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ABAG

Date: June 9, 2014

To: ABAG Executive Board

From: Judy Kelly
Director, San Francisco Estuary Partnership

Subject: **Authorization to Submit an Application to the State Water Resources Control Board for SRF Funding for the Unified Bay and Delta Protection Planning Project and to Sign a Financial Agreement**

Executive Summary

The State Revolving Fund (SRF) program implemented by the State Water Resources Control Board funds projects for water quality improvements. Some funds can be allocated to worthy projects proposed by the National Estuary Projects (NEPS) in the state, of which the San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) is one. ABAG/SFEP wishes to apply for forgivable loan funding of \$1.7 million for a project to create a series of reports for integrated, scientifically sound, regional and comprehensive Estuary health assessments based on established monitoring programs designed to inform key decisions affecting the Estuary's health.

This project, the Unified Bay and Delta Protection Planning and Reporting, will help meet the challenge of restoring and sustaining a healthy San Francisco Bay Delta Estuary.

- Phase 1 of this Project will develop and deliver The State of Bay-Delta Science 2014 summarizing the most critically important information about the current status of science and scientific research for the Estuary.
- Phase 2 will directly flow from Phase 1 and prepare and deliver the first-ever State of the Estuary Report covering the health of the entire estuary including the Delta, the Bay, and the Gulf of the Farallones (2015).
- Phase 3, based on information from Phase 1 and 2, will update the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for the Bay-Delta Estuary (2016 CCMP) to incorporate the recent adjustments in public environmental policies and priorities for protecting the Estuary.

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Recommended Action

The ABAG Administrative Committee adopt the Resolution designating the Executive Director, or designee to submit the application and execute a financial agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board for the Unified Bay and Delta Protection Planning Project.

Attachment:
Resolution 08-14