

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
SUBJECT: GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SONOMA COUNTY
AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION AND OPEN SPACE
DISTRICT'S MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM 2014/2015
FOR THE LOWER COLGAN CREEK RESTORATION –
PHASE II PROJECT
STAFF PRESENTER: STEVE BRADY, SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST
UTILITIES
AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

ISSUE(S)

Shall the Council, by resolution, authorize the Transportation & Public Works and Utilities Departments to submit an application to the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's Matching Grant Program 2014/2015 for the Lower Colgan Creek Restoration – Phase II Project?



COUNCIL GOALS AND STRATEGIES

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

BACKGROUND

1. Since the District's inception, the City has partnered with the District on numerous projects through the match grant program and other partnership opportunities including acquisition of land for the Lower Colgan Creek Restoration, Bayer Neighborhood Park and Gardens, and Roseland Community Park.
2. In this funding cycle the District has \$3,000,000 available and requires a 1:1 match.
3. 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 for Lower Colgan Creek.

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4. The Colgan Creek Restoration Project is a three phased project stretching along 1.4 miles of the creek in southwest Santa Rosa. The 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 that includes riffles, pools, instream habitat structures and native plantings. It will also include a bicycle and pedestrian pathway and increase the flood capacity of the channel to carry the 100-year flood. Phase I, near Elsie Allen High School, will be constructed in the summer of 2014. Phase II is located between Victoria Drive and Boron Avenue and could be constructed in 2016 if additional grant funding is secured.
5. With an anticipated cost of \$2,389,680 for Phase II, the City is seeking \$995,360 in funding from the Matching Grant Program.

ANALYSIS

1. Lower Colgan Creek Restoration – Phase II is consistent with the District's Program Guidelines and the City is currently working with the District to acquire land for the project under a previous matching grant award.
2. Matching funds for Lower Colgan Creek Restoration – Phase II will be provided by Storm Water Enterprise Funds and other future grants.
3. A Council resolution is required for submittal of the application, which was submitted on April 11, 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Departments of Transportation & Public Works and Utilities that Council, by resolution: 1) authorize the submittal of an application to the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's Matching Grant Program for the Lower Colgan Creek Restoration – Phase II Project in southwest Santa Rosa requesting up to \$995,360 in grant funds for this \$2,389,680 restoration and pathway project with the source of matching funds being Storm Water Enterprise Funds and future grants from other sources; 2) authorize the Director of Transportation & Public Works to negotiate and enter into all grant agreements with the District if the project is awarded funding; and 3) direct the Chief Financial Officer to increase the project account JL Key 54024 by the approved grant amount.

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Attachments:

- None