

# ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

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## MEMO

Date: December 6, 2012  
To: ABAG Executive Board  
From: Ezra Rapport, Executive Director  
Subject: Authorization to Approve Contract With Paul Fassinger

As of January 1, 2012, ABAG has consolidated two departments, the Planning Department and the Research Department into one department, the Planning and Research Department. This consolidation resulted in both operational savings and organizational efficiency. One position was eliminated, and two positions have undergone reclassification.

The reorganization requires a transition of certain skills and modeling work to the new positions. In order to provide the greatest continuity of services, ABAG has requested Paul Fassinger, previous Research Director, to assist the staff in facilitating land use modeling capacity and housing analysis. These tasks include an analysis of internal and external models, including an analysis of the Sacramento Council of Governments (SACOG) state of the art land use model, I-PLACE<sup>3</sup>S, and research regarding multifamily housing production cost and income levels needed to support the projected level of units in the Sustainable Communities Strategy.

The evaluation of the I-PLACE<sup>3</sup>S model will provide insights on land use modeling efforts in another region, potential approaches to link transportation and land use analysis, and potential methodologies to analyze complete communities. The analysis of multifamily housing production cost will inform the policies and investments required for the implementation of the Sustainable Communities Strategies, given that a large share of the forecasted housing production will be multifamily, infill development in Priority Development Areas.

The budget for this transitional consultant work was anticipated in the reorganization of the departments and sufficient funds are available.

### **Recommended Action:**

The Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director to approve a contract with Paul Fassinger for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for a scope of work associated with supporting the reorganization of Planning and Research in FY 2012.