How is San Francisco Bay paying for wetland restoration?

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The Coastal Conservancy

- The Coastal Conservancy is a state agency that was created to protect, enhance and increase public access to the California coast.
- We are not a regulatory agency – we provide $$ to restore habitats, build trails, buy parks.
South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project

Estimated Total Cost (50 years)

$ 1 Billion
Phase 1 (2009 – 2016)

$35 million
Phase 2 (2019 – 2025)

$50-60 million
Total Conservancy Funding Authorized 1997-2017
Phase 2 Ravenswood Ponds

- Federal
- Local
- Private
- State of California
## US EPA Geographic Programs

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Phase 2 Project Mt. View Ponds

- CA DFW
- CA DWR
- CA SCC
- City of Mt. View
- PG&E
- Santa Clara Valley Water District
- US EPA
- US FWS NAWCA
- US FWS NCWC
- US NOAA Coastal Resiliency
Shall the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority authorize a parcel tax of $12 per year, raising approximately $25 million annually for twenty years with independent citizen oversight, audits, and all funds staying local?

Yes!