ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area



Date: January 10, 2019

To: ABAG Executive Board

From: Executive Director

Subject: Authorization to Enter into Contract Agreement between SFEP and The Regents of the University of California for Sea Grant Fellow Services in an amount up to \$75,000 from on or about January 28, 2019 to January 28, 2020

## **Executive Summary**

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) began participating in the California Sea Grant Fellow program in 2018. The program offers fellowship opportunities in research, natural resource management, and marine policy for graduate students. At SFEP, Sea Grant Fellows are assisting implementation of key elements of SFEP's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan.

SFEP wishes to enter into a new agreement for 2019 with the Regents of the University of California (for the University of California, San Diego, which administers the Sea Grant Fellow program) to extend the 2018 Fellow for up to four additional months and to bring in a new 2019 Fellow for a term of one year. The extension of the 2018 Fellow is necessary to meet grant-funded deadlines and deliverables associated with the ongoing Wetland Regional Monitoring Program. The 2019 Fellow will primarily assist with organizing the 2019 State of the Estuary Conference.

With the addition of the 2018 Fellowship extension to the 2019 Fellowship agreement, the total amount of the new agreement is over \$50,000 and thus requires approval from the Executive Board.

## **Recommended Action**

The Executive Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or his designee, to enter into a contract agreement on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership with The Regents of the University of California for Sea Grant Fellow services in an amount up to \$75,000 from on or about January 28, 2019 to January 28, 2020.

Steve Heminger

## Attachment

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