seat on the Governing Board of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority is vacant and will be filled following a nomination process.

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority is a regional government entity, created in 2008 with the enactment of AB 2954, with jurisdiction extending throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, charged with raising and allocating resources for the restoration, enhancement, protection and enjoyment of wetlands and wildlife in the San Francisco Bay and along its shoreline. It is governed by a board consisting of seven voting members appointed by the Association of Bay Area Governments. More information is available at www.sfbayrestore.org.

Those eligible for appointment to the Governing Board are elected officials of a city or county that touches the San Francisco Bay.

If you would like to be considered for appointment, send a letter of interest to ABAG President Mark Luce, Association of Bay Area Governments, 101 8th Street, Oakland, California 94607. Include a statement about your interest in serving on the Governing Board, a description of your experience with wetlands restoration, and your experience working at a regional level or other related collaborative efforts. Please submit your letter of interest by November 29, 2013, for consideration by the ABAG Executive Board at its meeting on December 5, 2013.

Sincerely

Ezra Rapport
Executive Director

Cc: Mark Luce, ABAG President
Samuel Schuchat, Governing Board Chair



Current Governing Boardmembers

Chair

Samuel Schuchat
Executive Officer, California State Coastal Conservancy

West Bay

Dave Pine
Supervisor, County of San Mateo

East Bay

John Gioia
Supervisor, County of Contra Costa

North Bay

Keith Caldwell
Supervisor, County of Napa

South Bay

Rosanne Foust
Councilmember, City of Redwood City

Bayside City/County

Dave Cortese
Supervisor, County of Santa Clara



(This is the position to be filled)

Term ending in 4/2017

Bayside City/Park District

John Sutter
Director, East Bay Regional Park District

Chapter 4. Governing Body *Composition*

66703. (a) The authority shall be governed by a board composed of seven voting members, as follows:

(1) One member shall be a resident of the San Francisco Bay Area with expertise in the implementation of Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 31160) of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code and shall serve as the chair.

(2) One member shall be an elected official of a bayside city or county in the North Bay. For purposes of this subdivision, the North Bay consists of the Counties of Marin, Napa, Solano, and Sonoma.

(3) One member shall be an elected official of a bayside city or county in the East Bay. For purposes of this subdivision, the East Bay consists of the portion of Contra Costa County that is west of the City of Pittsburg and the portion of Alameda County that is north of the southern boundary of the City of Hayward.

(4) One member shall be an elected official of a bayside city or county in the South Bay. For purposes of this subdivision, the South Bay consists of Santa Clara County, the portion of Alameda County that is south of the southern boundary of the City of Hayward, and the portion of San Mateo County that is south of the northern boundary of Redwood City.

(5) One member shall be an elected official of a bayside city or county in the West Bay. For purposes of this subdivision, the West Bay consists of the City and County of San Francisco and the portion of San Mateo County that is north of the northern boundary of Redwood City.

(6) Two members shall be elected officials of one or more of the following:

(A) A bayside city or county.

(B) A regional park district, regional open-space district, or regional park and open-space district formed pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 5500) of Chapter 3 of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code that owns or operates one or more San Francisco Bay shoreline parcels.

(b) The Association of Bay Area Governments shall appoint the members.

(c) Each member shall serve at the pleasure of his or her appointing authority.

(d) A vacancy shall be filled by the Association of Bay Area Governments within 90 days from the date on which the vacancy occurs.



**San Francisco Bay
Restoration Authority**

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Frequently Asked Questions
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Why is it important to protect and restore San Francisco Bay?

San Francisco Bay is one of our nation's greatest natural treasures and the defining feature of where we call home. But it won't remain so without the necessary funding to protect and restore it for generations to come.

Restoring San Francisco Bay isn't just essential from an environmental or quality of life perspective. It's equally important to expand bicycle and walking trails on public land, and to continue to strengthen our local economy with thousands of new good-paying jobs.

What is the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority?

The San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (Restoration Authority) is a regional agency with a Governing Board made up of local elected officials and the Executive Officer of the California State Coastal Conservancy. Its purpose is to raise and allocate local resources for the restoration, enhancement, protection, and enjoyment of wetlands and wildlife habitat in San Francisco Bay and along its shoreline.

Following years of budget cuts, innovative and robust strategies are needed to fund this critical work. The Restoration Authority was created by the California Legislature in 2008 to find solutions to the need for new, local funding.

The Legislature has given the Restoration Authority the unique capacity to raise funds from local sources throughout the Bay Area and the oversight capacity to ensure transparency and prevent waste. Its purpose is restoration, not regulation. The Restoration Authority does not duplicate the missions of other public agencies and private organizations working on Bay restoration; it is designed to deliver essential local funding to restoration project developed by others.

How will these local funds be raised?

The Authority is considering placing a regional revenue measure on the ballot in November 2014. Any decision on whether to place a measure on the ballot, and how much revenue would be sought, must be approved by a majority of the Governing Board of the Authority. Polling conducted in 2011 shows that Bay Area residents are strongly supportive of paying a modest amount (on the order of \$10-20 per year) to fund this critical work.

Will these projects really create jobs?

Absolutely. Small Bay restoration projects that have been completed around the Bay have already created dozens of full and part time jobs. Restoration of former salt ponds at the Green Island Unit in southern Napa created over 50 full- and part-time positions between 2007 and 2008. Wetland restoration projects will create good paying jobs from project planning through implementation – putting our communities back to work building levees, transporting material, creating new bicycle and walking paths, as well as assessing tidal flows and habitat needs, and monitoring sites into the future.

How can we be sure our tax dollars are used effectively?

The Authority is committed to including strong safeguards to ensure funds are spent where they will do the most good.

Examples of safeguards that are regularly used include citizens' oversight boards and annual audits to ensure that taxpayers' hard-earned dollars are spent appropriately.

How can we afford this when education and public safety are being cut?

With strict oversight and the ability to create hundreds of new jobs, restoring the Bay is not an either/or issue.

The Bay is an economic powerhouse, responsible for tens of thousands of regional jobs. Each year, over \$60 billion worth of goods pass through the narrow channel of the Golden Gate. For a few dollars each year, Bay Area residents can take a stand to protect our local economy, provide vital habitat for fish and wildlife, and further improve our quality of life.

There aren't any projects near where I live. Why should I support this?

You don't have to live right next to the shoreline to see the benefits of restoring the Bay. In addition to creating hundreds of jobs, this measure will help keep toxic pollutants out of the Bay, reduce threats from erosion by slowing water in local creeks and expand public access to the shoreline.