

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

March 19, 2026

Agenda Item 6.b.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject:

Authorization to negotiate and enter into contract with Mithun for the Restoring Wildcat Creek Project through March 31, 2028, and up to \$2,351,000 on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Background:

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership is part of the National Estuary Program, a non-regulatory program of the EPA created through the Clean Water Act. Our planning area encompasses the San Francisco Estuary and its watersheds, from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to the San Francisco Bay. The Estuary Partnership sits within the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the regional housing, land use, and transportation planning agencies. We are a regional governmental organization with a federal mandate to protect and restore the nationally significant San Francisco Estuary.

The Estuary Partnership, through ABAG, entered into a Funding Agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency to create a watershed-scale restoration action plan, implement critically needed restoration in the lower part of the watershed, and create design plans to address gaps in the Wildcat Creek Trail. Funding was authorized on March 21, 2024 by the ABAG Executive Board. As part of this effort, the Estuary Partnership is partnering with local implementers on the Restoring Wildcat Creek Project. Key Partners on the project include The Watershed Project, Urban Tilth, the Wildcat-San Pablo Creeks Watershed Council, the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, East Bay Regional Park District, and West County Wastewater.

The project seeks to provide a watershed-scale, comprehensive plan to address existing conditions that negatively affect ecosystems, wildlife, and communities and design the community-prioritized segment of trail along a restoration project to improve underserved community access to the Bay Trail and the planned North Richmond Horizontal Levee project. Project activities in the original Funding Agreement include the implementation of a critical restoration project (separate scope of work, already in progress) to address over-sedimentation in the lower Wildcat Creek watershed. The restoration project will address localized flooding and habitat for resident aquatic wildlife along an approximately 5,000-foot stretch of lower Wildcat Creek. The sediment removed from this system during restoration will support implementation of the planned North Richmond Horizontal Levee project.

Contractor Selection Process

ABAG/SFEP staff conducted a procurement via a Request for Proposals (RFQ). The RFQ was posted on December 30, 2025, and closed February 3, 2026. Three firms submitted proposals.

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Each total cost proposal was for \$2,351,000. The proposals were evaluated by a selection committee and Mithun was selected based on their experience and qualifications.

Attachments:

- A. Summary Approval

Recommendations:

The Executive Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or his designee, to negotiate and enter into contract with Mithun for planning and design for the Restoring Wildcat Creek Project, in the amount not to exceed \$2,351,000 on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP).

Reviewed:



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