

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

May 9, 2025

Agenda Item 7a

**Contract - Implement Estuary Youth Council Program: Mycelium Youth Network
(\$146,601)**

Subject:

Authorization to enter into a contract with Mycelium Youth Network for \$146,601 to implement the Estuary Youth Council Program.

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 launched a pilot of the Estuary Youth Council (EYC) Program in 2023 and has since been able to secure additional local funding to support the new iterations of the EYC Program. The EYC Program contracts with community-based organizations to implement the program, which includes experiential environmental education, leadership development, small group mentorship, and professional development that prepare youth from frontline communities for careers in the environmental planning and management sectors. Mycelium Youth Network has been contracted previously to implement the pilot year of the Program in 2023 for a total of \$76,631. Mycelium Youth Network has undertaken work under a previous contract similar to the work that will be done under this new contract; the total amount in contracts to Mycelium Youth Network for work on the EYC Program will total \$223,232. Therefore, staff is requesting board authorization to enter into a new contract with Mycelium Youth Network for \$146,601. Mycelium Youth Network is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, so small business and disadvantaged business enterprise statuses do not apply to this contractor.

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 contract with Mycelium Youth Network to implement the Estuary Youth Council Program for \$146,601.

Attachments:

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



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Request for Committee Approval

Summary of Proposed Contract Amendment

Work Item No.: 1720

Consultant: Mycelium Youth Network
Oakland, CA

Work Project Title: Estuary Youth Council: Developing Next Generation Leaders

Purpose of Project: Support the implementation of the Estuary Youth Council Program

Brief Scope of Work: Prepare youth from frontline communities to enter careers in the environmental planning and management sectors.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$146,601

Funding Source: Honey Hive Fund, Local Funds

Fiscal Impact: Funds programmed in Fiscal Year (FY) 24-25, FY 25-26, FY 26-27

Motion by Committee: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract with Mycelium Youth Network for the Estuary Youth Council Program described above and in the ABAG Administrative Committee Summary Sheet dated May 9, 2025 and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside \$146,601 for such contract.

ABAG Administrative
Committee:

Belia Ramos, Chair

Approved: May 9, 2025