

Association of Bay Area Governments

Administrative Committee

October 13, 2023

Agenda Item 6.f.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject:

Adoption of ABAG Resolution No. 14-2023, which authorizes the submittal of a financial assistance application to the State Water Resources Control Board for State Revolving Fund (SRF) funding for Clean Water on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership for up to \$1 million for continued development of the State of the Estuary Platform and, if awarded, authorization to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board and any amendments thereto necessary to receive the financial assistance from the State Water Resources Control Board.

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 SRF for Clean Water to develop the 2024 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 expand and refine 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.

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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

Recommended Action:

The Administrative Committee, acting for the Executive Board, is requested to adopt ABAG Resolution No. 14-2023, authorizing the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, to submit a financial assistance application to the State Water Resources Control Board for State Revolving Fund (SRF) funding for Clean Water on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership for up to \$1 million for continued development of the State of the Estuary Platform and, if awarded, authorization to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board and any amendments thereto necessary to receive the financial assistance from the State Water Resources Control Board.

Attachments:

- A. ABAG Resolution No. 14-2023
- B. Summary Approval

Reviewed:


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