



MEMO

September 2, 2009

To: ABAG Executive Board

From: Judy Kelly, Director
San Francisco Estuary Project

Re: Authorization to Enter into a Contract with CalFed/CA Dept. of Natural Resources
to Provide Support for the CALFED Science Program (CSP).

Executive Summary

ABAG/SFEP has historically provided institutional support for multi-agency planning, environmental and scientific projects, estuarine and scientific public education and outreach in regions within the CALFED Program solution area. This contract continues a longstanding working relationship by engaging a collaborator that has a strong and positive history and can provide continuity for existing projects. ABAG/SFEP has provided technical, administrative and communication support to the CALFED Science Program through several mutually beneficial contracts since 2001. SFEP and ABAG's ecosystem management goals and science needs overlap and are compatible with CALFED Program goals.

Under this contract, ABAG/SFEP will continue providing technical, communication and administrative support for the Science Program. Tasks include identifying and contracting with scientific experts for panels, boards, peer review and other efforts requiring scientific expertise; supporting workshops and technical meetings; and providing support for the biennial Science Program and State of the Estuary Conferences. The contract continues implementation of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for the San Francisco Estuary.

Recommended Action:

Authorization is requested for the Executive Director or designee to enter into a new two-year contract on behalf of ABAG/SFEP with the Natural Resources agency to continue providing support for the CALFED Science Program. The contract amount will not exceed \$300,000. A proposed resolution approving this contract is included in the meeting materials.

Next Steps:

SFEP will provide the Resolution approving this contract to the Science Program for addition to their contract package prior to DGS approval.

Attachment: Draft resolution

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AND
ACCEPT CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES
AGENCY
FOR SUPPORT OF THE CALFED SCIENCE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS:

1. The California Natural Resources Agency budget provides resources to support the CalFed Science Program; and
2. The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)/San Francisco Estuary Project (SFEP) is prepared to assist the CalFed Science Program through a multi-year contract supporting the following tasks:
 - Identify, retain and provide scientific experts for panel, boards, peer review, and other scientific efforts;
 - Organize and manage technical and administrative support for expert advisors, panels, boards and researchers;
 - Provide support for workshops, meetings, the biennial Science Program and State of the Estuary Conferences;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The ABAG Board authorizes the Executive Director or designee to negotiate and enter into a 2-year contract and any amendments with the California Natural Resources Agency not to exceed \$300,000 in support of the Science Program.
2. That the ABAG Board authorizes the Executive Director, or designee, to negotiate and execute contracts and agreements to implement the contract in accordance with its scope of work.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the ABAG Board held on September 17, 2009.

Clerk to the Board