

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2020

**ADOPTING THE 2019 SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA INTEGRATED REGIONAL
WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

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, ABAG is the home agency for the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP), a coalition of resource agencies, nonprofits, citizens, and scientists working to protect, restore, and enhance water quality and fish and wildlife habitat in and around the San Francisco Bay Delta Estuary; and

WHEREAS, ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) have entered into a Contract for Services effective May 30, 2017, whereby MTC staff provides support services for ABAG; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is a nine-county effort to coordinate and improve water supply reliability, protect water quality, manage flood protection, maintain public health standards, protect habitat and watershed resources, and enhance the overall health of the San Francisco Bay; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the benefits of integrated planning for water management activities; of the resources available through the State to fund water and natural resource projects and programs through IRWM grants; of the State statute and guidelines requiring that an IRWM Plan be adopted by the governing boards of participating agencies before IRWM grant funds will be provided for water management projects that are part of the IRWM Plan; and of ABAG’s status as a participating agency in Bay Area IRWM efforts; ABAG’s Executive Board passed Resolution No. 11-06 on November 16, 2006, to adopt the Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, ABAG has since served as grantee for several rounds of IRWM grant funding, including Prop 84 Round 2 for \$20 million beginning in 2014, Round 3 for \$32.1 million beginning in 2015, Round 4 for \$21.5 million beginning in 2016, and the Prop 1 Disadvantaged Communities and Tribal Involvement Program, beginning in 2019; and

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WHEREAS, the State continues to make funding available, most recently through Proposition 1 implementation funding, for projects that are included and implemented in an adopted IRWM plan. The Department of Water Resource adopted the 2016 IRWM Guidelines, which states that regions must update their IRWM Plans to be consistent with the 2016 IRWM Plan Standards; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay Region's IRWM Coordinating Committee prepared the 2019 Bay Area IRWM Plan Update to meet the new requirements outlined in the DWR 2016 updated standards for IRWM Plans and maintain funding eligibility; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay Region's IRWM Coordinating Committee posted online and distributed the IRWM Plan Update for public comment from September 16 through October 11, 2019 and approved the document with unanimous consent on October 28, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) posted the IRWM Plan Update online for public comment from February 24 through March 21, 2020 and approved the document on March 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, state statute and guidelines require that this IRWM Plan Update be adopted by the governing boards of participating agencies before IRWM grant funds will be provided for water management projects that are part of the IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) is one of several participating agencies in the Bay Area that have jointly submitted an IRWM grant application for state consideration where one condition requires the Bay Area IRWM Plan update to be adopted before funds are awarded; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Bay Area IRWM Plan Update does not commit any ABAG resources, and implementation of each project will be the responsibility of the project proponent and any applicable project partners and the updated IRWM Plan Update is meant to be complementary to participating agencies' individual plans and programs and does not supersede such plans and programs, and adoption of the IRWM Plan Update does not prohibit nor effect affect in any way ABAG's planning efforts separate from the IRWM Plan.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments does hereby adopts the 2019 Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan Update.

The foregoing was adopted by the Executive Board this 21st day of May, 2020.

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 and noticed meeting held in San Francisco, California, and at other remote locations, on the 21st day of May, 2020.

Frederick Castro
Clerk of the Board