



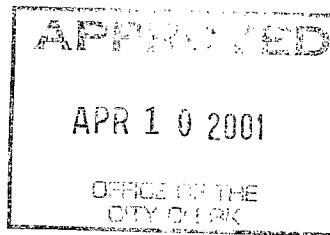
Metropolitan Water Planning

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Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: CITY-COUNTY OFFICE OF METROPOLITAN WATER PLANNING -
AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A CALFED GRANT FUNDING
AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 AND AMEND THE
FY 00-01 OPERATING BUDGET**

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: City / County

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of the attached resolution which: 1) authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to execute a Recipient Agreement with National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to accept a CALFED grant in the amount of \$250,000 for the *Development of a River Corridor Management Plan for the Lower American River*, and, 2) amends the City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning's Habitat Management Element FY 00-001 revenue and expenditure budgets by \$250,000.

CONTACT PERSON: Susan Davidson, Senior Administrative Officer, 264-1997

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: April 10, 2001

SUMMARY:

As a part of the Water Forum Agreement's Lower American River (LAR) Habitat Management Element, the City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning (CCOMWP), in partnership with SAFCA and Sacramento County Parks, applied to CALFED for a grant in the amount of \$250,000 to help with the development of a river corridor management plan for the LAR, consistent with environmental restoration, water management and flood control plans. CALFED approved the grant funding and has designated the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation as its contract administrator for this grant. In order to obtain the grant funding, CALFED requires the execution of a Recipient Agreement between the City (on behalf of the CCOMWP) and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Acceptance of these funds will also require an amendment to the CCOMWP's FY 00-01 revenue and expenditure budgets for the Habitat Management Element.

BACKGROUND:

- As a part of the Water Forum's LAR Habitat Management Element, the CCOMWP, in partnership with SAFCA and Sacramento County Parks, applied to CALFED for a grant for the development of a river corridor management plan for the LAR consistent with environmental restoration, water management and flood control plans.
- This project focuses on the LAR between the Sacramento River and Nimbus Dam in Sacramento County. This reach of the river is highly managed with a history of planning for water management, open space, and flood control. However, it lacks a comprehensive, broadly supported river corridor management plan that would assist CALFED in determining what restoration actions to fund in the future.
- The River Corridor Management Plan (RCMP) will create a planning framework and consensus building process for pursuing the Water Forum's and SAFCA's vision and objectives for ecosystem restoration along the LAR. This project consists of four principal elements; consensus building and facilitation; fisheries and aquatic habitat; floodplain management; and project management.
- The project directly addresses two important components, which are needed to identify, define, and implement ecosystem restoration actions for the LAR. The first is a comprehensive coordination of habitat restoration and management plans between local, state, and federal agencies and stakeholder groups. The second is development of scientific consensus among biologists, resource managers, and technical experts concerning the critical needs of aquatic species on the LAR and the priorities for recovery actions.
- The CALFED grant will be used to fund portions of both the consensus building and facilitation tasks as well as a portion of the fisheries and aquatic habitat element. The Water Forum is also funding portions of the same tasks. SAFCA is funding the total cost of the floodplain management portion of the RCMP. The Water Forum staff is providing project management.
- In 2000, staff was notified by CALFED that funding had been approved in the amount of \$250,000. Since then staff has been working with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and CALFED to develop specific contract language, financing guidelines, and administrative procedures requirements.
- The contract details have been finalized and it is recommended that the Council approve the acceptance of this grant and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the Recipient Agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (on behalf of CALFED).

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FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Although mentioned in the CCOMWP FY2000-01 budget report, these grant funds were not included in the approved operating budget. Therefore, both the revenue and expenditure budgets of the Habitat Management Element (HME) portion of the CCOMWP budget will need to be increased by the grant-funding amount.

It is proposed that the HME portion of the FY 2000-01 operating budget of the CCOMWP be increased by \$250,000 for expenditure object code 4258 and revenue object code 3511.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This report recommends no action that would constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

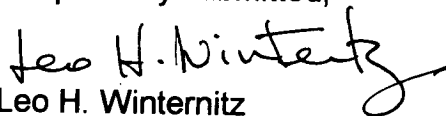
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

The request for approval to execute the grant funding agreement complies with the Habitat Management Element of the Water Forum Agreement, which was approved by the City Council in November 1999.

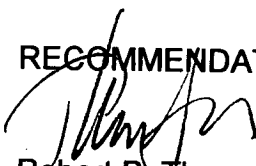
ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:

Since no goods or services are being purchased, Emerging and Small Business Development efforts are not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,


Leo H. Winternitz
Executive Director

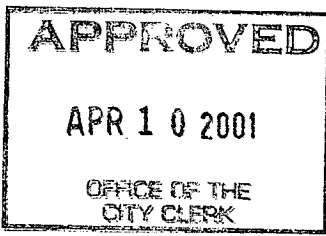
RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:


Robert P. Thomas
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-195

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK
TO EXECUTE A RECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE
NATIONAL FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RIVER CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR THE LOWER AMERICAN RIVER
AND AMENDMENT OF THE FY 00 - 01 BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

1. That the City Manager and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Recipient Agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in the amount of \$250,000 from CALFED Proposition 204 Category III funds for the development of a River Corridor Management Plan for the Lower American River (99-N21).
2. That the City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning's FY 2000-01 expenditure and revenue budgets be increased as follows to reflect the grant funding

a.	Revenue: 514-880-8810-3511	Grant funding	\$250,000
b.	Expenditure: 514-880-8810-4258	Consultant Services	\$250,000

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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RESOLUTION NO.: _____

DATE ADOPTED: _____