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To: ABAG Executive Board

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Subject: **Ratification of Contract with Natural Resources for Work on the California Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plan Development for San Francisco Outer Coast Littoral Cell**

Executive Summary

The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) is the state co-chair of the Coastal Sediment Management Workgroup (CSMW). The federal co-chair is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), South Pacific Division. One of the primary objectives of the CSMW is the development of a California Coastal Sediment Master Plan (SMP). The SMP will consist of Coastal Regional Sediment Management Plans (CRSMPs), technical reports, and online GIS tools. Development of a CRSMP for the San Francisco Open Coast Littoral Cell (the stretch of coastline from the Golden Gate south to Point San Pedro, incorporating the coastal cities of San Francisco, Daly City and Pacifica)(SFOC CRSMP) will be an integral component of the California SMP.

The CRSMP is being developed under the oversight of CSMW with assistance from the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)/SFEP. The CRSMP is intended to formulate consensus-driven regional sediment management guidance and policy to: encourage beneficial reuse of available, non-polluted sediment resources; restore and maintain coastal beaches and other critical areas of sediment deficit; reduce shoreline erosion and coastal storm damages; reduce the proliferation of protective shoreline structures; sustain recreation and tourism; enhance public safety and access, and restore coastal sandy habitats.

To accomplish these goals, ABAG/SFEP will manage an additional outreach effort to facilitate the CRSMP acceptance by local governments and citizen groups for incorporation into future planning efforts. Upon completion of the extended outreach efforts, recommendations will be advanced to obtain the most appropriate governance structure to support plan implementation.

Recommended Action

The Executive Board is requested to ratify the contract with Natural Resource Agency to facilitate additional outreach.