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ABAG

Date: July 6, 2015

To: ABAG Executive Board

From: Judy Kelly
Director, San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject: **Ratification of Application to US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 National Estuary Program Funding**

Executive Summary

The San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) is one of 28 programs mandated under Section 320: National Estuary Program (NEP) of the Clean Water Act. The US Congress appropriates funds each year for the NEP to be distributed through EPA. Each program is required to apply annually for the NEP funds. The funds are allocated equally to the 28 programs, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015 each program will receive an estimated \$600,000. SFEP has been awarded an additional amount of \$50,000 to fund a research study at the South Bay Salt Ponds for a total grant award of \$650,000.

ABAG/SFEP must provide a 50% project match. ABAG will provide \$21,366 in-kind services and local water agencies and flood control districts will provide \$628,634 in cash match to support ABAG permit writing staff for the next federal fiscal year. All work serves to implement the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) for the San Francisco Estuary.

Recommended Action

The Executive Board is requested to approve the annual ABAG/SFEP application for funds under the National Estuary Program and authorize the Executive Director or designee to enter into a new cooperative agreement or amendment with EPA on behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership to provide technical, public involvement and administrative support in implementing the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP). The agreement term will be through September 30, 2016.