



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Contra Costa County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors  
From: Brian M. Balbas, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer  
Date: March 1, 2022

Subject: Approve Agreement with Urban Tilth for the North Richmond Watershed Connections Project. Project No. 7517-6W7257

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Contra Costa County Public Works Director, or designee, to execute a reimbursement agreement between Contra Costa County (County) and Urban Tilth (UT) to provide up to \$422,000 to UT from a State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) grant for the installation of sidewalks, bike lane, and stormwater infrastructure (linear raingardens and bioswales) and the planting of street trees, as part of the North Richmond Watershed Connections Project (Project), for the period March 1, 2022 through December 31, 2042.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The SCC grant funding is \$884,000 for the Project, including \$422,000 to complete Component 2 of the Project, consisting of the installation of sidewalks, bike lane, and stormwater infrastructure (linear raingardens and bioswales) and the planting of street trees, in collaboration with UT. The SCC grant is also providing \$78,000 to the County for Project administration.

**BACKGROUND:**

On October 8, 2019, the Board authorized the Public Works Director to accept and execute

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD  
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **03/01/2022** ☒ 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: March 1, 2022

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

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By: Antonia Welty, Deputy

a grant between the SCC and Public Works for \$884,000 for the Project. The County

## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

is working in collaboration with UT and The Watershed Project (TWP) to plan, design, and construct the Project.

The Project is a multi-benefit project in North Richmond with three components. Component 1 includes the planting of trees in addition to the installation of sidewalks and bike lanes along Fred Jackson Way between Grove Avenue and Brookside Drive as part of the County Public Works' First Mile/Last Mile project.

Component 2 is the construction of sidewalks, a bike lane, and stormwater infrastructure, including a linear raingarden with some street trees. Component 2 is being completed by UT, which is responsible for designing and constructing the sidewalks, bike lane, and stormwater infrastructure (linear raingardens and bioswales) and the planting of street trees within County road right-of-way. Per the grant requirements, installation of the Project is scheduled to be completed by December 31, 2022.

Component 3 of the Project is an urban greening component consisting of an "Adopt a Tree" program and the installation of wayfinding elements in the neighborhood between the North Richmond Baseball Field and Chesley Avenue and between Fred Jackson Way and 7th Street. Component 3 is being completed by TWP under a separate agreement.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was prepared for Component 2 of the Project, concluding that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The MND was approved by the County Zoning Administrator on November 13, 2018, and a Notice of Determination was subsequently posted as required by law. The required mitigation measures are being implemented as part of the construction work for Component 2.

The proposed Agreement includes insurance and indemnification to protect the County against potential liabilities occurring during construction of the Project, which will be performed by a contractor hired by UT. Under the proposed Agreement, the County is passing through to UT \$422,000 in grant funding provided by SCC for the installation by UT of sidewalk, bike lane, and stormwater infrastructure (linear raingardens and bioswales) and the planting of street trees, and the County is using \$78,000 in SCC grant funding for County administration and management of the Project.

The Agreement is needed to authorize UT to construct and implement Component 2 of the Project and to invoice the County for the work completed under the SCC grant. Per the terms of the SCC grant, the Agreement is subject to SCC's approval and will be finalized when that approval is received.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the Agreement is not approved, the County will not be able to complete the Project work and the state funding provided by SCC may be lost.

## ATTACHMENTS

UT Agreement NRW