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Board of Supervisors
Ventura County Watershed Protection District
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93003

Subject: **Approval of, and Ratification of the Execution of, the Grant Agreement Between the Ventura County Watershed Protection District and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration Grant Funding for an Amount of \$1,557,926 for the Robles Diversion and Fish Passage Design Planning Project, and Authorization for the Auditor-Controller to Process the Necessary Accounting Transactions for Fiscal Year 2022-23. Supervisorial District 1, WPD Zone 1 (RECOMMENDATION NO. 2 REQUIRES 4/5THS VOTE).**

Recommendations:

1. Approve and ratify the execution of the grant agreement between Ventura County Watershed Protection District (District) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Proposition 1 Watershed Restoration grant funding for an amount of \$1,557,926 for the Robles Diversion and Fish Passage Design Planning Project (Project) (Exhibit 3).
2. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the necessary accounting transactions for in Fund S710 Fiscal Year 2022-23. (4/5th vote required):

Zone 1 – Fund S710

INCREASE Unit 4210-4211 Intergovernmental Revenue \$ 1,557,926

INCREASE Unit 4210-4211 Services and Supplies \$ 1,557,926

Reason for Ratification:

While the District was notified on June 21, 2022 that its project was funded, the District did not receive the agreement until August 30, 2022. CDFW requested that the District execute the agreement immediately in order for them to release the funds. There was insufficient time to request your Board's approval to execute the agreement. The District executed the agreement with prior notification and approval of the CEO's Office.



Fiscal/Mandates Impact:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	CDFW and Watershed Protection District
Funding Match Required:	\$379,350
Impact on Other Departments:	None

<u>Summary of Revenues & Costs:</u>	<u>FY 2022-23</u>	<u>FY 2023-24-2025-26</u>
Revenue:	\$ 250,000	\$ 1,307,926
Costs:		
Direct	\$ 250,000	\$ 1,307,926
Indirect/Agency Dept.	\$ 7,900	\$ 124,990
Indirect/County CAP	\$ 400	\$ 6,328
Total Costs	\$ 250,000	\$ 1,796,257
Net District Costs	\$ 6,780	\$ 481,551
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$ 0	\$ 56,098

Current Fiscal Year Budget Projections

Current FY 2022-23 Budget Projection for Watershed Protection Zone 1 - Unit 4211				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$ 6,719,500	\$ 9,406,867	\$ 9,406,867	\$ 0
Revenue	\$ 6,600,900	\$ 6,600,900	\$ 6,600,900	\$ 0
Net Cost	\$ 118,600	\$ 2,805,967	\$ 2,805,967	\$ 0

Sufficient revenue and appropriations will be available in the FY 2022-23 VCPWA-WP budget after approval of Recommendation No. 2. Sufficient revenue and appropriations will be included in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 through Fiscal Year 2025-26 budgets, as appropriate.

Discussion:

The Project will build on the initial work completed as part of Watershed Protection's Robles Working Group (RWG) process. The proposed work will also build on the findings and recommendations of an Independent Technical Review (ITR) of the Phase 1 Summary Report by Northwest Hydraulic Consultants (NHC), sponsored by Resources Legacy Fund (RLF) on behalf of Watershed Protection, Casitas Municipal Water District (Casitas) and the RWG. The ITR work commenced in September 2021, and was completed in April 2022. The Project will run concurrently with the 2022 State Coastal Conservancy alternatives refinement grant for \$379,350, which will act as a match for this



CDFW grant once presented to, and approved by, your Board. See Exhibits 1 and 2 for the project vicinity and location map.

The intertwined goals of these efforts will be to enhance volitional fish passage across a wide range of flow conditions; facilitate natural sediment transport through and/or around the Robles Facility; improve water supply reliability for fish passage and water diversions when hydrologic and permit conditions allow; and address flood risks at the Robles Facility and for the adjacent Meiners Oaks community.

A redesign of Robles is one of six essential downstream infrastructure components of the Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project (MDERP). The MDERP is a watershed-scale initiative to safely remove the Matilija Dam after a high-flow sediment release, enabling the re-wilding of Matilija Creek upstream of the current barrier to benefit federally endangered southern California steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and other species in the Ventura River watershed.

Your Board ratified the application for this grant on May 24, 2022.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office and County Counsel. If there are any questions regarding this item, please contact me at (805) 654-2040.

Sincerely,



Glenn Shephard P.E.
Director

Attachment:

- Exhibit 1 – Project Vicinity Map
- Exhibit 2 – Project Location map
- Exhibit 3 – Agreement

