

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

August 18, 2022

Agenda Item 6.b.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject:

Adoption of Resolution No. 16-2022 Authorizing Submitting a Grant Application to the State Water Resources Control Board for State Revolving Fund (SRF) for Clean Water on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership in an amount up to \$1 million to develop the State of the Estuary Platform

Background:

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) staff requests authorization to submit a grant application for up to \$1 million to the State Water Resources Control Board's State Revolving Fund for Clean Water (SRF) to develop the 2023 State of the Estuary Platform, which compiles and communicates best available scientific data on the health of the San Francisco Estuary.

SFEP has long been committed to working collaboratively with partners throughout the Estuary to coalesce around common priority actions through the San Francisco Estuary Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (the "Estuary Blueprint"), and to assess the outcomes of those actions through the State of the Estuary Report. Staff proposes to lead this work through working with regional science leads to gather and pull in data, and to develop a centralized, integrated, dynamic and accessible web-based platform to report on the health of the Estuary. This work is proposed in close coordination with the San Francisco Estuary Institute, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 and the Delta Stewardship Council.

Projects that implement a nationally designated estuary plan, including the 2022 Estuary Blueprint, are automatically added to the California Clean Water State Revolving Fund "Fundable List" and may receive "Principal Forgiveness" for up to 75% of eligible project costs. Producing the Estuary Report is listed as a priority task in the 2022 Estuary Blueprint.

Issues:

None

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Recommended Action:

The Executive Board is requested to adopt Resolution No. 16-2022 authorizing the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or her designee, to submit a grant application with the State Water Resources Control Board for State Revolving Fund for Clean Water funding on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership in an amount up to \$1 million to develop the State of the Estuary Platform and, if awarded, to execute a financial assistance agreement, and any amendments thereto.

Attachments:

- A. Resolution No. 16-2022
- B. Summary Approval

Reviewed:



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