

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area



Date: August 30, 2013
To: Executive Board
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Subject: **Ratification of Agreement with Urban Resilience Policy**

Executive Summary

Creating a sustainable region requires mitigation planning to reduce the impacts of future earthquakes and recovery planning to rebuild quickly after the disaster. For nearly three decades, ABAG has maintained an Earthquake and Hazards Program that has been a leader among Council of Governments across the nation.

We request ratification from the Executive Board for a new contract to fund a consultant, Urban Resilience Policy, to assist with advancing the program while the staff program coordinator is on extended leave. The consultant will support existing regional research projects, assist with developing future projects and provide structural guidance to shape the future of this vital regional program. The agreement is funded for the amount of \$76,800 and the agreement period is from August 2013 to August 2014. These consulting services are essential to the continuation and advancement of one of ABAG's most publically visible programs.

Recommended Action

The Executive Board is requested to ratify the agreement with Urban Resilience Policy authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with Urban Resilience Policy to provide programmatic and technical support to the Earthquake and Hazards Program.