

Association of Bay Area Governments
ABAG Administrative Committee

February 13, 2026

Agenda Item 7b

Contracts - East Bay Crescent Adaptation Project: City of Emeryville (\$218,952), City of Berkeley (\$223,151), City of Albany (\$207,955), CMG Landscape Architecture (\$476,090), Pathways Climate Institute (\$494,041), Co:census dba SeamSocial (\$153,150), San Francisco Estuary Institute (\$43,368)

Subject:

Authorization to enter into contracts with subawardees under the Ocean Protection Council grant for the East Bay Crescent Sub Regional Vulnerability Assessment and Shoreline Adaptation Planning 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's Adaptation and Resilience Technical Assistance Program provides support to local governments, community-based organizations, and Tribes. Its operational framework is based on the Estuary Blueprint that aims to: 1. Increase the pace and scale of on the ground resilience strategies both at the subregional scale and for individual projects; 2. Partner with local governments, community-based organizations and Tribes to fund, plan and deliver nature-based shoreline adaptation projects across the SF Bay region, and 3. Advance a range of project types and pilot projects, including horizontal levees, ecotones and living shorelines.

The Ocean Protection Council's (OPC) SB1 Planning grant program is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap and Invest, formerly known as Cap and Trade, dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment. OPC recommended disbursement of \$2,240,000 in funding to ABAG/SFEP at their September 30, 2025, meeting and ABAG Resolution 13-2025 was signed by President Ramos on November 20, 2025, to accept the funds. The Association of Bay Area Governments/San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP), with Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, and Oakland, will lead the East Bay Crescent (EBC) Subregional Vulnerability

Assessment and Shoreline Adaptation Planning. The project will produce coordinated Shoreline Adaptation Plans for Albany, Berkeley, and Emeryville that are consistent with the Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan Guidelines produced by the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission. Work is expected to commence in Spring 2026 and complete in December 2028.

Staff are requesting authorization to enter into contracts with the subawardees listed within the Ocean Protection Council grant. The Cities will receive funding to lead to adoption of Shoreline Adaptation Plans in their communities. The consultant and community-based organizations listed will lead technical and engagement components of the work. This includes the following:

- City of Emeryville, \$218,952.00
- City of Berkeley, \$223,151.00
- City of Albany. \$207,955.00
- CMG Landscape Architecture, \$476,090.00
- Pathways Climate Institute, \$494,041.00
- Co:sensus dba SeamSocial, \$153,150.00
- San Francisco Estuary Institute, \$48,368.00

Issues:

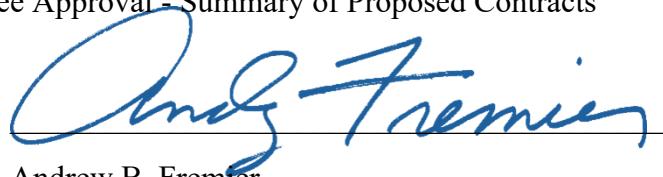
None identified.

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 the following entities: City of Emeryville (\$218,952); City of Berkeley (\$223,151); City of Albany (\$207,955); CMG Landscape Architecture (\$476,090); Pathways Climate Institute (\$494,090); Co:sensus dba SeamSocial (\$153,150); San Francisco Estuary Institute (\$48,368).

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Small Business Enterprise Status
- Attachment B: Request for Committee Approval - Summary of Proposed Contracts



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Andrew B. Fremier

Small Business Enterprise Status

	Firm Name	Role on Project	SBE** Yes / No	If SBE Yes, List #
Subawardee	City of Emeryville	Local government partner	N/A	N/A
Subawardee	City of Berkeley	Local government partner	N/A	N/A
Subawardee	City of Albany	Local government partner	N/A	N/A
Subawardee	CMG Landscape Architecture	Planning and technical support	Yes**	0029201
Subawardee	Pathways Climate Institute	Planning and technical support	Yes (Micro)	2005392
Subawardee	Co:census dba SeamSocial	Community engagement and education	No	N/A
Subawardee	San Francisco Estuary Institute	Mapping and technical support	No	N/A

Footnote:

*Denotes certification by the California Unified Certification Program (CUCP).

**Denotes certification by the State of California.

Request for Committee Approval

Summary of Proposed Contracts

Work Item No.:	1720
Consultant:	City of Emeryville (\$218,952) (Emeryville, CA); City of Berkeley (\$223,151) (Berkeley, CA); City of Albany (\$207,955) (Albany, CA); CMG Landscape Architecture (\$476,090) (San Francisco, CA); Pathways Climate Institute (\$494,090) (San Francisco, CA), Co:sensus dba SeamSocial (\$153,150) (New York, NY); San Francisco Estuary Institute (\$48,368) (Richmond, CA)
Work Project Title:	East Bay Crescent (EBC) Subregional Vulnerability Assessment and Shoreline Adaptation Planning
Purpose of Project:	Engage communities and adopt Shoreline Adaptation Plans for the Cities of Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany.
Brief Scope of Work:	The project will produce coordinated Shoreline Adaptation Plans for Albany, Berkeley, and Emeryville that are consistent with the Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan Guidelines produced by the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	See above
Funding Source:	Ocean Protection Council
Fiscal Impact:	Funds programmed in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26, 2026-27, 2027-28, and 2028-29

Motion by Committee:

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Committee:

Belia Ramos, Chair

Approved: February 13, 2026