

**Association of Bay Area Governments  
ABAG Administrative Committee**

**October 10, 2025**

**Agenda Item 7b**

**Contract Amendment – San Francisco Estuary Partnership Amendment for Design  
Services for the Palo Alto Horizontal Levee: Environmental Science Associates (\$150,000)**

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**Subject:**

Authorization to amend an existing contract with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) to add \$150,000 for a revised total of \$1,468,000 to provide construction period support for the Palo Alto Horizontal Levee pilot 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 is hosted by the Association of Bay Area Governments.

SFEP, under a Cooperative Agreement between ABAG and the City of Palo Alto, is managing design, construction management and construction for the Palo Alto Horizontal Levee. The PAHLP project will engage communities and technical experts to design, permit and construct a multi-benefit horizontal levee adjacent to the City of Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plan. The project will restore critical habitat, support shoreline adaptation, and improve water quality. On-site construction for the project began on September 8, 2025.

ESA is the design engineer, or Engineer of Record, for the project. Additional scope is needed to support the construction period because the project was re-bid in early 2024, requiring additional technical services. This added scope will support construction period support, including reviewing submittals, construction change orders, requests for information and additional services as-needed.

**Issues:**

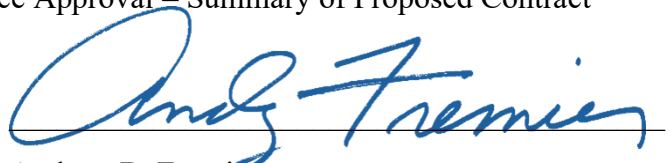
None identified.

**Recommendations:**

Staff recommends that the ABAG Administrative Committee authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or designee, on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments and the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, to amend the contract with Environmental Science Associates for design services during construction of the Palo Alto Horizontal Levee by \$150,000 to a total contract value of \$1,468,000.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Request for Committee Approval – Summary of Proposed Contract Amendment

  
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**Request for Committee Approval**

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**Summary of Proposed Contract Amendment**

Work Item No.: 1720 1354

Consultant: Environmental Science Associates  
San Francisco, CA

Work Project Title: Palo Alto Horizontal Levee Pilot (PAHLP) Design and Construction  
Period Support

Purpose of Project: Provide design services during construction for the PAHLP project

Brief Scope of Work: The PAHLP project will engage communities and technical experts to design, permit and construct a multi-benefit horizontal levee adjacent to the City of Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plan. The project will restore critical habitat, support watershed adaptation to climate change, and improve water quality.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$1,468,000

Funding Source: US Environmental Protection Agency BIL Funds

Fiscal Impact: Funds programmed in Fiscal Year (FY) 25-26

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to amend a contract with Environmental Science Associates for the Palo Alto Horizontal Levee Pilot project described above and in the ABAG Administrative Committee Summary Sheet dated October 10, 2025 and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside and additional \$150,000 for such contract, with a contract total of \$1,468,000.

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Committee:

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Belia Ramos, Chair

Approved: October 10, 2025