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County**

To: Contra Costa County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors  
 From: Brian M. Balbas, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer  
 Date: January 15, 2019

Subject: Lower Walnut Creek — California Department of Fish and Wildlife Proposition 1/68 Grant. Project No. 7520-6B8285

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Chief Engineer, Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (FC District), or designee, to apply for grant assistance in the form of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Proposition 1/68 Grant Program, in the amount of \$1.5 million, for partial implementation of the North and South Reaches of the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project, Martinez area.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Grant amount requested will be \$1.5 million of State Proposition 1/68 funds. Remaining project costs will be funded by FC District Zone 3B funds (Fund 252000) and local, state, and federal grant funds. There is no County match requirement.

**BACKGROUND:**

Following the 2014 congressional “selective deauthorization” of the most downstream 4 miles of Walnut and Pacheco Creeks, the FC District has completed a community-based planning process that identified a preferred alternative for restoration work of Lower Walnut Creek. The project subsequently attracted grant funding from the CDFW and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that covered California Environmental Quality Act

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **01/15/2019** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
 Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
 Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
 Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
 Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

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: January 15, 2019

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

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(CEQA), design, and regulatory

### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

permitting phases of work. Now the FC District is seeking grant funding for implementation of the restoration project.

In 2016, an earlier phase of the project received \$537,457 in CDFW Proposition 1 grant funding that partially paid for CEQA/design/permitting activities. The FC District has been encouraged to apply for implementation funding under this same grant program.

FC District staff has confirmed that the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project meets the eligibility criteria for grant funding and the project delivers benefits that are aligned with the grant program's priorities. Alignment with this grant program has been a fundamental objective of the project's planning process.

Because the CDFW Proposition 1/68 Grant Program is a good match for the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project funding, the FC District intends to request 1.5 million of implementation funding.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without the Board of Supervisors' approval, the FC District will not be able to apply for the CDFW Proposition 1/68 Grant described above.