

# City of Santa Rosa



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**Title:** KELLY FARM CALIFORNIA TIGER SALAMANDER MITIGATION BANK UPDATE

Staff will provide a brief update on the development of the California tiger salamander mitigation bank on Kelly Farm.

The Laguna Treatment Plant (LTP) and many of the city-owned farms are located within the Santa Rosa Plain which is home to endangered species, including the California tiger salamander (CTS), and rare plants, including Sebastopol meadowfoam, Burke's goldfields, and Sonoma sunshine. When the City undertakes a project located at these facilities, projects need to be designed to avoid impacts to these sensitive species, or the City needs to purchase mitigation credits from a privately held mitigation bank to offset the impacts. Over the last ten years, the cost of CTS credits has continually increased. The City has planned projects that may require significant mitigation credits, including the LTP Flood Protection Project. The purchase of mitigation credits can add a large cost to projects and extend the time that it takes to obtain regulatory permits, thus delaying the start of projects.

As an alternative to purchasing mitigation credits from privately-owned mitigation banks, the City is planning to establish a CTS and wetland mitigation bank for City projects on an approximately 100-acre portion of the Kelly Farm property. In order to develop the mitigation bank, the City has hired GHD, Inc. to plan, design, permit, manage construction, and monitor the proposed mitigation bank. Construction is currently planned for 2025. The Board may discuss this item and give direction to staff.

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