



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Public Works/Flood
Control
Department No.: 054
For Agenda Of: June 3, 2025
Placement: Admin
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Directors, Flood Control and Water Conservation District

FROM: Department
Director: Chris Sneddon, Public Works Director, (805) 568-3010
Contact Info: Walter Rubalcava, Deputy Director–Flood Control, (805) 568-3436

SUBJECT: Cooperative Agreement with The Project for Resilient Communities for Grant
Funding for the Carpinteria Creek Habitat Restoration Project, First Supervisorial
District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Directors:

- a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Cooperative Agreement between The Project for Resilient Communities and the Flood Control District to receive grant funding for the Carpinteria Creek Habitat Restoration Project;
- b) Determine that executing a Cooperative Agreement is an organizational and administrative activity pursuant to State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) section 15378(b)(5); and
- c) Find that the Project is an environmentally beneficial activity within the scope of the Program Environmental Impact Report for the Updated Routine Maintenance Program (01-PEIR-01; State Clearinghouse No. 2001031043 and subsequent addenda); and that no subsequent CEQA document is required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2) and 15162(a).

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to execute a Cooperative Agreement (Attachment A) to facilitate the Flood Control District (District) to receive \$96,676 in grant funds for the Carpinteria Creek Habitat Restoration Project (Project) from The Project for Resilient Communities (TPRC). TPRC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization focused on hazard mitigation activities following the Thomas Fire and January 9, 2018 debris flow. TPRC is a recipient of grant funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for community-based hazard mitigation and habitat restoration, Grant ID 0318.19.071761, hereinafter referred to as “NFWF GRANT” and included in the Cooperative Agreement as Attachment 1. TPRC and NFWF arranged for the inclusion of the Project and an associated extension of the grant funding period through September 30, 2025, as described in the NFWF Programmatic Report (Attachment B).

TPRC and the District have partnered to develop a habitat restoration project along Carpinteria Creek, downstream of the Gobernador Debris Basin and described in the Project Summary in the Cooperative Agreement as Attachment 2. The District has presented TPRC a project scope and projected budget for reimbursable expenses to complete the Project, including County staff labor, rock/soil materials, plant materials, erosion control materials, and irrigation materials in the amount of \$96,676 total, included in the budget summary in the Cooperative Agreement as Attachment 2.

The Cooperative Agreement would establish the District as a sub-grant recipient and create the financial instruments necessary for the District to receive reimbursement from TPRC in support of the Project.

Background:

Carpinteria Creek downstream of the Gobernador Debris Basin was damaged during the January 9, 2018 debris flow. The creek bank suffered erosion and loss of riparian habitat. Continued erosion since 2018 has exacerbated the problem. The proposed Project intends to repair and restore damaged sections of the creek bank by importing natural rock, soil, and sediment with native riparian plants. The Project was developed by the District and TPRC as an environmentally beneficial hazard-response and habitat restoration activity.

TPRC has agreed to reimburse District expenses through the NFWF grant in the amount of \$96,676. Reimbursable expenses include County staff labor, rock/soil materials, plant materials, erosion control and irrigation materials. The District is committed to covering other environmental costs such as planning, permitting, ongoing maintenance, and management through the District’s Annual Routine Creek Maintenance Program.

In December 2001, the Board of Directors adopted the revised Annual Routine Creek Maintenance Program and Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (01-PEIR-01), which includes maintenance practices, mitigation measures, habitat restoration activities, and an annual project approval process. The proposed Project described in the Cooperative Agreement is an environmentally beneficial creek restoration activity and falls within the scope of activities described in the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report. Upon adoption of the Cooperative Agreement, the District intends to include the Project in the Annual Routine Creek Maintenance Program for implementation in late summer 2025. No

additional CEQA document is required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2) and 15162(a).

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No. If approved, this funding will be included as a final budget adjustment to the FY 2025-26 Recommended Budget, scheduled for Board consideration on June 17, 2025.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized</u>	<u>Total One-Time</u>
		<u>On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Project Cost</u>
TPRC			\$ 96,676.00
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 96,676.00

Narrative:

The total estimated cost of the project is \$96,676. A portion of the costs will be incurred in FY 2024-25 and will be funded through existing appropriations in the South Coast Flood Zone. The remaining costs will be incurred in FY 2025-26 and is included in the proposed FY 2025-26 budget. All project costs will be advanced by the South Coast Flood Zone and submitted for reimbursement by TPRC upon project completion.

No General Fund monies will be utilized for this project.

Special Instructions:

Direct the Clerk of the Board to email a signed copy of the signature page of the Cooperative Agreement and a copy of the minute order of these actions to Christina Lopez at clopez@countyofsb.org.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Cooperative Agreement with TPRC
Attachment B: NFWF Programmatic Report 2025

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