

# Association of Bay Area Governments

## Executive Board

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November 16, 2023

Agenda Item 6.f.

### San Francisco Estuary Partnership

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#### Subject:

Authorization to enter into an agreement with the San Mateo Resource Conservation District to accept \$440,000 to support staff time on the Department of Water Resources' Proposition 1 Implementation Round 2 Grant.

#### Background:

On January 19, 2023, the Executive Board authorized the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), or designee, to submit a proposal to DWR to obtain a Proposition 1 IRWM Grant and to enter into an agreement to receive grant funds for Round 2 Implementation Program pursuant to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Act of 2014 for integrated regional water management projects in the amount of \$32,214,479. ABAG was awarded the grant on May 18, 2023 and staff is managing the grant.

In this grant, ABAG/SFEP has budget to perform project management and grant administration activities as it has done for the past six IRWM grants the San Francisco Bay Region has received. This \$890,000 allotment will cover salary and benefit costs for staff but will not cover indirect expenses as they are deemed ineligible by DWR since the Prop 1 Water Bond did not explicitly indicate them as allowable expenses. The San Mateo Resources Conservation District, a partner agency in this grant, has worked with its local partners to secure local funding to supplement the staff budget and ensure funding is in place needed to cover all personnel costs, including indirect expenses.

With this funding in place, ABAG/SFEP will have the budget to administer and manage all 12 projects funded by this grant.

#### Issues:

None

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**Recommended Action:**

The ABAG Executive Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or his designee, on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments and the San Francisco Estuary Partnership, to negotiate and enter into a funding agreement with the San Mateo Resource Conservation District for \$440,000 to support staff time on the Department of Water Resources' Proposition 1 Implementation Round 2 Grant..

**Attachments:**

- A. Summary Approval

**Reviewed:**

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Alix Bockelman