

**Association of Bay Area Governments**

**Executive Board**

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**July 18, 2019**

**Agenda Item 6.d.**

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**San Francisco Estuary Partnership**

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**Subject:** Adoption of Resolution No. 04-19 Authorization to submit a proposal to the California Department of Water Resources to Obtain a Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant and to enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the Integrated Regional Water Management Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Involvement Program (IRWM DACTIP)

**Background:** At its meeting on May 16, 2019, the Executive Board authorized entering into a new funding agreement with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for up to \$3,020,000 for the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Involvement Program (DACTIP). The state has subsequently asked the Executive Board to provide a resolution approving such action.

The San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (Bay Area IRWMP) encourages integrated regional strategies for management of water resources and ties to funding for implementation projects that support the plan. San Francisco Bay Area water, wastewater, flood protection and stormwater management agencies; cities and counties; watershed management interests, planning agencies and organizations, and non-governmental organizations are involved in the Bay Area IRWMP.

DWR has been funding IRWMP projects through several rounds of grants funded by state bonds, including three grants for the San Francisco Bay region currently managed by the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP), a division of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).

In 2016, DWR granted \$6,500,000 for the San Francisco Bay Region through its IRWM Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (IRWM DACIP). Environmental Justice Coalition for Water (EJCW) was selected as grantee to administer the regional grant funds for IRWM partners' work with disadvantaged, underrepresented, and tribal communities throughout the Bay Area. DWR has determined that EJCW was not able to fulfill its grantee role under the IRWM DACIP and issued a stop work order to EJCW. On an emergency basis, DWR and the Bay Area IRWMP CC have requested that ABAG take on the grantee role for the remaining funding of up to \$3,020,000 and manage remaining work under the DACIP.

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The \$3,020,000 in remaining grant funding will fund several projects as well as ABAG work for grant administration and project management. There will be no match requirement from ABAG. ABAG/SFEP was asked to take the grantee role due to its extensive experience in grant management, including managing three other IRWM grants currently underway as well as its previous work with disadvantaged communities in the region.

**Issues:** None.

**Recommended Action:** The Executive Board is requested to adopt Resolution No. 04-19 authorizing 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 submit a proposal for Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Involvement Program funding and to enter into a new funding agreement with the California Department of Water Resources for up to \$3,020,000 for IRWM DACTIP grant administration and project management between April 25, 2019 and December 31, 2020.

**Attachments:** Resolution No. 04-19

**Reviewed:**



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