

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

August 25, 2020

Agenda Item 6.i.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject: Authorization to enter into a contract with Lotus Water to support outreach, needs assessment, capacity building, and project development efforts for ABAG's Integrated Regional Water Management Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Involvement Program (DACTIP) Grant in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the period September 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021

Background: ABAG was awarded \$3,020,000 in grant funding from the California Department of Water Resources' IRWM Disadvantaged Community Involvement Program (funded by California Proposition 1) on September 11, 2019. This work funds local community partners to work with disadvantaged, underrepresented, and tribal communities throughout the Bay Area to conduct needs assessments to identify water-related needs and solutions. The goal of this work is to conduct needs assessments and to identify projects in these communities that could be proposed in future rounds of funding and to integrate these communities into the IRWM funding and management process. This work included significant outreach to local community groups and is to be supported with technical development of projects for proposals in 2021.

ABAG's work with these communities and outreach partners has been supported by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's contracted subject matter experts Lotus Water and Woodard and Curran, Inc. These experts have been working with these communities for the past several years and are integral to the successful accomplishment of program goals. The SFPUC can no longer independently fund these contracts and ABAG has grant funding to retain these trusted experts.

To complete this work with disadvantaged communities and our 11 local community outreach partners, ABAG will contract with Lotus Water to continue their work in supporting ABAG and the community outreach partners and frontline communities across the bay area. This contract has been procured through a sole source for compelling business reasons.

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 contract with Lotus Water to support outreach, needs assessment, capacity building, and project development efforts for ABAG's Integrated Regional Water Management Disadvantaged Community and Tribal Involvement Program (DACTIP) Grant in an amount not exceed \$250,000 for the period September 1, 2020 to December 31 2021.

Attachments: Summary Approval

Reviewed:



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