



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Contra Costa County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors

From: Brian M. Balbas, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer

Date: June 23, 2020

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 (Flood Control District), or designee, to execute the Wetlands Restoration for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Grant Agreement Number Q1996042 between the Flood Control District and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) in an amount not to exceed \$950,000 to provide partial implementation funding for the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project, for the period of July 1, 2020, or upon Grantor approval, whichever is later, to December 31, 2022, Martinez area.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Grant Agreement provides \$950,000 in CDFW GHG funds. The total project includes matching funds totaling \$17 million funded by the US Environmental Protection Agency (9%), the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (41%), the Wildlife Conservation Board (7%), the State Department of Water Resources (8%), the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Fund (6%), the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (8%), CDFW Prop 1/68 (8%), and the Flood Control District (7%).

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/23/2020** ☒ 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: June 23, 2020

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

By: Stacey M. Boyd, Deputy

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BACKGROUND:

On September 10, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved the Flood Control District's application to CDFW for \$950,000 for the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration project. The CDFW's 2019 Wetlands Restoration for GHG Reduction Grant Program is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment — particularly in disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income households. CDFW selected seven projects for funding, including Lower Walnut Creek, for a total of \$11.35 million. CDFW subsequently presented the Flood Control District with the Grant Agreement for signature. CDFW requires the Flood Control District execute the agreement in order to finalize the grant. The agreement requires the Flood Control District to indemnify the State of California for third party claims caused by the County in performing the grant agreement.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without Board approval, the Flood Control District will be unable to accept the \$950,000 CDFW grant.