Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

April 18, 2024 Agenda Item 5.g.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject:

Authorization to accept \$909,800 and enter into a funding agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to implement the San Francisco Estuary Blueprint under the National Estuary Program

Background:

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) is one of 28 programs mandated under Section 320 of the Clean Water Act, the National Estuary Program (NEP). The Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act passed by Congress in November 2021 included \$132 million for the National Estuary Program over five years. The funding will be allocated through the US EPA to each of the 28 National Estuary Programs for implementation of Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plans, known as the Estuary Blueprint for the San Francisco Estuary. Funding for the San Francisco Estuary Partnership for federal FY 24-25 is expected to be \$909,800.

Issues:

None

Recommended Action:

The Executive Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or his designee, to enter into a funding agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments and the San Francisco Estuary Partnership in an amount of \$909,800 to implement the San Francisco Estuary Blueprint under the National Estuary Program.

Attachments:

A. Summary Approval

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Reviewed:

Andrew Fremier