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Request for *approval* to receive funds from the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) in the amount of \$124,180 and subsequently enter into a \$102,780 contract with the San Francisco Estuary Institute/Aquatic Science Center to integrate two existing reporting systems to improve performance measure reporting of restoration projects.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff requests board authorization to enter into a contract with the US EPA for \$124,180.38 in support of Advancing Performance Measure Reporting for current and future landscape restoration Projects. Staff also requests board authorization to enter into a \$102,780 contract with the San Francisco Estuary Institute/Aquatic Science Center (SFEI/ASC) to perform the primary technical to establishing the data exchange and integration processes between EcoAtlas and Delta view.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Conservancy, in partnership with the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC), Delta Science Program, and SFEI/ASC will integrate project data and performance measures between EcoAtlas and Delta view (Council's information management system), and develop new capabilities to improve reporting on performance measures for wetland restoration projects for Proposition 1 Grant and other programs.

BACKGROUND

Both the Delta Plan and Proposition 1 call for careful tracking of restoration efforts and reporting on performance measures. Under this project, wetland restoration project data will be exchanged and synchronized between EcoAtlas and Delta View to improve tracking and reporting on performance measures for restoration projects. This project is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Plan and current 3-year work plan objectives to gather and communicate scientific information for the Delta ecosystem. The US EPA has awarded \$124,180 for the first year of funding (FY 15-16 budget period). In addition, the US EPA anticipates that an additional \$125,000 will be awarded next fiscal year contingent upon the project's progress, the availability of FY 16-17 funds, and US EPA priorities.

BUDGET

The total project cost is \$382,680 with US EPA providing \$124,180 under this grant and another \$125,000 anticipated for FY 16-17. The remaining \$133,500 will be provided by DSC (\$50,000 in cash and \$28,000 for in-kind services) and by SFEI/ASC and the Conservancy (\$55,000 for in-kind services).

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