March 1, 2016

The Honorable Dave Pine, Chair
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority
101 8th Street
Oakland, CA 94607

RE: San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority’s Clean and Healthy Bay Measure for Habitat Restoration, Flood Control, and Shoreline Public Access on the June 7, 2016 Northern California ballot - SUPPORT

Dear Supervisor Pine,

On behalf of the Marin County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our support for the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority’s (SFBRA) Measure AA, which is the “Clean and Healthy Bay Measure for Habitat Restoration, Flood Control, and Shoreline Public Access” ballot measure.

In January 2016, the SFBRA proceeded with plans to place Measure AA on the June 7, 2016 ballot in all nine Bay Area counties. This initiative would create a special parcel tax of $12 per year to generate approximately $25 million per year, totaling $500 million over twenty years, to fund shoreline projects to protect and restore the San Francisco Bay. Funding will be used to 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.

Marin County would be eligible for projects in two categories: $5.9 million annually for the regional program for all nine Bay Area counties, and $2.1 million annually for the North Bay program for Marin, Sonoma, Solano, and Napa counties.

We support the San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention, and Habitat Restoration Program on the June 7, 2016 Northern California ballot.

Thank you for your consideration of our input.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Kinsey, President
Marin County Board of Supervisors

cc: Honorable Assembly Member Marc Levine
    Honorable Senator Mike McGuire