

## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE AA

If the authors of the argument against Measure AA sound familiar, it's because they typically oppose just about every local ballot measure including badly needed funds for schools, public safety and traffic relief. Their argument against Measure AA is filled with scare tactics, half-truths and misinformation.

As Solano County community, environmental and business leaders, we have researched the facts and that is why we are voting YES on AA:

**Measure AA is the only way to protect and restore the Bay for future generations.** It will reduce trash and pollution, protect habitat for fish, birds and wildlife and increase shoreline public access for recreation. Scientists agree that we need to restore 100,000 acres of wetlands to protect the health of the bay. We have 30,000 acres ready and awaiting restoration – the only missing ingredient is funding.

**Measure AA includes strict fiscal accountability protections** to ensure our tax dollars are going directly to Bay Area wetlands restoration and cannot be taken by the state. An independent oversight committee and annual public reports will ensure transparency.

**Measure AA will not create a new bureaucracy,** but will instead disperse funding through existing organizations to complete essential wetlands restoration projects. Measure AA could also leverage more state and federal funds for San Francisco Bay, which now receives less federal support for water quality improvement and restoration work than other major watersheds.

Join us in voting YES on Measure AA to protect the central touchstone of our region – the San Francisco Bay.

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