

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS  
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-20**

**AUTHORIZING THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS TO ENTER  
INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY TO  
IMPLEMENT THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA WATER TRAIL PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), is a “public agency” within the meaning of Section 6500 of the California Joint Exercise of Powers Act, consisting of Sections 6500 through 6599.3 of the California Government Code, as amended from time to time (the “Joint Powers Act”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of California has established the State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) under Division 21 of the California Public Resources Code, and has authorized the Conservancy to award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations to implement the provisions of Division 21; and

**WHEREAS**, the public has an interest in the San Francisco Bay and the surrounding watershed lands as one of the most valuable natural resources of the state, and is the central feature in an interconnected open-space system of watersheds, natural habitats, waterways, scenic areas, agricultural lands, and regional trails; and

**WHEREAS**, water-oriented recreational uses of the San Francisco Bay, including kayaking, canoeing, boardsailing, sculling, rowing, dragon boating, and the like, are of great benefit to the public welfare of the San Francisco Bay Area and are an integral element of the recreational opportunities that add to the community vitality and quality of life that the citizens of the region enjoy; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Project (Water Trail), administered by ABAG, is a visionary plan to enhance access to the waters of the San Francisco Bay and Suisun Marsh – the Bay Area’s largest open space - that are available for navigation by human-powered boats and beachable sail craft, and provide for diverse water-accessible overnight accommodations; and

**WHEREAS**, ABAG is named in AB 1296 (Hancock) establishing the Water Trail as an implementing partner and the ABAG Executive Board adopted Resolution No. 02-13 (March 21, 2013) encouraging all shoreline jurisdictions to adopt local resolutions of support and integrate Water Trail strategies into local plans to realize the vision of the Water Trail; and

**WHEREAS**, the initial \$1,000,000 Conservancy authorization (2011) and subsequent \$750,000 augmentation (2013) enabled ABAG staff to develop critical outreach and education media for the Water Trail, including a new logo, website (sfbaywatertrail.org), brochure, maps, sign program, design guidelines, event display

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board and to launch a grant program benefitting local jurisdictions, and to provide technical assistance to potential and existing Water Trail site managers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Conservancy Executive Officer authorized a \$185,000 augmentation to ABAG ("grantee") for the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Project ("the project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Conservancy requires that the governing body of the grantee certify through a resolution that it approves the award of Conservancy grant funding and authorizes the execution by a representative of the grantee of a grant agreement on terms and conditions required by the Conservancy grant agreement.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments:

1. Approves the award of grant funding from the State Coastal Conservancy for the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Project.
2. Agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions of the grant agreement and any other agreement or instrument as may be required by the Conservancy and as may be necessary to fulfill the terms if the grant agreement.
3. Authorizes the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or her designee, on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments and the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail, to act as a representative of the grantee, to negotiate and execute on behalf of the grantee all agreements and instruments necessary to comply with the Conservancy's grant requirements, including, without limitation, the grant agreement.

The foregoing was adopted by the Executive Board this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

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Jesse Arreguin  
President

**Certification of Executive Board Approval**

I, the undersigned, the appointed and qualified Clerk of the Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association), do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the Association at a duly called meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

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Frederick Castro  
Clerk of the Board