



March 21, 2011

**MEMORANDUM**

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To: ABAG Executive Board

From: Judy Kelly, Executive Director  
San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject: Request for Ratification and Resolution Approving Contract Agreement with the California State Coastal Conservancy for Support of the 2011 State of the Estuary Conference

The Board is requested to ratify the agreement between ABAG and the State Coastal Conservancy for support of the 2011 State of the Estuary Conference. The San Francisco Estuary Partnership organizes the two-day conference which provides the opportunity for scientists, managers, interest groups and the public to link the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan's (CCMP) implementation to other ecosystem management programs/activities, address challenges, provide education and solicit feedback on Bay-Delta Estuary restoration and protection.

This project implements one of the recommendations in the Public Involvement and Education component of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) for the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary. The San Francisco Estuary Partnership is one of 28 nationally significant estuaries designated under the Clean Water Act. The Conference also provides a forum to hear about new research and monitoring data, political and scientific impacts on environmental policy, and priority ecosystem management issues. The conference includes a poster session. There were 200 posters on display at the 2009 conference. A report will summarize the findings presented at the Conference and will be broadly distributed to local, state and federal decision makers.

The agreement with the Coastal Conservancy provides \$100,000 in support of the conference and the term of the agreement is from March 2011-December 2011.

