



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Contra Costa County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors

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

Date: October 11, 2022

Subject: Wildcat Creek Fish Passage Implementation Project — California Department of Water Resources Integrated Regional Water Management 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 state assistance in the form of the California Department of Water Resources Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for design, permitting, construction and monitoring of the Wildcat Creek Fish Passage Implementation Project, North Richmond area.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Grant amount request is not to exceed \$1,500,000 from California Department of Water Resources IRWM Grant. No matching funds are required by this IRWM Grant since the project would serve the disadvantaged community of north Richmond. Other funding received for this project includes a grant from California Department of Water Resources Urban Streams Restoration Program in the amount of \$784,775. On September 13, 2022, the Board also approved a grant application in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 9 San Francisco Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund. (Project No. 7505-6F8101)

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **10/11/2022** ☒ 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: October 11, 2022

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

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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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 currently conducting a planning process that seeks to retrofit the existing fish ladder and replace it with a more natural design to improve fish passage.

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) 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 Implementation Project is expected to be a good match for the goals of the DWR IRWM Grant; thus the FC District recommends submitting an application. If the California DWR ultimately decides to award an IRWM Grant to the project, the FC District will return to the Board for subsequent 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 California Department of Water Resources IRWM Grant.