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ABAG

Date: May 6, 2015

To: ABAG Executive Board

From: Judy Kelly
Director, San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject: **Ratification of Application for US Environmental Protection Agency Wetland Program Development Grant Funds for the Project, *Ensuring that the San Francisco Bay Water Board's Wetland Protection Policies are Climate Change Ready***

Executive Summary

Ratification is requested for the ABAG/SFEP proposal submitted in May to U.S. EPA for \$ 90,699.95 dollars Wetland Program Development funds to implement the project: Ensuring that the San Francisco Bay Water Board's Wetland Protection Policies are Climate Change Ready. The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board will be a partner and provide grant matching funds/services of \$40,590.48 for a total project cost of \$131,290.43. The duration of the project is 18 months.

This project will support the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board's evaluation of regulatory options associated with permitting multi-benefit projects designed to address sea level rise. A final report will be produced that includes policy recommendations and alternatives on how to more effectively evaluate and permit projects designed to provide water quality benefits, enhance wetland areas, and mitigate for sea level rise in Bayland environments.

Recommended Action

Staff respectfully requests that the Executive Board ratify the application for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Wetland Program Development Grant Funds.