

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

July 21, 2022

Agenda Item 6.d.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject:

Adoption of Resolution No. 14-2022 regarding the 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Program Grant program reflecting modifications made by the State of California to the preferred contracting method and the total budget for Daily Acts, and authorization to apply for and enter into a new agreement with California Department of Water Resources for 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Program Grant funding, and authorization to enter into a contract with Daily Acts in an amount up to \$4,700,000 to implement the Petaluma River Watershed: Land Resilience Partnership Project

Background:

At its meeting on December 06, 2021, the San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Watershed Management (Bay Area IRWM) Coordinating Committee approved a proposal SFEP submitted on behalf of the region for Disadvantaged Community and Tribal set aside funds available in the 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Program. This proposal includes funding for a project in the Petaluma River Watershed and builds off local initiatives to reduce potable water use and install multibenefit projects on private and public lands. The project, Petaluma River Watershed: Land Resilience Partnership, will be implemented by DailyActs and their local partners in the North. The grant will fund ABAG staff time to administer the grant.

The ABAG Executive Board approved Resolution No. 05-2022 at their March 17, 2022 meeting, authorizing the amendment of an existing funding agreement to accommodate this project and budget.

The Department of Water Resources IRWM program is managing this grant and had stated in the Project Solicitation Package that it would amend the project into existing agreements with awarded entities. This contracting method has since been changed by the state and they will be creating a new funding agreement with ABAG and will not amend this project and funding into an existing ABAG/DWR funding agreement. 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 IRWMP.

The total amount of the grant is \$5,000,000 and does not require any match, as stipulated in the Project Solicitation Package. ABAG/SFEP engaged local partners, community-based organizations, and Tribes to solicit project ideas for this proposal. The proposal submitted only includes one project due to the grant program's specific requirements and lack of qualified projects ready for implementation in the region.

Issues:

None

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Recommended Action:

The Executive Board is requested to adopt Resolution No. 14-2022 to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or her designee, on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments and the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, to apply for 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Program Grant funding, enter into a new funding agreement with the California Department of Water Resources for up to \$5,000,000 in grant funds for administration and project implementation, and to contract with Daily Acts for up to \$4,700,000 to implement the project. The period of performance will coincide with the term of the funding agreement with the California Department of Water Resources but will not extend past June 30, 2026.

Attachments:

- A. Resolution No. 14-2022

Reviewed:



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