

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

January 16, 2020

Agenda Item 7.c.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject: Authorization to enter into a funding agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the Bay Area Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program Plan, Institutional Relations, Business Model, and Information Delivery grant project in an amount up to \$489,670, from October 1, 2019 to April 30, 2021, and to enter into sub-awards with The Regents of the University of California in an amount up to \$54,450; Aquatic Science Center in an amount up to \$224,469.40; San Francisco Bay Joint Venture in an amount up to \$21,795.30; and San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in an amount up to \$22,316.40

Background: The San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) was awarded a new Wetlands Program Development Grant from the U.S. EPA to fund the completion of the development of the Bay Area Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program (WRMP), with a focus on Institutional Relations, Business Model, and Information Delivery. The project will finish planning the WRMP, supporting the broader regional community of wetland interests by aligning with state and federal wetland regulatory programs and procedures, and building capacity to manage and deliver WRMP data and information.

Several project partners worked with SFEP to develop the project, and will be responsible for aspects of its completion: Aquatic Science Center (ASC) will design the data management and delivery system; San Francisco Bay Joint Venture and the San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve will test the system developed by ASC and engage stakeholders; and The Regents of the University of California will provide a Sea Grant Fellow to assist with the project.

State and local partners will contribute \$163,500 towards required match for the project, including \$46,500 in staff time from SFEP.

Issues: None

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Recommended Action: The Executive Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or her designee, to enter into a funding agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the Bay Area Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program Plan, Institutional Relations, Business Model, and Information Delivery grant project in an amount up to \$489,670, from October 1, 2019 through April 30, 2021; and to enter into sub-awards with The Regents of the University of California in an amount up to \$54,450; Aquatic Science Center in an amount up to \$224,969.40; San Francisco Bay Joint Venture in an amount up to \$21,795.30; and San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in an amount up to \$22,316.40.

Attachments: Summary Approval

Reviewed:


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