

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

September 175, 2020

Agenda Item 6.j.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject: Authorization to amend a funding agreement with the California Department of Water Resources to work with disadvantaged, underrepresented, and underserved communities, Tribes, and Tribal communities to add \$1,807,000 for a total funding award not to exceed \$4,827,000, and to revise the period of performance as described in the original Executive Board approval to coincide with the term of the grant agreement

Background: 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 goals, objectives, and priorities of 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 participated in the creation of and the implementation of the Bay Area IRWMP. The ABAG Executive Board adopted the first Bay Area IRWMP by Resolution in 2006 and have subsequently adopted two updates in 2014 and 2020. Bay Area IRWMP members voluntarily participate in the Coordinating Committee (CC), which is the Regional Water Management Group for the Bay Area IRWMP. The state Department of Water Resources (DWR) has been funding IRWMP projects through several rounds of grants funded by state bonds, including five grants for the San Francisco Bay region currently managed by the San Francisco Estuary Partnership division of ABAG.

ABAG applied for and was awarded \$3,020,000 in funds to work with disadvantaged, underrepresented, and underserved communities, Tribes, and Tribal communities. There is no match requirement for this grant. As the grantee, ABAG is working with over a dozen partners and communities and five tribes to conduct needs assessments, identify projects that can address these needs, and to develop those projects to proposal ready status. ABAG's role also includes the administration of the grant, including contracting with partners, processing and paying invoices, responding to audits, and submitting project deliverables identified in the workplan.

Recently, the state has made additional funding available to our region in the order of \$1,807,000 to implement this work in the

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San Francisco Bay Area. These funds were not initially included in the original agreement because they were still held by the previous grantee, whom the state issued a stop work order on and terminated their grant. The advanced funding that wasn't spent by the previous grantee was returned and needed to be rebudgeted at the state level and reassigned to the San Francisco Bay Region. Due to our progress and adherence to administrative requirements, DWR has approved the increase of our grant agreement.

The original authorization was also explicitly tied to an end date (December 31, 2020) that was the end date of the Grant Agreement. This date will be extended in the upcoming grant agreement amendment and has the potential to be extended past the deadline that will be proposed. To reduce the administrative burden on the Board and staff, this authorization includes a recommended action to tie the end date of this approval to the Grant Agreement.

Issues: None

Recommended Action: The Executive Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or her designee, to amend the funding agreement with the California Department of Water Resources to work with disadvantaged, underrepresented, and underserved communities, Tribes, and Tribal communities to add \$1,807,000 for a total funding award not to exceed \$4,827,000 and to revise the period of performance as described in the original Executive Board approval to coincide with the term of the grant agreement.

Attachments: Summary Approval

Reviewed:



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