

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

April 18, 2024

Agenda Item 5.f.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject:

Authorization to accept \$498,762 and enter into a funding agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to advance development of the Wetlands Regional Monitoring 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 applied for and was awarded \$498,762 in funding through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Wetlands Program Development Fund Grant Program to advance the Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program (WRMP). The funding will build on current WRMP work to plan a robust regional monitoring program for tidal wetlands in the San Francisco Estuary, including: 1) aligning the WRMP with regulatory needs; 2) acting on findings from the WRMP's Equity and Engagement Strategy and its People and Wetlands workgroup to build partnerships with community-based organizations and public educational systems, and 3) advancing an implementation plan for monitoring activities.

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 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 in an amount of \$498,762 to advance development of the Wetlands Regional Monitoring Program.

Attachments:

- A. Summary Approval

Reviewed:



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