



Organization:	Bay Foundation of Morro Bay (dba Morro Bay National Estuary Program)	Board Opening:	Board Member
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Organization website: www.mbnep.org (Board website coming soon - www.bayfoundationmb.org)

About the Organization

VISION

A healthy coastal environment for people and wildlife.

MISSION

The mission of the Bay Foundation is to lead in restoring, enhancing, and protecting the marine resources and watersheds of Morro Bay and the Central Coast of California.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Commitment to Conservation and Understanding – The Bay Foundation is a leader in gathering quality scientific information to inform balanced conservation decisions for Morro Bay and the Central Coast. The Foundation and its programs are held up as examples of smart, scientifically-based management.
- Strong Fiscal Stewardship – The Bay Foundation has a strong history of high-quality administrative and financial oversight of its programs and funding. Together, the board has grown the assets of the Foundation over time. The organization has a proven track record of effectively managing grants and continues to meet the highest auditing standards for non-profit organizations.

BRIEF HISTORY

The Bay Foundation was formed with a sister organization, the Friends of the Estuary, in June 1989 and recognized as a 501(c)(3) in 1990. The Bay Foundation served as a proponent of scientific study and data gathering about the health of Morro Bay, while the Friends of the Estuary served an advocacy role to promote stewardship of Morro Bay. Both organizations were essential in the effort to designate Morro Bay as an “estuary of national significance” under the Clean Water Act and helped form the Morro Bay National Estuary Program in 1995.

In 2006, the Bay Foundation subsumed the Friends of the Estuary and its finances. The Foundation acts as the fiscal sponsor for the Morro Bay National Estuary Program and three other water quality monitoring and conservation programs active in the Central Coast. The Bay Foundation Board of Directors consists of between three to 11 members who oversee the finances and policies of the organization. Currently, there is an eight member Board who have many years of combined experience in watershed and nonprofit management. Some Bay Foundation Programs include the Morro Bay National Estuary Program, the Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program, and the Low Impact Development Initiative.

“I enjoy serving on the Bay Foundation Board of Directors because one of the organization’s goals is to build strong community relations in order to improve our local environment and economy.” - Rick Algert, Board Member, Bay Foundation



Scope of Work

BOARD REQUIREMENTS

Board meetings are 6-8:00 the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the office in Morro Bay. Board members are asked to commit to the following:

- Provide organizational leadership and work cooperatively with a diverse volunteer board, professional staff of the National Estuary Program, and outside governmental and community groups.
- Oversee formulation of policies and procedures and financial management, including oversight of the annual audit and adoption of multi-program budgets.
- Assist with promotion of the organization, fundraising, and recruiting new board members.
- Review board meeting packets and participate in regular board meetings.
- Attend special events as they are able, at least 4 per year.
- Be alert to community concerns that can be addressed by Bay Foundation mission, objectives, and programs.
- Represent the Bay Foundation with polite professionalism.
- Contribute financially to the BF (nominal annual membership fee and personally meaningful annual donation if possible) and be committed to continuously improving the organization.

SPECIFIC LEADERSHIP SKILLS REQUIRED

The Bay Foundation prides itself in having members with diverse expertise. Some expertise we would like to continue build on the board: financial management, marketing, nonprofit management BMPs, and legal knowledge pertaining to contracts. Must possess passion for improving our oceans and coasts through balanced conservation efforts.

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Gary Ruggerone, President

Principal Environmental Planner for Piedra Environmental Consultants
Retired CalTrans

Shaunna Sullivan, Vice-President

Attorney at Law

Bill Henry, Secretary

Office Director, SWCA Environmental Consultants

Mark Rothe, Treasurer

Consultant, Rothe Consulting

Joel Neel

Director Facilities Planning and Capital Projects, Cal Poly

Rick Algert

Fisheries Special Projects

Retired Harbormaster, City of Morro Bay

Carla Wixom

Local business woman

Former City Council member, City of Morro Bay

Deanna Richards

Financial Advisor at Edward Jones