



COUNTY OF PLACER
Community Development/Resource Agency

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Agency Director

**PLANNING
SERVICES DIVISION**

E. J. Ivaldi, Deputy Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael J. Johnson, AICP
Agency Director

By: Nikki Streegan, Associate Planner

DATE: February 24, 2015

SUBJECT: Grant Submittal Authorization: Department of Water Resources Urban Streams Restoration Program

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Adopt a Resolution authorizing grant application submittal for the California Department of Water Resources Urban Streams Restoration Grant Program in the amount of \$998,300 to fund the Cottonwood Dam Improvement Project.

BACKGROUND

Cottonwood Dam was constructed in the early 1950s and is located on Miners Ravine within the Hidden Valley Estates Subdivision. It is owned and operated by the Hidden Valley Community Association (Association). A series of dam failures, the most recent in 2009, have caused many issues including poor water quality and stream habitat. As a result of the 2009 failure, homes in the subdivision were flooded and sediment was released into Miners Ravine. The sediment release led to a citation issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to the Association under Section 5650. Since that time, the Association has worked with Placer County and State and Federal agencies to develop a plan to improve the site.

The California Department of Water Resources Urban Streams Restoration Program provides grants in accordance with California Water Code Section 7048 to local communities for projects to reduce flooding and erosion; restore, enhance, or protect the natural ecological values of streams; and promote community involvement, education, and stewardship.

Placer County Community Development Resource Agency, in coordination with the Dry Creek Conservancy, is seeking this grant for the Cottonwood Dam Improvement Project. The overall goals of the project are to maintain and improve floodplain storage, improve aesthetic and ecological conditions, improve fish migration, and improve site safety and landowner access to Miners Ravine. The project also aims to create education and stewardship opportunities for the community.

ANALYSIS

Cottonwood Dam is noted as the largest fish passage barrier on Miners Ravine and has been identified as a fish passage priority in CDFW's List of Statewide Priority Barriers (number one priority in Placer County), the Dry Creek Watershed Coordinated Resource Management Plan, as well as the Cosumnes, American, Bear, and Yuba Integrated (CABY) Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan (IRWMP).

In collaboration with local landowners and the Dry Creek Conservancy, Placer County is proposing to improve the failed section of Cottonwood Dam with financial and technical support from a variety of resources. The project team will work closely with partnering agencies such as California Department Fish and Wildlife, National Marine Fisheries Service, California Department of Water Resources, and Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District in order to achieve the objectives that have been identified by stakeholders.

FISCAL IMPACT

The total project cost is estimated at \$1,209,300. The grant proposal will request \$998,300 in grant funds from the Urban Streams Restoration Program. Absent other funding contributions, and should the County decide to proceed with the project, the total contribution from Placer County would include \$60,000 from the Wetland Mitigation fund and \$17,500 for in-kind support, if deemed appropriate. Additional sources of funding total \$133,500 in cash and in-kind contributions from project partners.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Resolution

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of:

Resolution No.: _____

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE
APPLICATION FOR AN URBAN STREAMS
RESTORATION PROGRAM GRANT AND
DETERMINING APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT DOCUMENT, CONDITIONALLY ACCEPTING
GRANT IF OFFERED, AND DESIGNATING PROJECT
REPRESENTATIVE, CONTRACT MANAGER, AND FISCAL AGENT

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Attest:

Clerk of said Board

Chair, Board of Supervisors

Clerk of the Board Signature

Chair Signature

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLACER, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources, FloodSAFE Environmental Stewardship and Statewide Resources Office, Urban Streams Restoration Program has announced the availability of funds for grants, and

WHEREAS, said grants are intended to help solve flooding and erosion problems in a way that provides environmental enhancement; and

WHEREAS, the County of Placer has proposed to sponsor a grant application with the Dry Creek Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors concludes the project proposed for funding with grants would be environmentally beneficial and the County will comply with all requirements of CEQA and other environmental permits prior to implementation of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors considers the prospects of receiving a grant to be reasonably likely.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Resolved by the Placer County Board of Supervisors to approve a joint application with Dry Creek Conservancy for the Urban Streams Restoration Program.

If offered such a grant, the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Community Development Resource Agency Director or designee to accept and sign any contract for administration of the grant funds, and the Community Development Resource Agency Director or designee to act as Project Manager for the project. The Board of Supervisors does hereby delegate authority to the Project Manager to manage the Agreement including the submission of invoices, and to delegate authority to others to provide management and support services required for performance of the work and administration of the Agreement.