



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Brian M. Balbas, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer
Date: April 12, 2022

Subject: Resolution designating authorized staff to execute and process documents for the State Coastal Conservancy Grant Agreement, Richmond area.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ADOPT Resolution No. 2022/126 authorizing the Public Works Director, or designee, to execute and process documents related to the Grant Agreement with the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) for the implementation of the North Richmond Watershed Connections Project (Project).

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are no direct cost impacts with designation of authorized staff to execute and process this Grant Agreement. The SCC grant funding for \$884,000 for the Project and the \$78,000 to Contra Costa County (County) for Project administration was authorized previously by the Board with 100% State Coastal Conservancy Grant Funds.

BACKGROUND:

On October 8, 2019, the Board authorized the Public Works Director, or designee, to accept and execute a grant between the SCC and the County for \$884,000 for the Project. The County is working in collaboration with Urban Tilth (UT) and The Watershed Project (TWP) to plan, design, and construct the Project.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **04/12/2022** ☒ 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: April 12, 2022

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

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By: June McHuen, Deputy

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 Department's

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

First Mile/Last Mile project.

Component 2 is the construction of sidewalks, a bike lane, and stormwater infrastructure, including a linear rain garden 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 rain gardens 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.

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.

On January 11, 2022, the Board authorized the Public Works Director, or designee, to execute an agreement between the County and TWP to implement component 3 and provide up to \$150,000 to TWP from the SCC grant. On March 1, 2022, the Board authorized the Public Works Director, or designee, to execute an agreement between the County and UT to install component 2 and provide up to \$422,000 from the SCC grant.

The resolution is needed to authorize the Public Works Director, or designee, to negotiate and execute the Grant Agreement on behalf of the County.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the Agreement is not approved, the Public Works Director, or designee, will not be able to negotiate and execute the grant agreement on behalf of the County.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 2022/126