

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
SUBJECT: GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES URBAN
STREAMS RESTORATION PROGRAM FOR FUNDING THE
CONSTRUCTION OF LOWER COLGAN CREEK
RESTORATION PHASE 2
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AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

ISSUE(S)

Shall the Council, by resolution, approve the Utilities Department to jointly apply with the Redwood Empire Chapter of Trout Unlimited to submit a grant application to the Department of Water Resources, Urban Streams Restoration Program for funding for the construction of Lower Colgan Creek Restoration Phase 2?



COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIES

This item related to City Council Goal #3: Provide Leadership for Environmental Initiatives as the project would enhance Colgan Creek in southwest Santa Rosa.

BACKGROUND

1. On August 27, 2013, the Council adopted an update to the Santa Rosa Citywide Creek Master Plan, which authorized staff to seek funds for implementation of the Lower Colgan Creek Restoration Project. The Creek Plan includes a detailed conceptual restoration plan for Lower Colgan Creek.
2. The Colgan Creek Restoration Project is a three-phased project stretching along 1.4 miles of the creek in southwest Santa Rosa. The total project is anticipated to cost over \$10,000,000 and will restore the creek from an earthen flood control channel to a healthier seasonal creek. It will also include a bicycle and pedestrian pathway and increase the flood capacity of the channel to carry the 100 year flood.
3. The City and the Redwood Empire Chapter of Trout Unlimited (Trout Unlimited) were jointly awarded Urban Streams Restoration Program funding in 2013 for the

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Lower Colgan Creek Restoration Phase 1 (Phase 1) project, which is adjacent to Elsie Allen High School, and nearly complete.

4. In this current funding cycle, approximately \$8 million of Urban Streams Restoration Program funds are available statewide and individual projects can be awarded a maximum of \$1 million.
5. All proposals must include a local public agency and a citizen's group as co-sponsors. By continuing the City's relationship with Trout Unlimited in Lower Colgan Creek Restoration Phase 2 (Phase 2), the educational component, including school instruction, field trips, and water quality testing established by Trout Unlimited in Phase 1 will continue.
6. With an anticipated construction cost of approximately \$2.2 million for Phase 2, located between Victoria Drive and Boron Avenue, the City has applied for \$941,223.60 in funding from the current round of Urban Streams Restoration Program. No local matching funds are required.
7. Additionally, in October 2014, the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's Matching Grant Program awarded \$617,710 toward construction of Phase 2.

ANALYSIS

1. The Lower Colgan Creek Restoration Phase 2 project is consistent with the Urban Stream Restoration Program's goals.
2. Funds to complete the project will include the secured Sonoma Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's Matching Grant Program's award of \$617,710, future grant awards, and Storm Water Enterprise Funds.
3. A Council resolution is required in order for the City's application, submitted on January 7, 2015, to be deemed complete.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Department of Utilities that Council, by resolution, 1) authorize the joint grant application submittal with Redwood Empire Chapter of Trout Unlimited to the California Department of Water Resources Urban Streams Restoration Program for the Lower Colgan Creek Restoration Phase 2 project in southwest Santa Rosa, requesting up to \$941,223.60 in grant funds for this \$2.2 million restoration and pathway project, 2) authorize the Director of Utilities to negotiate and enter into all grant agreements with the California Natural Resources Agency, Department of Water Resources if the project is awarded funding, and 3) authorize the Chief Financial Officer to increase the project account JL Key 54024 by the approved grant amount.

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Attachments: None