

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-0039**

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR,
OR THE DEPUTY DIRECTORY OF THE DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES TO EXECUTE AND AMEND CONTRACTS FOR A SAN FRANCISCO
BAY WATER BOARD STAFF POSITION FOR THE BAY RESTORATION
REGULATORY INTEGRATION TEAM

WHEREAS:

1. The San Francisco Bay Area Wetlands Ecosystem Goals Project, a collaborative project funded in part by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), established a goal of restoring about 100,000 acres of tidal marsh and other wetland types in San Francisco Bay. There is scientific consensus on the need to accelerate the pace and scale of tidal marsh restoration because tidal marshes restored by 2030 are more likely to provide ongoing benefits when sea level rise accelerates at mid-century.
2. Measure AA, the San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention, and Habitat Restoration Measure, went into effect in 2017 and will generate \$500 million over a 20-year period for multi-benefit wetland restoration projects and associated flood management and public access infrastructure. The availability of Measure AA funds is accelerating multi-benefit wetland restoration projects in San Francisco Bay that require permits from the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (San Francisco Bay Water Board) and other regulatory agencies.
3. To facilitate more efficient permitting, the San Francisco Bay Water Board is participating in a coordinated permitting approach for multi-benefit wetland restoration projects and associated flood management and public access infrastructure in San Francisco Bay and along the shoreline of the nine Bay Area counties, excluding the Delta Primary Zone. The San Francisco Bay Water Board is coordinating with the following federal and state agencies to permit projects: U.S. EPA Region 9; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, San Francisco District; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service; California Department of Fish and Wildlife; and San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

4. The agencies have formed the Bay Restoration and Regulatory Integration Team (BRRIT) with the goal of improving the permitting process and providing technical assistance for multi-benefit wetland restoration projects that will, among other things, reduce trash, pollution and harmful toxins; improve water quality; restore habitat for fish, birds, and wildlife; protect communities from floods; and increase shoreline public access and recreational areas in the San Francisco Bay area. The BRRIT consists of dedicated staff from each agency to coordinate the review of project information and process and issue permits and other decision documents in a timely and efficient manner for projects of public benefit.
5. The State Coastal Conservancy has provided funding to the State Water Board for a dedicated San Francisco Bay Water Board staff position to participate in the BRRIT since 2019 and has committed to continue funding the position for at least five additional years.
6. The State Water Board authorized the Executive Director, Chief Deputy Director, and Deputy Director of the Division of Administrative Services to execute contracts for no more than \$750,000 or three years in duration per State Board [Resolution No. 2015-0022](#).
7. The San Francisco Bay Water Board seeks to streamline the contract process by increasing the authorized amount for the Executive Director, Chief Deputy Director, or the Deputy Director of the Division of Administrative Services to execute contracts and amendments for BRRIT staffing of up to \$2,500,000 and five years in duration.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director, Chief Deputy Director, or the Deputy Director of the Division of Administrative Services to execute and amend, for and on behalf of the San Francisco Bay Water Board, contracts with the State Coastal Conservancy for a dedicated San Francisco Bay Water Board staff position to participate in the BRRIT for up to \$2,500,000 and five years in duration.
2. The State Water Board authorizes the Executive Director, Chief Deputy Director, or the Deputy Director of the Division of Administrative Services to act, to the greatest extent provided by law, to perform all things necessary and convenient to implement such contracts and amendments.

3. This authorization shall remain in full force and effect until modified or revoked by State Board.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on December 4, 2024.

AYE: Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel
Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo
Board Member Sean Maguire
Board Member Laurel Firestone
Board Member Nichole Morgan

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Courtney Tyler
Clerk to the Board