

MEMO

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Subject: Authorization to Apply for and Accept a Grant from the State Water Resources Control Board for Proposition 84 Planning and Monitoring Funding for Bay Area Green Infrastructure Master Planning Project

Date: January 9, 2012

Executive Summary

In this project, SFEP will coordinate with the County of San Mateo, Cities of Fremont, El Cerrito, San Jose and Redwood City, as well as San Francisco Estuary Institute, Watearth, and Dan Cloak Environmental to develop a geographic information system (GIS) screening tool to identify opportunity locations for low impact development (LID) features within public rights-of-way. The screening tool will be beta-tested and refined. SFEP and collaborators will also develop LID-oriented plans and/or municipal LID implementation programs. Lastly, SFEP will work with municipalities to develop Alternative Compliance/In-Lieu Programs.

The total amount of state funding requested under this grant application is approximately \$900,000; SFEP will receive approximately \$100,000 of the total. San Mateo County and participating cities will provide in-kind match as staff time to assist in the design and review of the GIS-screening tool and actively participate in the development of a Green Infrastructure Master Plan (covering at least 10 percent of the cost of the grant). Application is due to the State Water Resources Control Board by January 31, 2012, expected award would be Fall 2012.

Recommended Action

The Board is requested to approve the application to State Water Resources Control Board for Proposition 84 funding. Should ABAG receive the grant, a resolution authorizing approval for the Executive Director or designee to sign the agreement will be requested. The project assists with implementation of the San Francisco Estuary Partnership's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan.