

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: HEAVEN MOORE, SUPERVISING ENGINEER, SANTA ROSA
WATER
SUBJECT: JENIFER PICCININI, RESEARCH & PROGRAM COORDINATOR
GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY, CALIFORNIA RIVER
PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM FOR FUNDING OF THE
CONSTRUCTION OF LOWER COLGAN CREEK RESTORATION
PHASE 2

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Santa Rosa Water Department that the Council, by resolution: 1) authorize Santa Rosa Water to submit a grant application to the State of California Natural Resources Agency, California River Parkways Grant Program for \$494,903 for funding of the construction of Lower Colgan Creek Restoration Phase 2; 2) appoint the Director of Santa Rosa Water, or his designee, as agent to execute and submit all documents related to the grant; and 3) authorize appropriation of funding by the approved grant amount.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This item is related to City Council Goal #3: Provide Leadership for Environmental Initiatives as the grant would provide funding for the enhancement of 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 million 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. Construction of Lower Colgan Creek Restoration Phase 1, located adjacent to Elsie Allen High School was completed in 2014, cost approximately \$1.8 million and was funded by a combination of grant funding from the State of California and Storm Water enterprise funds.
4. Lower Colgan Creek Restoration Phase 2 (Phase 2) is located between Victoria Drive and Boron Avenue. With an anticipated construction cost of approximately \$2.2 million for Phase 2, the City has secured \$941,223.60 in funding from the State of California Department of Water Resources Urban Streams Restoration Program and \$617,710 from the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's Matching Grant Program.
5. No local matching funds are required by the California River Parkways Grant Program.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On May 6, 2014, the City Council, by Resolution No. 28475, approved the grant application to the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's Matching Grant Program for Phase 2, which resulted in an award of \$617,710 in grant funding.

On February 24, 2015, the City Council, by Resolution No. 28606, approved the grant application to the State of California Department of Water Resources Urban Streams Restoration Program for the Phase 2, which resulted in an award of \$941,223.60 in grant funding.

ANALYSIS

1. The Lower Colgan Creek Restoration Phase 2 project is consistent with the River Parkways Grant Program's guidelines.
2. Funds to complete the project will include the secured Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's Matching Grant Program award of \$617,710 and State of California Department of Water Resources Urban Streams Restoration Program award of \$941,223.60, future grant awards, and Storm Water Enterprise Funds.
3. A Council resolution is required in order for the City's application, submitted on September 1, 2015, to be deemed complete by California River Parkways Grant Program guidelines.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this resolution authorizing the grant application does not have a fiscal impact on the City's adopted budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The Council approved and adopted, by Resolution No. 27736, a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Colgan Creek Restoration and Park project on September 21, 2010.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

CONTACT

Heaven Moore, hmoore@srcity.org; 707-543-4530