

COMMISSION CONSIDERATION OF A SEDIMENT GRANT FACILITATOR CONTRACT

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SEDIMENT FOR WETLAND ADAPTATION PROJECT



Funding:

US Environmental Protect Agency Ocean Protection Council



Goal:

Increase beneficial reuse of sediment and soil for wetland habitat restoration, resilience, and sea level rise adaptation in the San Francisco Bay Area

Timeline:

January 2023 through December 2025

Partners:

US EPA

SF Estuary Institute

SF Bay Joint Venture

SF Bay Regional Water Board

California State Coastal Conservancy



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Three Project Phases:

1

to identify roles, responsibilities, and actions to create a roadmap to beneficial reuse.

2

Potential
Bay Plan Amendment to
address emerging sediment
issues, including wetlands
and climate adaptation
needs.

3

to support additional beneficial reuse of sediment and soil.



STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

Workshop Details:

- This winter
- Pre-workshop reading materials issue papers on relevant topics
- Stakeholder outreach ahead of workshop

Goals:

- Build coalition of stakeholders
- Identify roles, responsibilities, and actions
- Objectives: Create a Sediment to Wetlands Roadmap



FACILITATOR: THE CATALYST GROUP

- Extensive facilitation, collaboration, strategic planning, and stakeholder engagement experience
- Policy development across a broad array of applicable fields, such as ecosystem restoration, natural resource management, sea level rise, climate adaptation, infrastructure, and flood protection
- Previous projects include:
 - Delta Public Lands Strategy
 - Sites Reservoir Project Authority
 - Knightsen Wetlands Restoration Project
 - Delta Levees Investment Strategy



QUESTIONS / DISCUSSION



STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Executive Director to:

- Enter into an up to \$40,000 contract with the Catalyst Group to work with BCDC staff and the project core team to co-design a collaborative stakeholder process, develop a stakeholder workshop, assist in development and review of workshop materials, facilitate the workshop, and assist in developing a Sediment for Wetlands Roadmap document following the workshop over six to eight months, from August 1, 2023 (or upon approval, whichever is later) through April 15, 2024.
- Amend the contract as necessary, including revising the amount or duration of the agreement, so long as the amendment does not involve substantial changes to the services provided.



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