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Request for *approval* to enter into a contract to receive funds from the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) in the amount of \$250,000 and subsequently enter into a \$250,000 contract with the San Francisco Estuary Institute/Aquatic Science Center in support of the Sharing and Visualizing Data Assessments Project.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff requests board authorization for the Executive Officer to enter into a contract with the US EPA for \$250,000 in support of the Sharing and Visualizing Data Assessments Project. Staff also requests board authorization for the Executive Officer to enter into a \$250,000 contract with the San Francisco Estuary Institute/Aquatic Science Center (SFEI/ASC) in support of this project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Conservancy, in partnership with SFEI/ASC, the Delta Science Program (DSP) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), to identify high priority datasets, visualize these datasets geospatially, and share these datasets in EcoAtlas.

BACKGROUND

EcoAtlas is a tool developed by the California Wetland Monitoring Workgroup for the monitoring and assessment of California's aquatic resources. EcoAtlas currently contains a wealth of map-based information and rapid assessment data. Through this project, the Conservancy and its partners will leverage and integrate site-specific quantitative data into EcoAtlas. This project builds on a current Conservancy grant from the US EPA to enhance the functionality of EcoAtlas.

BUDGET

The total project cost is \$333,500. The US EPA is providing \$250,000 and \$83,500 is in-kind from the Conservancy, SFEI/ASC and the SWRCB.

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