

Association of Bay Area Governments
ABAG Administrative Committee

February 14, 2025

Agenda Item 6b

Adoption of ABAG Resolution No. 2-2025 authorization to Enter into an agreement with the California State Coastal Conservancy for up to \$2 million to Implement the Palo Alto Horizontal Levee Project

Subject:

Adoption of ABAG Resolution No. 2-2025 authorization to enter into an agreement with the State Coastal Conservancy for up to \$2 million to implement the Palo Alto Horizontal Levee Project

Background:

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) is one of 28 programs mandated under Section 320 of the Clean Water Act, the National Estuary Program (NEP). SFEP has been working with the City of Palo Alto under a Cooperative Agreement to implement the Palo Alto Horizontal Levee Project.

The goals of the Project are to enhance the ecological function of the Harbor Marsh and improve resilience to sea level rise. The Project began design in 2018, supported by funding from the US Environmental Protection Agency. In 2024, SFEP applied and was approved for funding from the California State Coastal Conservancy for \$2 million. The additional funding will close a critical funding gap and allow for construction of the Palo Alto Horizontal Levee Project. The California State Coastal Conservancy is a California state agency.

Issues:

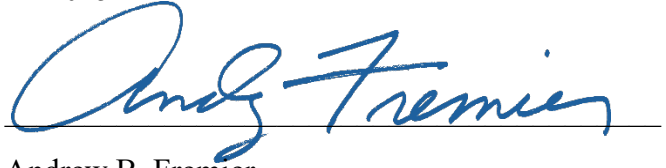
None identified.

Recommendations:

Requests ABAG Administrative Committee approval to adopt Resolution No. 2-2025 authorization to enter into an agreement with the California State Coastal Conservancy for up to \$2 million to implement the Palo Alto Horizontal Levee Project.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Request for ABAG Administrative Committee Approval
- Attachment B: ABAG Resolution No. 2-2025



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Request for Committee Approval

Summary of ABAG Administrative Committee Approval

Work Item No.: 1720

Funder: California State Coastal Conservancy
Oakland, CA

Work Project Title: Palo Alto Horizontal Levee Project

Purpose of Project: Construct a multi-benefit horizontal levee

Brief Scope of Work: Enhance the ecological function of the Harbor Marsh, provide open space, and improve resilience to sea level rise in Palo Alto.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$2,000,000

Funding Source: California State Coastal Conservancy

Fiscal Impact: Funds programmed in Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Motion by Committee: That the ABAG Administrative Committee is requested to adopt ABAG Resolution No. 2-2025 to enter into an agreement with the California State Coastal Conservancy for the purpose described above and in the ABAG Administrative Committee Summary Sheet dated February 14, 2025. And that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside up to \$2 million to implement the Palo Alto Horizontal Levee Project.

ABAG Administrative
Committee:

Belia Ramos, President

Approved: February 14, 2025