

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-798

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

October 31, 2006

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR LOWER AMERICAN RIVER SALMONID SPAWNING GRAVEL AUGMENTATION

BACKGROUND

- A. The United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau of Reclamation) operates facilities that regulate flows in the lower American River, 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 Central Valley Project 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. Shortly before close of the federal fiscal year, an Assistant City Manager approved a cooperative agreement with Reclamation that provides federal funding to the City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning for planning, permitting and placement of gravel to restore these spawning sites, as well as pre- and post-project site surveys, and the monitoring of spawning gravel and the response of salmonids in the lower American River.
- C. The Bureau of Reclamation has made \$150,000 available in Fiscal Year 2007, with an additional estimated amount of \$450,000 provided through 2011 if funding is available in subsequent years.
- 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.

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

Section 1. The City Council ratifies the prior approval of the Cooperative Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation and the City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning to provide grant funding in the amount of \$150,000 for the replenishment of gravel in spawning riffles in the lower American River to benefit fish habitat.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on October 31, 2006 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers, Cohn, Hammond, McCarty, Pannell, Sheedy, Tretheway, Waters, and Vice Mayor Fong

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Mayor Fargo

Attest:


Shirley Concolino, City Clerk


Robert King Fong, Vice Mayor