

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

May 16, 2024

Agenda Item 6.e.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject:

Authorization to accept \$5,000,000 and enter into a funding agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to implement the Wetlands Regional Monitoring 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 newly-established U.S. EPA San Francisco Bay Program Office supported an exception to competitive grant-making to support the Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program. SFEP was awarded \$5,000,000 in funding from the U.S. EPA to implement the Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program (WRMP).

The funding will build on current WRMP work to: 1) advance WRMP program management, governance, and outreach; 2) continue efforts focused on regulatory and project implementor alignment; 3) implement the WRMP equity and engagement strategy; and 4) advance new WRMP “people and wetlands” indicators through data collection, synthesis, analysis, and visualization.

Issues:

None

Recommended Action:

The Executive Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or his designee, to accept \$5,000,000 and 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 to implement the Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program.

Attachments:

- A. Summary Approval

Reviewed:



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