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Subject: Authorization to Apply for and Accept a Grant from the U.S. EPA Funding for the San Pablo Stormwater Spine Project

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Executive Summary

Building on the green streets rain gardens pilot project installed in El Cerrito in the summer of 2010, the Estuary Partnership proposes working with local governments to plan and create a series of “spine” of demonstration green stormwater projects along San Pablo Avenue, in seven of the cities that touch San Pablo Avenue in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties. The projects will be located on San Pablo Avenue and wherever possible, within ABAG’s Priority Development Areas, contributing to greener infill development and more sustainable, livable communities, including in some of the disadvantaged communities bordering San Pablo Avenue. Each project can feature a different type of green stormwater treatment design—i.e., stormwater planters, bioswales, tree well filters, etc.—and use different project designers, as long as the design/project treats runoff from San Pablo Avenue and at least one acre (preferably more) of impervious surface.

The total amount of federal funding requested under this grant application is estimated at \$ 1,300,000. CalTrans has agreed to provide a project match of \$ 1,800, 000 for construction . Application is due to EPA by January 28, 2011, expected award would be June 2011.

Recommended Action

The Board is requested to authorize the application to USEPA for San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement funding. Should ABAG receive the grant, approval for the Executive Director or designee to sign the agreement is requested. The project assists with implementation of the CCMP for the San Francisco Estuary.