



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Contra Costa County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors
 From: Brian M. Balbas, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer
 Date: June 22, 2021

Subject: Wildcat Creek Fish Passage and Community Engagement Project—CA Dept. of Water Resources
 Proposition 68 Urban Streams Restoration Program Grant.

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 68 Urban Streams Restoration Program (USRP) Grant Agreement Number 4600014043 (Grant Agreement) between the Flood Control District, Trout Unlimited (John Muir Chapter) and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) in the amount of \$784,775 to provide funding for the Wildcat Fish Passage and Community Engagement Project (Project), North Richmond area.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Grant Agreement provides \$784,775 in Proposition 68 USRP funds for the Project without any requirement for local matching funds. Project No. 7505-6F8101

BACKGROUND:

On June 11, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No. 2019/189 authorizing staff to apply for a USRP grant for the Project in partnership with Trout Unlimited, John Muir Chapter. The Flood Control District subsequently applied for, and the DWR has accepted,

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/22/2021** ☒ 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 22, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Stacey M. Boyd, Deputy

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

the joint application and intends to award a grant in the amount of \$784,775 for the Project. The proposed Grant Agreement will allow the Flood Control District to accept and apply the funds toward the design and permitting phase of the Project, which is expected to produce a shovel-ready project within 2–3 years. Implementation funds and related approvals will be sought separately after this initial phase. Under the Grant Agreement, the Flood Control District is obligated to indemnify the DWR from any and all liabilities for any claims and damages that may arise out of the Project and the Grant Agreement.

The proposed Project will be designed to retrofit the existing fish ladder in the Wildcat Creek flood control facility and replace it with a more natural design to improve fish passage. Additionally, as requested by the City of San Pablo, the Project will include a modification to an existing flood control structure to improve flow conditions and reduce flood risk to the surrounding area. The Project will also include a community engagement process to raise flood control and fish passage awareness in the community.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without Board approval, the Flood Control District will be unable to accept the \$784,775 Proposition 68 USRP grant.

ATTACHMENTS

Grant Agreement