



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Contra Costa County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors

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

Date: September 13, 2022

Subject: Wildcat Creek Fish Passage and Community Engagement — U.S. Environmental Protection Agency San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund Grant.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Acting as the governing body of the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (FC District), APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Chief Engineer, or designee, to apply for and/or accept federal assistance in the form of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund Grant in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for design, permitting, construction and monitoring of the Wildcat Creek Fish Passage and Community Engagement Project, North Richmond area.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Grant amount request is not to exceed \$2,000,000 from the U.S. EPA. Matching funds would come from the recently received \$784,775 California Department of Water Resources Urban Streams Restoration Program grant or from other grant funds. (Project No. 7505-6F8101)

BACKGROUND:

The FC District owns and manages the Wildcat Creek flood control structure and the fish ladder structure constructed by the Corps of Engineers in the 1990s. The FC District is

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **09/13/2022** ☒ 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: September 13, 2022

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

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currently conducting a planning process that seeks to retrofit the existing fish ladder and replace

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

it with a more natural design to improve fish passage.

The U.S. EPA is seeking high-quality grant proposals for multibenefit ecosystem restoration and protection projects that lead to the restoration of important species and habitat.

The Wildcat Creek Fish Passage and Community Engagement Project is expected to be a good match for the goals of the U.S. EPA San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund Grant; thus the FC District recommends submitting an application. If the Grant is awarded, the FC District will return to the Board for approval of the grant agreement.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Without the Board of Supervisors' approval, the FC District will not be able to apply for the EPA San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund Grant.