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TO: Commissioners and Alternates

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SUBJECT: Staff Report and Recommendation on a Contract with Aquatic Sciences Center
(For Commission consideration on October 6, 2011)

Recommendation

The staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract extension with the Aquatic Science Center (ASC), under which the Commission will provide up to \$98,000 to the ASC for: (1) analyzing and considering amendments to the *San Francisco Waterfront Special Area Plan*; (2) assisting with the Commission's Adapting to Rising Tides Project regarding climate change; and (3) assisting with the Commission's work on the Regional Airport Planning Committee. The staff also recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to amend the contract if that proves necessary so long as the amendment does not involve substantial changes in either the scope or amount of the contract.

Staff Report

On March 3, 2011, the Commission authorized the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the Aquatic Sciences Center (ASC) for up to \$49,000 for several planning project products. The ASC has ably provided these products. The Commission's regulations provide that if anyone other than the Commission or the Executive Director proposes to amend the Bay Plan that person or agency shall be responsible for paying the Commission's costs for processing the proposed amendments. The Commission entered into a contract with the Port of San Francisco to process amendments to the *San Francisco Waterfront Special Area Plan*. The Executive Director needs additional consultant assistance to complete this project. The staff recommends that the Commission obtain the required services by contracting with the Aquatic Sciences Center, affiliated with the San Francisco Estuary Institute.

The San Francisco Estuary Institute created the Aquatic Sciences Center as a Joint Powers Authority. The purpose of the ASC is the promotion and delivery of science support functions and information management for governmental and non-governmental organizations with roles in water quality protection, policy development, and assessment. The ASC center would assist with: amendments to the *San Francisco Waterfront Special Area Plan*; (2) assisting with the Commission's Adapting to Rising Tides Project regarding climate change; and (3) the Commission's work on the Regional Airport Planning Committee.

The staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the Aquatic Sciences Center for up to \$98,000, and to make any minor amendments to the contract, consistent with the Commission's policies.

