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SUBJECT: Staff Report and Recommendation to Amend a Contract with the Association of Bay Area Governments to assist in the development of a six-hour workshop and a framework and guidance to help local jurisdictions integrate hazard mitigation and climate adaptation into existing planning and implementation to support implementation and action
(For Commission consideration on February 4, 2016)

Summary

The staff recommended on November 5th that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to provide up to \$15,000 over several months to the Commission for its staff costs in supporting ABAG's development of a six-hour resilience workshop to be given at the American Planning Association's California Conference. This is a recommendation to amend that contract to increase the value to \$49,500 and expand the work associated and time frame associated with the contract. In addition to planning the one-day workshop, Commission staff will support ABAG in the development of guidance and resources for regional agencies. The guide will bring together best practices and lessons learned from ABAG and BCDC's experiences assisting local governments incorporate climate adaptation and hazard mitigation into existing plans and processes to support action and implementation to build safer communities. This work is being done in close coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and funded by FEMA. The staff also recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to amend the contract as long as the amendment does not involve substantial changes in either the scope or amount of the contract.

Staff Report

Background. The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) is a recipient of funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to adapt work that ABAG's Resilience Program developed with the Commission's Adapting to Rising Tides (ART) Program. This effort, entitled *Bay Area Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Planning*, brought ABAG's Resilience Program and BCDC's ART Program together to develop processes, methods and tools to assist local jurisdictions and organizations conduct risk assessments, develop and evaluate strategies, and determine implementation approaches to address hazards and climate change in more integrated manner. This contract amendment will support the Commission's ART Program staff in:

- (1) Developing a workshop for the American Planning Association's California Conference designed for an audience of land use, transportation and natural area planners that will define resilience to natural hazards and climate, identify strategies to assess risks in their communities, and highlight how to reduce risks through climate adaptation and hazard mitigation, integrate these issues into existing local plans and processes, and engage the public and stakeholders in the process.
- (2) Developing guidance and a framework that will include technical assistance, resources and findings that regional agencies can use to assist local jurisdictions to integrate climate adaptation and hazard mitigation into existing plans and processes to support and lead to implementation and action that will result in safer communities.
- (3) Helping other regions meet resilience goals by providing an accessible, adaptable way to conduct hazard and climate assessments and build local capacity to identify and implement strategies to reduce risk.

The work conducted under this contract also directly builds upon and supports ongoing and completed ABAG and BCDC projects aimed at understanding and responding to the risks the region faces from current and future flooding and earthquakes. These projects include the ART Program projects in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, ART Program resilience studies in Hayward and Oakland/Bay Farm Island, the *Safer Housing, Stronger Communities* project and the 2017 update to Plan Bay Area. Accordingly, staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to: (1) execute a contract with the Association of Bay Area Governments to provide up to \$49,500 over one year to the Commission for its staff costs to provide services in support of developing a six-hour, FEMA funded workshop on resilience for the American Planning Association's California Conference and develop guidance to assist local governments in incorporating hazard mitigation and climate adaptation into existing plans and processes to support and lead to implementation and action; and (2) amend the contract, as long as the amendment does not involve substantial changes in either the scope or amount of the contract.