

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

January 21, 2020

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San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject: Contract Authorizations related to ABAG's Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Involvement Program (DACTIP) Grant

Background: On May 16, 2019, the ABAG Executive Board authorized the MTC Executive Director, or her designee, to use her authority to enter into contracts up to \$200,000 each with 8-13 community partners, to conduct outreach, needs assessments, and project development activities. Specific information about those partners and their discrete budgets were included in an item approved by the Board on July 18, 2019. This item seeks approval to increase the budgets of our outreach partners, as detailed in tables 1 and 2 below, to continue developing projects to proposal ready status and to conduct tap water quality testing efforts.

In 2019, ABAG was awarded \$3,020,000 in grant funding from the California Department of Water Resources' IRWM Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (funded by California Proposition 1). The work under this grant was begun under a previous grantee that was not able to complete the workplan as required by the state. This grant has funded local community outreach partners to work with disadvantaged, underrepresented, and tribal communities throughout the Bay Area to conduct needs assessments to identify water-related needs and solutions. The goal of this work is to identify projects in these communities that could be proposed in future rounds of funding and to integrate these communities into the IRWM funding and oversight processes. This grant was recently increased to \$4,807,000 to support continued project development work and to conduct tap water quality testing efforts.

The original suit of community outreach partners has finished their needs assessments and have continued onto project development. To develop projects into proposal ready status, additional funding is required to support community outreach partner staff and to secure consultant expertise. These community outreach partners and their proposed budgets are included in *Table 1: Revisions to Original Authorizations* below.

These project partners will also build off their findings in their needs assessments that found an alarming degree of mistrust in tap water. The state has provided additional funding in part to support this regional tap water quality testing effort. This request

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also includes Dr. Greg Pierce, a subject matter expert in tap water quality and water quality testing efforts. Dr. Pierce's services were originally procured using informal bidding process. Dr. Pierce's role has expanded as the tap water quality testing program continues to develop and is included in *Table 2: New Outreach Partners and Consultants* for approval of up to \$50,000 to support the effort.

Since entering into agreement with the state and continuing the work started under the previous grantee, Estuary Partnership staff have assessed the work program and determined that it must be expanded to include those experiencing homelessness and south bay communities. This authorization includes additional community outreach partners to help conduct the needs assessments with unsheltered and south bay communities. These new partners are included in *Table 2: New Outreach Partners and Consultants*, along with All Positives Possible. All Positives Possible is a new DACTIP community outreach partner that will work to develop project ideas to meet the needs of Richmond and Vallejo and will work with a number of other community-based organizations to conduct tap water quality testing.

Table 2 also includes a \$180,000, contingency on the total authorization to be used in the event that outreach partners listed in tables 1 or 2 need to increase their budgets to achieve program goals. This amount was previously authorized by the Executive Board to procure programmatic support from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, but the SFPUC was not able to contract with MTC for this project within the project's required time frame. This contingency will allow program staff the flexibility to make small adjustments to contract budgets if necessary to support project completion.

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Table 1: Revisions to Original Authorizations			
Community Partner	Original not to Exceed Amount	Increase	New Amount
Contra Costa Resource Conservation District	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$200,000
California Indian Environmental Alliance (for all Tribal Needs Assessments)	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000
Friends of Sausal Creek	\$25,000	\$175,000	\$200,000
GreenAction for Environmental Health and Justice	\$35,000	\$165,000	\$200,000
Social Good (on behalf of The David R. Brower, Ronald V. Dellums Institute for Sustainable Policy Studies and Action)	\$40,000	\$160,000	\$200,000
Marin County Community Development Agency	\$15,000	\$185,000	\$200,000
Nuestra Casa	\$30,000	\$170,000	\$200,000
Sonoma Ecology Center (on behalf of Daily Acts)	\$65,000	\$135,000	\$200,000
Multicultural Center of Marin	\$20,000	\$180,000	\$200,000
The Watershed Project	\$25,000	\$175,000	\$200,000
Center for Volunteer & Nonprofit Leadership	\$20,000	\$180,000	\$200,000
TOTAL	\$1,325,000	\$1,675,000	\$3,000,000

Table 2: New Outreach Partners and Consultants	
Community Partner	Not to Exceed
All Positives Possible	\$250,000
META	\$75,000
Downtown Streets Team	\$50,000
Voices	\$50,000
Programmatic Support Partner	
Dr. Greg Pierce	\$50,000
Program contingency	\$180,000
TOTAL	\$655,000

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Issues: None

Recommended Action: The Executive Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or her designee, to amend subcontracts with current outreach partners to increase their budgets by up to \$1,675,000 (for a total of \$3,000,000), as follows: Contra Costa Resource Conservation District in the amount of \$150,000 for a total of \$200,000; California Indian Environmental Alliance (for all Tribal Needs Assessments in the amount of \$0 for a total of \$1,000,000; Friends of Sausal Creek in the amount of \$175,000 for a total of \$200,000; GreenAction for Environmental Health and Justice in the amount of \$165,000 for a total of \$200,000; Social Good (on behalf of The David R. Brower, Ronald V. Dellums Institute for Sustainable Policy Studies and Action) in the amount of \$160,000 for a total of \$200,000; Marin County Community Development Agency in the amount of \$185,000 for a total of \$200,000; Nuestra Casa in the amount of \$170,000 for a total of \$200,000; Sonoma Ecology Center (on behalf of Daily Acts) in the amount of \$135,000 for a total of \$200,000; Multicultural Center of Marin in the amount of \$180,000 for a total of \$200,000; The Watershed Project in the amount of \$175,000 for a total of \$200,000; Center for Volunteer & Nonprofit Leadership in the amount of \$180,000 for a total of \$200,000; and to enter into subcontracts with new partners, as follows: All Positives Possible in the amount of \$250,000; META in the amount of \$75,000; Downtown Streets Team in the amount of \$50,000; Voices in the amount of \$50,000; Dr. Greg Pierce in the amount of \$50,000; Program contingency in the amount of \$180,000, for up to \$655,000 to conduct outreach, needs assessments, project development, water quality testing, and other activities included in DACTIP Grant Agreement, during the term of the grant, and to allow a \$180,000 contingency to be used to increase the budgets of project partners if necessary to support project completion.

Attachments: Summary Approval

Reviewed:



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