



Authorization to Enter into a Funding Agreement with San Francisco Estuary Partnership

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Background

- In 2023, the **San Francisco Estuary Partnership** submitted a grant application to the Environmental Protection Agency's San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund program.
 - *Pivot Points: Moving Nature-Based Solutions for Water Quality Improvement and Shoreline Adaptation from Planning to Action*
 - included the development of an **Implementation Strategy** for the **Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency's** (HASPA) Shoreline Adaptation Master Plan and strengthening HASPA's capacity for governance of the nature-based solutions projects in the Master Plan in the long-term.

Background Continued

- The **Master Plan** was adopted by the HASPA Board of Trustees in **2021**, after two years of community engagement.
- The Master Plan details a **series of nature-based adaptation strategies** to protect the Hayward Shoreline's endangered species habitat, recreational resources and upland industrial, utility and transportation infrastructure from climate change and projected sea-level rise.
- There was **no prioritization of individual projects**, in terms of feasibility, cost, effectiveness and environmental benefit.

EBRPD's Role / Scope of Work

- Since 2022, the **Park District has been the administrative lead for HASPA**. Staff agreed to have the Implementation Strategy for HASPA be included in SFEP's grant proposal with the understanding the Park District would be a **sub-awardee to SFEP** if their application was selected for grant funding.
- **Scope of work:**
 - **HASPA implementation:** administration of HASPA; selection of a consultant team; community and stakeholder engagement; identification and design of demonstration projects; technical studies to inform decisions on prioritizing the Plan; funding plan
 - **HASPA JPA Governance:** assessment of the HASPA JPA governance evaluation including outreach and engagement; strategies for funding, permitting, and CEQA for individual projects in the Plan; governance evaluation report

Funding Agreement



SFEP will be the **lead agency** and responsible for managing the EPA grant. The **Park District** would be a **sub-awardee**.

Total cost for the Implementation Project (the scope of work EBRPD will complete) is **\$550,000**. EPA grant funds cover the cost.

Staff time will be tracked and used as in-kind match for the grant.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board Executive Committee authorize entering into a funding agreement with San Francisco Estuary Partnership to accept funds for the Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency Shoreline Master Plan Implementation Project in the amount of \$550,000 and forward this item to the full Board of Directors for review and authorization.



Thank you

Questions?