

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2022-127

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA APPROVING A MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SONOMA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR LAND ACQUISITION FOR THE LOWER COLGAN CREEK RESTORATION – PHASE 3 PROJECT AND LOWER COLGAN CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

WHEREAS, in accordance with the voter-approved Expenditure Plan, the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (District) has established a competitive Matching Grant Program (Program) for projects that provide open space, community recreation, or public access opportunities within and near incorporated areas and other urbanized areas of Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, the District released Guidelines and Application Materials for the 2022 round of funding for applications due on July 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa Water has identified construction of the Lower Colgan Creek Restoration Project – Phase 3 as a priority to implement the City’s 2035 General Plan Chapter 7-3 Biological Resources and Waterways and the Citywide Creek Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation & Public Works Department has identified acquisition and future improvement of the Lower Colgan Creek Neighborhood Park Project as a priority to provide public recreation spaces, in alignment with Council Goal 5, *Build and Maintain Sustainable Infrastructure*; and

WHEREAS, the project meets the criteria for the District’s Matching Grant Program, as a restoration project that will provide approximately 2,450 linear feet of restored creek habitat and a multi-use pathway to enable bicycle and pedestrian movement and connectivity within southwest Santa Rosa, and acquisition of a neighborhood park with future opportunities for environmental education; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the land acquisition needed for Lower Colgan Creek Restoration Project – Phase 3 and Lower Colgan Creek Neighborhood Park Project (the Project) is estimated at \$3,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Program requires applicants to provide the equivalent of a one-to-one match for the project; and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting \$1,500,000 in grant funding for the Project, with the source of the matching funds being Storm Water Enterprise funds, Park Development Impact fees from the Southwest Zone 2, and future grants from other sources; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the City will purchase the land required for construction of the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa hereby finds, determines, declares and orders as follows:

1. The foregoing recitations are true and correct; and
2. The Water Director (Director) in coordination with the Director of Transportation and Public Works is hereby authorized to submit an application for funding to the District's Program in the amount of \$1,500,000 for land acquisition for the Lower Colgan Creek Restoration Project – Phase 3 and Lower Colgan Creek Neighborhood Park (the Project); and
3. The Project is consistent with the City's 2035 General Plan; and
4. The Director is hereby authorized to conduct all negotiations and submit and sign all documents, including but not limited to, application, matching grant agreement, conservation easement, recreation covenant, irrevocable offer(s) of dedication, amendments, and reimbursement requests, which may be necessary for completion of the Project in coordination with the Director of Transportation and Public Works and subject to approval by the City Attorney; and
5. If awarded funding, the City of Santa Rosa has or will have available \$1,500,000 for matching funds to purchase the land required to construct the Project; and
6. The City of Santa Rosa has or will have available sufficient funds to construct, operate, and maintain the project, if awarded funding; and
7. The City of Santa Rosa has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the provisions contained in the Program Guidelines; and
8. The City of Santa Rosa acknowledges that if the Project is funded, it will be required to comply with all federal, state, and local laws.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council, upon approval of the grant agreement, directs the Chief Financial Officer to increase appropriations in JL Key 54030, Lower Colgan Creek Restoration Phase 3 and JL Key 09566, Southwest Community Park, equal to the approved grant amount.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 21st day of June, 2022.

AYES: (6) Mayor C. Rogers, Vice Mayor Alvarez, Council Members Fleming, MacDonald, N. Rogers, Schwedhelm

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Council Member Sawyer

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
Deputy City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney