



DATE: May 3, 2016

CATEGORY: Items Initiated by Council

DEPT.: City Council

TITLE: **Endorsement of Measure AA, "The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure"**

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council endorse Measure AA, "The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure."

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

"The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure" is a special parcel tax measure to fund restoration of the shoreline along San Francisco Bay. The tax for each parcel will be \$12 per year for 20 years and is expected to raise \$500 million over the entire period. It will be on the June 7, 2016 ballot in all nine Bay Area counties as Measure AA. The funds will be distributed through a grant process administered by the San Francisco Restoration Authority. Fifty percent (50%) of the funds will be distributed geographically so each region of the Bay Area benefits.

As Mountain View is located on the edge of San Francisco Bay, restoration funded by this parcel tax will benefit our residents and businesses by:

- Reducing trash, pollution, and harmful toxins
- Improving water quality
- Restoring habitat for fish, birds, and wildlife
- Protecting communities from floods
- Improving public access and allowing for active recreation

The full text of the ballot measure is included in Attachment 1.

The San Francisco Restoration Authority, the agency that is sponsoring this parcel tax measure, was created by legislation introduced by Mountain View's own Sally Lieber.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact to the City of taking a position on this measure. If it is approved by the voters, property owners would pay an additional \$12 per year. In the next 20 years, there could be substantial benefit to the City of Mountain View to assist with funding of projects related to protection from sea level rise, flooding, enhancement of habitat at the salt ponds adjacent to Shoreline at Mountain View park, and improvements to public access.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. Full text of "The San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure"