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ABAG

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To: ABAG Executive Board

From: Caitlin Sweeney
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Subject: **Authorization to Apply for Funds and Enter into a new Contract Agreement with the USGS to Provide Support for the Bay-Delta Science Conference and the State of the Estuary Conference**

Executive Summary

USGS has historically provided financial support for the planning of the Bay-Delta Science Conference and the State of the Estuary Conference through several mutually beneficial contracts which have been approved by the Executive Board.

The overall effort will consist of USGS fiscal support for ABAG/SFEP planning of science conferences, presented one per year over the next five years, to inform agency staff, stakeholders and the public about the latest consequential findings obtained from scientific work funded for the Bay-Delta system. The Bay-Delta Science Conferences will take place in 2016, 2018 and 2020 and the State of the Estuary Conferences will take place in 2017, 2019 and 2021. The conferences will be organized with one or more plenary sessions and a series of concurrent sessions over several days, each session organized around a specific scientific theme of critical importance to the Bay-Delta.

The first year work plan is for \$90,000.00 and would include support of the 2016 Bay-Delta Science conference. The total award for the 5 year period will not exceed \$370,000.00. The contract extends from March 2016 and will be active for 5 years.

Recommended Action

The Executive Board is requested to approve the ABAG/SFEP application to USGS and authorize the Executive Director or designee to enter into a new cooperative agreement with USGS on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership for fiscal support for the planning of the Bay-Delta Science Conference and the State of the Estuary Conference. The work plan for the first year will be \$90,000, and the total contract amount will not exceed \$370,000.