

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION**

Resolution No. R2-2018-0047

Expressing Appreciation to

John Bourgeois

Whereas, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board wishes to commend John Bourgeois, outgoing director of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, for contributions made to the State of California; and

Whereas, John has served the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project as its Executive Project Manager for nine years; and

Whereas, the Restoration Project represents a public investment of hundreds of millions of dollars and an incalculable ecological, cultural, and economic value to the San Francisco Bay Area and the State of California; and

Whereas, the Restoration Project presented and will continue to present challenging water quality issues such as the potential for mercury methylation, discharges of nutrient-rich water low in dissolved oxygen, and the need to balance habitat for a range of species; and

Whereas, the Restoration Project is a key tool to help address the anticipated impacts of sea level rise in a way that balances the need for flood protection with the need to support the Bay's beneficial uses; and

Whereas, Restoration Project planning and implementation involves a broad coalition of stakeholders, including scientists, engineers, government agencies and municipalities, funders, elected officials, Bay-adjacent landowners, environmental stewardship groups, and the general public; and

Whereas, the successful implementation of Restoration Project Phase 1 and development and start of implementation of Phase 2 has provided a foundation for public support, helping to lead the passage of Measure AA in 2016 and its \$500 million of public funding for Bay-margin wetland restoration over the next 20 years; and

Whereas, during his stewardship, John bore the responsibility of his charge thoughtfully, transparently, and by acting in a collaborative manner; and

Whereas, John's approach to leadership helped allow collaborative work to develop the best possible project outcomes among a range of interests; and

Whereas, over the past nine years, John has demonstrated unflinching patience, good humor, and support for technical excellence and has provided an example of the leadership needed to advance multi-objective environmental restoration,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, on behalf of itself and the people of California, thanks John for his outstanding public service; and

Be it further resolved, that the Water Board recognizes John for the significant benefits to the Bay Region his work has helped create; and

Be it further resolved, that the Water Board extends best wishes to John for continued success in his future endeavors.

I, Bruce H. Wolfe, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, complete, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, on November 14, 2018.

Bruce H. Wolfe
Executive Officer