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Submitted by: Laura Thompson, Bay Trail Project Manager

Subject: Authorization to apply for and accept an Urban Greening Planning grant from the Strategic Growth Council to develop a Bay Trail Greening Plan

Date: July 8, 2011

Executive Summary

In this project, ABAG will coordinate with partners around the region to develop a greening plan for the Bay Trail. The plan will be developed by staff from San Francisco Estuary Partnership, the San Francisco Bay Trail Project, the Bay-Friendly Landscaping and Gardening Coalition, the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, StopWaste.org, and a consultant team (TBD).

The Bay Trail Greening Plan will promote sustainable practices in the planning and implementation of Bay Trail segments. An additional 200 miles of Bay Trail gaps need to be filled in the upcoming years. The plan will promote stormwater pollution prevention practices, Integrated Pest Management, water conservation strategies, waste minimization, etc. optimizing the health of the humans, flora and fauna along the bayshore. These environmental benefits will be particularly meaningful for disadvantaged communities who may lack access to the recreational and health benefits provided by the Bay Trail. Additionally, as Bay Trail segment builders gain experience with Bay-Friendly Landscaping, they will find inspiration to implement these practices elsewhere in their communities and home gardens, further reducing greenhouse gas emissions, protecting the bay from contamination, and making wise use of our limited water resources.

The total amount of state funding requested under this grant application is \$250,000. An additional \$143,000 in project leveraging will be met by project partners. The application was submitted to the Strategic Growth Council in June 2011 and the expected award would be in January 2012.

Recommended Action

The Board is requested to authorize the application to the Strategic Growth Council for the Bay Trail Greening Plan by approving the attached resolution. Should ABAG receive the grant, approval for the Executive Director or designee to sign the agreement is requested.

Next Steps

Submit adopted resolution to the Strategic Growth Council.

Attachment

Resolution

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO. 11-11

AUTHORIZING THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE URBAN GREENING PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL, RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006 (PROPOSITION 84)

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Growth Council has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the Strategic Growth Council require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicants governing board before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out development of the Urban Greening Plan;

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments:

1. Approves the filing of an application for Bay Trail Greening Plan; and
2. Certifies that the Applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application, and
3. Certifies that applicant will have sufficient funds to develop the plan; or will secure the resources to do so; and
4. Certifies that applicant will work towards the Governor's State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety as included in Government Code Section 65041.1; and
5. Appoints the Executive Director, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for development of the aforementioned plan.

The foregoing adopted by the Executive Board this 21st day of July, 2011.

Mark Green
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 July, 2011.

Ezra Rapport
Secretary-Treasurer

Approved as To Legal Form

Kenneth K. Moy
Legal Counsel

