STATE OF CALIFORNIA

REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

MEETING DATE: November 9, 2016

ITEM: **12**

SUBJECT: **CORRESPONDENCE**



October 17th, 2016

Bruce Wolfe Executive Officer

San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board

Dear Mr. Wolfe,

Since 2008, when the California legislature created the Restoration Authority with the enactment of AB 2954 (Lieber), alongside the Restoration Authority board and staff, you have worked hard to achieve the Restoration Authority's goal of leveraging funds for the restoration, enhancement, protection, and enjoyment of wetlands and wildlife habitat in the San Francisco Bay and along its shoreline.

On June 7, 2016, this hard work paid off as over 70% of residents in the 9 county San Francisco Bay Area voted to approve Measure AA, authorizing a \$12 a parcel tax for the nine counties that will generate \$500 million over 20 years in funds for the health of the 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 wouldn't remain so without this needed funding to protect and restore it for generations to come.

Our victory in June to leverage these funds couldn't have been achieved without your help. On behalf of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority board, staff, the health of the San Francisco Bay, and its more than 7 million residents, we'd like to sincerely thank you for your time, hard work, and dedication to the health of the San Francisco Bay for generations to come.

Thank you for your service as a member of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority's Advisory Committee!

Sincerely,

Sam Schuchat

Executive Officer

California State Coastal Conservancy

On behalf of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority