

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
and for Special Districts, Agencies and Authorities Governed by the Board

Adopted this Resolution on 11/14/2017 by the following vote:

AYE: ☐

NO: ☐

ABSENT: ☐

ABSTAIN: ☐

RECUSE: ☐



Resolution No. 2017/393

In the matter of Resolution No: 2017-393 RESOLUTION OF THE Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors SUPPORTING THE KNIGHTSEN WETLAND RESTORATION AND FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) was approved by voters of the State of California to implement three broad objectives including: more reliable water supplies, the restoration of important species and habitat, and a more resilient, sustainable managed water resources system; and

WHEREAS there is a history of severe flooding in the Community of Knightsen in Contra Costa County that has caused damage to property, contamination of drinking water and degradation of Delta water quality; and

WHEREAS, the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy worked with the East Bay Regional Park District to support the District's acquisition of a 645-acre parcel in January 2016 with the purpose of restoring habitat, addressing local flood control issues, improving water quality and providing recreation opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy with support from the Knightsen Community Services District has received funds for the Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection Project (Project) and from Proposition 1 funding from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife through a competitive grant process for (FY) 2015-16; and

WHEREAS, in Proposition 1, \$50 million is appropriated to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy "for competitive grants for multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects in accordance with statewide priorities (Cal. Water Code sec. 79730 and 79731)"; and

WHEREAS, the Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection Project is positioned to move forward with a subsequent project phase of design and permitting that is appropriate to compete for funds from the Delta Conservancy's 2017-18 open grant solicitation; and

WHEREAS, this grant award will provide the resources needed to complete the design and initial permitting of a large-scale multi-objective habitat restoration project that is important to the implementation of the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy's Conservation Strategy and will also provide critical flood protection for the Community of Knightsen.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors does hereby support the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy's application for up to \$1,500,000 in funds from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy for the Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Control Project.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: November 14, 2017

David J. Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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By: , Deputy

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