



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Contra Costa County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors

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

Date: October 20, 2020

Subject: Lower Walnut Creek — California Department of Fish and Wildlife Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration
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 Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration Grant Program Grant Agreement Number Q2096013 (Grant Agreement) between the Flood Control District and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) in an amount not to exceed \$1,350,000 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 March 15, 2024, Martinez area.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Grant Agreement provides \$1,350,000 in CDFW Proposition 1 funds. The total project implementation cost of \$15.5 million includes matching funds totaling \$15.3 million. Project funders include the US Environmental Protection Agency (7%), the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority (45%), the Wildlife Conservation Board (8%), the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Fund (6%), the State Department of Water Resources, Integrated Regional Water Management Program (9%), the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (9%), the CDFW Greenhouse Gas Fund (6%), CDFW Proposition 1 (9%), and Flood Control District Zone 3B Funds (1%).

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **10/20/2020** ☒ 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: October 20, 2020

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

By: Stacey M. Boyd, Deputy

Contact: Paul Detjens, (925)
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BACKGROUND:

On January 15, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved the Flood Control District's application to the CDFW for \$1,350,000 for the Lower Walnut Creek Restoration project. The goal of the CDFW's 2020 Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration Grant Program is to contribute to the objectives of Proposition 1 (Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014) and Proposition 68 (California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018), and specifically to implement multi-benefit coastal wetland ecosystem restoration projects. The CDFW selected 19 projects for funding, including Lower Walnut Creek, for a total of \$24 million. The CDFW subsequently presented the Flood Control District with the Grant Agreement for signature. The CDFW requires the Flood Control District execute the Grant Agreement in order to finalize the grant. The Grant 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.

The Flood Control District's Lower Walnut Creek Restoration Project will restore and enhance brackish tidal wetlands and adjacent uplands along the southern shore of Suisun Bay and along Walnut and Pacheco Creeks to improve habitat quality, diversity and connectivity along 3.2 miles of creek channel. Full details can be found on the project webpage: www.lowerwalnutcreek.org.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without Board approval, the Flood Control District will be unable to accept the \$1,350,000 CDFW grant.

ATTACHMENTS

Grant Agreement