

## Association of Bay Area Governments

### Executive Board

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September 19, 2019

Agenda Item 6.h.

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#### San Francisco Estuary Partnership

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**Subject:** Adoption of Resolution No. 06-19 Authorization to Submit a Proposal to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to Obtain a Proposition 1, Round 1, Integrated Regional Watershed Management Grant for integrated regional water management projects from December 1, 2019 to December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$22,750,000 and, if approved, to Enter in an Agreement to Receive a Grant for Round 1 Implementation

**Background:** At its meeting on May 20, 2019, the San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Watershed Management (Bay Area IRWM) Coordinating Committee requested that the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) be the official grant applicant for the first round of Proposition 1 IRWM implementation funding for the Bay Area. This grant totals \$22,750,000 and will support eight projects across the Bay Area intended to address the goals and objectives defined by the funding agency. These funds will also support ABAG's administration of this grant.

Bay Area IRWM encourages integrated regional strategies for management of water resources and ties to funding for implementation projects that support the plan. San Francisco Bay Area water, wastewater, flood protection and stormwater management agencies; cities and counties; watershed management interests, planning agencies and organizations, and non-governmental organizations are involved in the Bay Area IRWM Program.

DWR has been funding IRWM projects through several rounds of grants funded by state bonds for the San Francisco Bay region currently managed by the SFEP, a program of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). There will be no match requirement for ABAG as the project partners are providing all required match. ABAG/SFEP was asked to take the grantee role due to its extensive experience in grant management, including managing three other IRWM grants currently underway as well as one grant that was recently completed.

**Issues:** None.

**Recommended Action:** The Executive Board is requested to adopt Resolution No. 06-19 authorizing the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or her designee, on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments and the San Francisco

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Estuary Partnership, to submit a proposal to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to obtain a Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant pursuant to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Water Code § 79700 et seq.) for integrated regional water management projects from December 1, 2019 to December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$22,750,000 and, if approved, to enter in an agreement to receive a grant for Round 1 Implementation; and to authorize and direct the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or her designee, on behalf of ABAG and SFEP, to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such proposal, and execute a grant agreement with California Department of Water Resources.

**Attachments:**

Resolution No. 06-19

Summary Approval

**Reviewed:**



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