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ABAG

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To: Executive Board

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Subject: **Ratification of an Agreement with the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission to Assess Vulnerability of Housing and Communities and Develop Adaptation Responses**

Executive Summary

In early 2013, ABAG was awarded a \$1 million grant from the California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) to implement Plan Bay Area which includes incorporating a resilience assessment and strategy into the next Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). Pursuant to ABAG's request to the SGC, the grant work plan states ABAG and the San Francisco Bay Conservation Development Commission (BCDC) will jointly undertake the task of assessing the risks climate change impact has on Priority Development Areas and develop a strategy to address them for consideration in the next SCS.

ABAG and BCDC will assess the vulnerability of housing and communities to multiple hazards and develop high level adaptation responses to increase the resilience of housing and communities to these hazards. ABAG has two additional grants to leverage this work effort – an \$80,000 grant from USGS to assess existing housing and community vulnerability to earthquakes and a technical assistance grant from the EPA to assess the vulnerability of high growth areas to multiple hazards and develop strategies to increase the resilience of these high growth areas.

BCDC's portion of this work will be funded with \$75,000 from the SGC grant, which includes the assessment of ABAG's approved Planned Development Areas (PDAs) for vulnerability to sea level rise and storm events and the development of high level adaptation strategies to make the PDAs more resilient.

This joint work effort provides a unique opportunity to assess both existing and planned housing and community vulnerability and develop adaptation responses to increase resilience of existing and planned housing community members in the Bay Area.

Recommended Action

Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with BCDC to assess the vulnerability of housing and communities to multiple hazards and develop adaptation responses to increase resilience of housing.