MEMO

Submitted by: **Judy Kelly**
Director, San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject: **Authorization to Accept a Grant from the Dept of Water Resources for IRWMP Funding for Water Quality Improvement, Flood Management and Ecosystem Restoration in Bay Area Disadvantaged Communities**

Date: **January 6, 2012**

Executive Summary

To address critical water quality needs of disadvantaged communities in the Bay Area, a suite of projects were submitted for funding from the Department of Water Resources for Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) funding. The projects were identified through a collaborative effort among the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP), the Bay Area Flood Protection Agencies Association, the Bay Area Watershed Network, the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, and the Watershed and Habitat Protection and Restoration functional area of the Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee. Partners for the project include local jurisdictions and non-profits from around the Bay.

Implementation of the projects would result in: 1) a series of riparian restoration projects with student and teacher participation from local schools in the North Bay to restore ecosystem health, address water quality impacts from flooding and minimize effects of climate change in vulnerable communities; 2) strategies involving the local communities to address flooding problems in Pescadero and North Richmond; 2) detailed mapping of the Bay region's flood infrastructure within vulnerable and high-risk areas to improve planning and mitigation for flooding, storm surges and sea level rise; 3) a set of schematic stream restoration design parameters to increase restoration success and meet flood protection goals for the North Richmond shoreline, East Palo Alto and Pescadero; 4) compilation of data on the health of several watersheds around the Bay via monitoring of outmigrating salmonids; and, 5) a new program of coordination and collaboration among agencies and organizations working to improve watershed-level habitat and water quality in the region, including providing support for local watershed groups.

The total amount of state funding requested under this grant application is $2,201,026. An additional $675,940 in project match will be met by project partners and SFEP from compatible grants or in-kind services. SFEP applied for the grant in January, 2011 and has received initial acceptance from the Department of Water Resources for the funding. The award is expected in March, 2012.

Recommended Action

The Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director or designee, once the grant is received, to sign the agreement with DWR for IRWMP funding. The project assists with implementation of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for the San Francisco Estuary.

Item 6.D.

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 02-12

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR AN IRWM IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

WHEREAS, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) is the home agency for the San Francisco Estuary Partnership SFEP, a coalition of resource agencies, non-profits, citizens, and scientists working to protect, restore, and enhance water quality and fish and wildlife habitat in and around the San Francisco Bay Delta Estuary; and

WHEREAS, ABAG is eligible to apply, and has applied, to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain an Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resource Code Section 75001 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, SFEP has identified projects for such grant funding through a collaborative effort among the Bay Area Flood Protection Agencies Association, the Bay Area Watershed Network, the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, and the Watershed and Habitat Protection and Restoration functional area of the Bay Area IRWMP Coordinating Committee as described in the staff report dated January 6, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of state funding requested under the grant application is $2,201,026 and $675,940 in project match will be met by project partners and SFEP from compatible grants or in-kind services.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments to ratify the application made to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain an Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resource Code Section 75001 *et seq.*), and to enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the Water Quality Improvement, Flood Management and Ecosystem Restoration in Bay Area Disadvantaged Communities Project; and that the Executive Director or designee of the Association of Bay Area Governments is hereby authorized and directed to execute a grant agreement with California Department of Water Resources.

The foregoing adopted by the Executive Board this 19th day of January, 2012.

Mark Luce
President

Certification of Executive Board Approval

I, the undersigned, the appointed and qualified Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association), do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the Association at a duly called meeting held on the 19th day of January, 2012.

Ezra Rapport
Secretary-Treasurer

Approved as To Legal Form

Kenneth K. Moy
Legal Counsel