

# North Bay Watershed Association



# San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (SFBRA)

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# Background

- SFBRA- <http://sfbayrestore.org/index.html>
- Created by legislation in 2008- AB 2984
- Capacity to raise funds from local sources throughout the Bay Area and the oversight capacity to ensure transparency and prevent waste.
- The Authority is led by a Governing Board of six members from local governments and chaired by Sam Schuchat of the California Coastal Conservancy.
- An Advisory Board comprised of private citizens, local stakeholders and experts on Bay issues supports the work of the Authority

# Purpose

- Address the need for local funding
- Mission - to raise and allocate resources for the restoration, enhancement, protection, and enjoyment of wetlands and wildlife habitat in the San Francisco Bay and along its shoreline, as well as related public recreation and flood protection projects.

# Request- minimum -\$1000

- Considering Regional revenue measure on the ballot in November 2016.
- 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.
- Requesting funding to support bringing measure to ballot for administrative and consultant costs
  - Pre-election (non campaign costs)
  - Short term post-passage costs

# Benefits

- More local match for federal and state funding

Example-Prop 1 requires 50 % match

## Natural Heritage Institute-New Bond

The Water Supply Reliability and Drought Protection Act of 2016.

\*Flood Management for Improved Water Supply (\$400 m)

-Flood management and wetlands restoration in

The San Francisco bay area -**\$200 M** -50% match

\*Watershed Improvement for Water Supply and Water Quality Enhancement (\$1.86 B)

**\$ 100 M-** for the protection and restoration of watersheds of the San Francisco Bay Area, pursuant to Chapter 4.5 of Division 21 of the Public Resources Code (commencing with Section 31160).

# Recommendation

Issue- use of funds should be limited to education

## Options

- 1) No action
- 2) Support at \$1000 level
- 3) Support at \$ 1000 level and clarify funds should only go for pre-election ( non campaign costs)- education.

## Recommendation

Option 3