

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

November 20, 2025

Agenda Item 6.e.

San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject:

Adoption of Resolution No. 12 2025 authorization to submit a grant application to the State Water Resources Control Board's State Revolving Fund for Clean Water on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) and, if awarded, to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board for up to \$1 million for update of the Estuary Blueprint and the State of Our Estuary website

Background:

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) staff requests authorization to submit a grant application for up to \$1 million to the State Water Resources Control Board's State Revolving Fund for Clean Water (SRF) to update the 2022 San Francisco Estuary Blueprint, which is the region's collaborative agreement about how to protect and restore the Estuary; and to update the State of Our Estuary website, which compiles and communicates best available scientific data on the health of the San Francisco Estuary.

SFEP has long been committed to working collaboratively with partners throughout the Estuary to coalesce around common priority actions through the San Francisco Estuary Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (the "Estuary Blueprint"), and to assess the outcomes of those actions through the State of the Estuary Report, now the State of Our Estuary website. Staff proposes to lead this work through working with regional partners and science leads to gather and pull in data, and to update both the Blueprint's actions and tasks that protect and restore the Estuary; and to update outdated indicators of the health of the Estuary. This work is proposed in close coordination with many regional partners, some of which include the San Francisco Estuary Institute, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 and the Delta Stewardship Council.

Projects that implement a nationally designated estuary plan, including the 2022 Estuary Blueprint and the State of Our Estuary, are automatically added to the California Clean Water State Revolving Fund "Fundable List" and may receive funding for up to 75% of eligible project costs. Producing the Estuary Report is listed as a priority task in the 2022 Estuary Blueprint, and the 2025 release of the State of Our Estuary updated a partial list of indicators; this work will continue to update older indicators.

Issues:

None

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Recommended Action:

The Executive Board is requested to adopt ABAG Resolution No. 12 2025 authorization for the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), or his designee, to submit a grant application to the State Water Resources Control Board's State Revolving Fund for Clean Water on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) and, if awarded, to negotiate and enter into an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board for up to \$1 million for update of the Estuary Blueprint and the State of Our Estuary website

Attachments:

- A. ABAG Resolution No. 12 2025

Reviewed:



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