

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

November 17, 2022

Agenda Item 6.i.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject:

Authorization to negotiate and enter into a five-year subaward agreement (2023-2028) with the Regents of the University of California to obtain Sea Grant Fellow services for the Association of Bay Area Governments in connection with the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$875,000, for the purposes of implementing the San Francisco Estuary Blueprint, subject to appropriation of funds for each fiscal year.

Background:

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP)'s work is guided by the 2022 San Francisco Estuary Blueprint, which maps out regional actions needed for a healthy, resilient Estuary. In 2018, SFEP began participating in the California Sea Grant Fellow program, which offers limited-term fellowship opportunities of approximately one year for graduate students to work with agencies in research, natural resource management, and marine policy. Each year since 2018, one Sea Grant Fellow has assisted SFEP with planning and implementing the biennial State of the Estuary Conference and the development of the new Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program. SFEP would like to establish a five-year agreement with the Regents to provide the services of one to two Sea Grant Fellows per year to continue this work. Fellows would assist with the State of the Estuary Conference, Wetland Regional Monitoring Program, and other projects as assigned. Transitioning this successful partnership to a longer-term agreement will reduce administrative burden for staff. The agreement will be funded by SFEP's National Estuaries Program award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Issues:

None

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Recommended Action:

The Executive Board is requested 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 negotiate and enter into a five-year subaward agreement (2023-2028) with the Regents of the University of California to obtain Sea Grant Fellow Services, for the purposes of implementing the San Francisco Estuary Blueprint for a total contract amount not to exceed \$875,000, subject to appropriation of funds for each fiscal year.

Attachments:

- A. Summary Approval

Reviewed:



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