

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-0108

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

April 9, 2019

Approval of U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Grant Application for the American River Floodplain and Side-Channel Restoration Project, Fiscal Years 2018/19 Through 2022/23 Cooperative Funding Agreement Application and Related Actions

BACKGROUND

- A. The United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) operates Central Valley Project (CVP) facilities that regulate flows in the lower American River (LAR), which contains populations of anadromous Chinook salmon and threatened steelhead trout. Flow regulation and stream channel manipulations have modified anadromous salmonid habitat in the American River. Specifically, gravel is regularly lost from spawning sites on the river because of the construction and operation of CVP dams, bank protection projects, and other actions that reduce the availability of spawning gravel and rearing habitat in the American River downstream of Nimbus Dam.
- B. The Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA), section 3406 (b)(13) directs the Department of Interior to develop and implement a continuing program for the purpose of restoring and replenishing, as needed, salmonid spawning gravel lost due to the construction and operation of CVP dams, bank protection projects, and other actions that have reduced the availability of spawning gravel. The program may include preventive measures, such as reestablishment of meander belts and limitation on future bank protection activities, in order to avoid further losses of instream and riparian habitat.
- C. The American River Floodplain and Side-Channel Restoration Project serves as the implementation of CVIP section 3406(b)(13) in the LAR below Nimbus Dam, with the goal being to increase the availability of spawning gravel and rearing habitat for fall-run Chinook salmon and steelhead trout.

- D. This project is consistent with the goals of the Fisheries and Instream Habitat Plan, which is incorporated into the River Corridor Management Plan (RCMP). The RCMP is a coordinated approach to management of the lower American River that was developed and endorsed by 38 organizations and local governments in 2002, including the City of Sacramento. Further, the project is a key project under the Habitat Management Element (HME) of the Water Forum Agreement, of which the City is a signatory. The HME implements one of the Agreement's co-equal objectives, which is to preserve the fishery, wildlife, recreational, and aesthetic values of the lower American River.

- E. The City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning (CCOMWP, also known as the Water Forum), is seeking approval to apply for and accept \$7,736,389 in grant funding from the USBR to increase and improve salmon and steelhead spawning and rearing habitat by replenishing spawning gravel and establishing additional side-channel habitat at new restoration sites in the LAR between Nimbus Dam and Discovery Park, a reach of approximately 20 miles.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, is hereby authorized to:

- A. Apply for the USBR Central Valley Project Improvement Act Title XXXIV [CVPIA-3406(b)(13)] funding for Fiscal Years (FY) 2018/19 through 2022/23, for up to the maximum amount of \$7,736,839 for the American River Floodplain and Side-Channel Restoration Project (Project).

- B. Accept federal funds up to the amount of \$7,736,839 or the amount awarded by the USBR.

- C. Execute a cooperative agreement with the USBR to receive the grant funding for the Project, and any subsequent modification to the Agreement, if the grant is awarded.

- D. Establish the American River Floodplain and Side-Channel Restoration Project (G14140400).

- E. Establish revenue and expenditure budgets up to the amount of \$7,736,839 in the Habitat Management Element (HME) Fund (Fund 7104) for the American River Floodplain and Side-Channel Restoration Project (G14140400).

Section 2. The City Council has reviewed the purpose of the application and supports the submission of the application.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on April 9, 2019, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Ashby, Guerra, Hansen, Harris, Jennings, Warren and Mayor Steinberg

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Members Carr and Schenirer

Attest:

Mindy Cuppy

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The presence of an electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the Sacramento City Council.