Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

July 18, 2024 Agenda Item 6.e.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject:

Under the Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program funded by the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR), request for authorization to enter into Individual Funding Agreements with the following Local Project Sponsors (LPSs): Contra Costa Resource Conservation District (\$2,717,138); San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (\$5,955,258); San Mateo Resource Conservation District (\$5,905,974), and the Zone 7 Water Agency (\$1,226,170)

Background:

On January 19, 2023, the Executive Board authorized the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), or designee, to submit a proposal to DWR to obtain a Proposition 1 IRWM Grant and to enter into an agreement to receive grant funds for Round 2 Implementation Program pursuant to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Act of 2014 for Integrated Regional Water Management projects in the amount of \$32,214,479.

ABAG was previously authorized to enter into agreements with the Local Project Sponsors for the full grant award amount of the \$32,214,479. Due to the withdrawal of a project, \$4,980,000 needs to be redistributed among the LPSs. The redistribution was determined by the Bay Area IRWM Coordinating Committee and resulted in amendments to three existing funding agreements to add additional funding and scope, and one new funding agreement. This authorization is to amend or enter into individual funding agreements with the four LPSs listed below with not-to-exceed budgets:

- Contra Costa Resource Conservation District (existing agreement) revised from \$1,500,000 to \$2,717,138; The Ambrose Center Park Green Infrastructure Enhancements Project will install green infrastructure elements to reduce flooding and improve water and air quality within Ambrose Park while providing community stewardship and educational opportunities.
- San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (existing agreement) revised from \$3,799,087 to \$5,955,258; The San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection and Ecosystem Restoration Project will improve floodwater conveyance, decrease stream velocities, and restore riparian habitat within the cities of East Palo Alto and Palo Alto.
- San Mateo Resource Conservation District (existing agreement) revised from \$5,429,803 to \$5,905,974; The Drought Resiliency and Water Conservation Program will implement three multi-benefit water supply and conservation projects within San Mateo County.
- Zone 7 Water Agency (new agreement) \$1,226,170; The Wells and Mocho Groundwater Demineralization Plant Electrical Modernization Project will modernize the electrical equipment at six well sites as well as at the Mocho Groundwater Demineralization Plant.

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Issues:

None

Recommended Action:

The ABAG Executive Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or his designee, on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments and the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, to negotiate and enter into funding agreements to implement projects with the following Local Project Sponsors, in the not to exceed amounts listed below:

- Contra Costa Resource Conservation District \$2,717,138;
- San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority \$5,955,258;
- San Mateo Resource Conservation District \$5,905,974; and
- Zone 7 Water Agency \$1,226,170.

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Attachments:

A. Summary Approval

Reviewed:

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