

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO. 03-13

**AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A NOTICE OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION UNDER
CEQA FOR THE SAN PABLO AVENUE GREEN STORMWATER SPINE PROJECT**

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, SFEP has secured funding from the Department of Water Resources for San Pablo Avenue Green Stormwater Spine Project (Project) that consists of the installation of green infrastructure to the municipal stormwater infrastructure along San Pablo Avenue in the Counties of Alameda and Contra Costa; and

WHEREAS, seven (7) municipalities (Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito, Richmond, and San Pablo) with stormwater infrastructure on San Pablo Avenue have agreed to participate in the Project and have identified eight (8) sites for the installation of green infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, DWR funding requirements include documentation of compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, SFEP staff and ABAG's Legal Counsel recommend that ABAG make the findings contained in, and authorize the filing of, the attached Notice of Categorical Exemption for the Project.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments hereby:

1. finds that the San Pablo Avenue Green Stormwater Spine Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15301 as set forth in Notice of Categorical Exemption attached to this resolution; and
2. authorizes the Executive Director, or his designee, to file the Notice of Categorical Exemption with the Counties of Alameda and Contra Costa.

The foregoing was adopted by the Executive Board this 21st day of March, 2013.

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 21st day of March, 2013.

Ezra Rapport
Secretary-Treasurer

Approved as To Legal Form

Kenneth K. Moy
Legal Counsel