

Association of Bay Area Governments
Executive Board

March 21, 2024

Agenda Item 5.b.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject:

Authorization to accept an award of \$4,524,870 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to advance nature-based shoreline adaptation implementation, permitting and governance, and to negotiate and enter into subaward agreements with: East Bay Regional Parks District in an amount not to exceed \$550,000; Save The Bay in amount not to exceed \$780,000; and the East Bay Dischargers Authority in an amount not to exceed \$1,375,000

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 \$4,524,870 in funding through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund Grant Program for the project "Pivot Points: Moving Nature-Based Solutions for Water Quality Improvement and Shoreline Adaptation from Planning to Action (Pivot Points)". The Pivot Points Project will advance nature-based shoreline (NBS) adaptation implementation, permitting and governance.

The Pivot Points project includes: 1) developing an Implementation Strategy for the Hayward Area Shoreline Master Plan in partnership with the Hayward Area Shoreline Master Plan JPA and the East Bay Regional Parks District; 2) fostering an enabling environment for NBS in the Bay Area through outreach and engagement of elected officials and stakeholders in partnership with Save the Bay, and; 3) design and permitting for the First Mile Horizontal Levee in partnership with the East Bay Dischargers Authority.

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 \$4,524,870 to advance nature-based shoreline adaptation implementation, permitting and governance, and to negotiate and enter into subaward agreements with: East Bay Regional Parks District in an amount not to exceed \$550,000; Save The Bay in amount not to exceed \$780,000; and the East Bay Dischargers Authority in an amount not to exceed \$1,375,000.

Attachments:

- A. Summary Approval

Reviewed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Fremier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Fremier".

Andrew Fremier