

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2024-031

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD FOR THE LOWER COLGAN CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT – PHASE 3

WHEREAS, funds were made available to the Wildlife Conservation Board for the enhancement or restoration of fish and wildlife habitat and for the development of public access facilities for hunting, fishing, or other wildlife-oriented recreational uses; and

WHEREAS, in November 2023, Santa Rosa Water submitted a grant pre-application to the Wildlife Conservation Board providing a project overview and requesting funding for the Lower Colgan Creek Restoration Project – Phase 3 (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2024, the Wildlife Conservation Board invited Santa Rosa Water to submit a full grant application; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa Water has identified construction of the entire Lower Colgan Creek Restoration Project 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 Project meets the criteria for the Wildlife Conservation Board grant, as an implementation project that will restore the straightened and channelized Lower Colgan Creek back into a more natural form to improve wildlife habitat, adapt to climate change, and enhance public access and environmental education in a low-income area; and

WHEREAS, staff is requesting grant funding for construction, public art, and installation of a large-scale monarch and pollinator habitat.

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

1. The foregoing recitations are true and correct; and
2. The Santa Rosa Water Director, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and file an application for funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board, and take such other actions as necessary or appropriate to obtain grant funding for the Project; and
3. The Santa Rosa Water Director, or designee, is hereby authorized to conduct negotiations, execute, submit, and sign all documents including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and other documents which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed Project, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney; and
4. The Project is consistent with the City’s 2035 General Plan; and

5. The City of Santa Rosa has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the provisions contained in the Wildlife Conservation Board General Grant Guidelines; and
6. The City of Santa Rosa acknowledges that if the Project is funded, it will be required to comply with all federal, state, and local environmental, public health, and other appropriate laws and regulations applicable to the project and will obtain or will ensure that the other project partners obtain all appropriate permits applicable to the Project.

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 Project - Phase 3, equal to the approved grant amount.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 5th day of March, 2024.

AYES: (5) Vice Mayor Stapp, Council Members Alvarez, Fleming, MacDonald, Okrepkie

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Mayor N. Rogers, Council Member C. Rogers

ABSTAIN/RECUSE: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Vice Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney