

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

March 21, 2024

Agenda Item 5.c.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject:

Authorization to accept an award of \$6,102,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to undertake watershed-scale planning and implementation in the North Richmond/Wildcat Creek Watershed and to negotiate and to enter into subawards with: Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000; The Watershed Project in amount not to exceed \$450,000; and Urban Tilth in an amount not to exceed \$150,000

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 applied for and was awarded \$6,102,000 in funding through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund Grant Program for the project "Restoring Wildcat Creek: Community-Led Watershed Health Update and Priority Project Implementation (Restoring Wildcat Creek). Planned and championed by public and community partners, the project will 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 that prevent underserved communities from accessing the shoreline and the planned improvements there.

The Restoring Wildcat Creek project includes: 1) a subaward to the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to design, permit, and construct the Wildcat Creek restoration element and to test and haul 55,000 cubic yards of sediment to a long term storage site for future use on the North Richmond Horizontal Levee; 2) a subaward to the Watershed project to engage the community during the Wildcat Creek Restoration and Trail design development and the Watershed Restoration Action Plan development; and 3) a subaward to Urban Tilth to engage the community during the Wildcat Creek Restoration and Trail design development and the Watershed Restoration Action Plan development.

Issues:

None

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Recommended Action:

The Executive Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or his designee, to accept an award from and enter into a funding agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments and the San Francisco Estuary Partnership to receive \$6,102,000 to undertake watershed-scale planning and implementation in the North Richmond/Wildcat Creek Watershed, and to negotiate and enter into subaward agreements with: Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000; The Watershed Project in amount not to exceed \$450,000; and Urban Tilth in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

Attachments:

- A. Summary Approval

Reviewed:



Andrew Fremier