

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-0112**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

May 13, 2014

### **APPLICATION AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION GRANT FUNDING FOR THE LOWER AMERICAN RIVER SALMONID SPAWNING AND REARING HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014/15 THROUGH 2019/20**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. The United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation (USBOR) 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 re-establishment of meander belts and limitations on future bank protection activities, in order to avoid further losses of instream and riparian habitat.
- C. The Lower American River Salmonid Spawning and Rearing Habitat Restoration Project serves as the implementation of CVPIA 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 LAR 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 Water Forum Agreement's co-equal objectives, which is to preserve the fishery, wildlife, recreational and aesthetic values of the lower American River.

**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 authorized to:
- A. Apply for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBOR) Central Valley Project Improvement Act Title XXXIV [CVPIA §3406(b)(13)] grant funding for Fiscal Years (FY) 2014/15 through 2019/20, for up to the maximum funding amount of \$5,777,000, for the Lower American River Salmonid Spawning and Rearing Habitat Restoration Project (Project);
  - B. Sign the Cooperative Agreement with USBOR to receive the grant funding for the Project, and any subsequent modifications to the Agreement, if the grant is awarded; and
  - C. Establish an operating grant for the Project, including revenue and expenditure budgets, for the amount awarded.

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

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on May 13, 2014, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Ashby, Cohn, Fong, Hansen, McCarty, Pannell, Schenirer, Warren

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mayor Johnson

Attest:

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