



**Contra
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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: September 10, 2019

Subject: Lower Walnut Creek — California Department of Fish and Wildlife Wetland Restoration for Greenhouse Gas Reduction 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 from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Wetland Restoration for Greenhouse Gas Reduction (CDFW GHG) Grant Program, in the amount of \$950,000 for partial implementation of the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project, Martinez area.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Requested grant amount of \$950,000 of CDFW GHG funds, local match of \$1,200,000 funded by Flood Control Zone 3B funds included in current project budget.

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 California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that covered the design and regulatory permitting

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **09/10/2019** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

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

ABSENT: John Gioia, District I
 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: September 10, 2019

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

By: Stacey M. Boyd, Deputy

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

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

The CDFW GHG Grant is a state program that invests in conservation projects that restore or expand natural features, such as coastal marshes and wetlands. The grant will be awarded to projects that restore wetlands and, by doing so, reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The funding source is state “cap and trade” funds collected from greenhouse gas emitters. The Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project is a good match for CDFW GHG funding.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without the Board of Supervisors’ approval, the FC District will not be able to apply for the CDFW GHG Grant described above.