

# ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

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**ABAG**

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To: ABAG Executive Board

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Subject: **Authorization to Approve Resolution of Grant Award from the State Water Resources Control Board for the Guadalupe River Watershed Mercury Remediation: Jacques Gulch Restoration Design Project**

## Executive Summary

The State Water Quality Control Board is providing \$174,981 for the purpose of completing designs for the remediation and restoration of Upper Jacques Gulch to remove mercury mining waste eroding into Lower Jacques Gulch and Almaden Reservoir. SFEP will be working with its local project partners, the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department (County Parks) to complete this Guadalupe Mercury TMDL project by March, 2018.

County Parks will develop 100% construction design plans for the remediation of Jacques Gulch and complete CEQA requirements. Full implementation of the 100% designs is the long term goal for this multi-year project that incorporates many partners and funding agencies. The Jacques Gulch design and subsequent implementation will adhere to the California Department of Conservation's Guidelines for the Rehabilitation of Disturbed Lands. As the 100% designs are being completed, SFEP will work with its partners to pursue additional sources of funding for implementation. ABAG and SFEP are not contributing match to this project as all match requirements are met under a previously awarded federal grant.

## Recommended Action

The Executive Boards is requested to authorize the Executive Director or designee to sign the grant agreement and also approve the resolution on the grant award for \$174,981 from the State Water Resources Control Board.