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### ***Program and Policy Subcommittee Update***

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**August 21, 2019**

In attendance were Board Member Jim Provenza and Liaison Advisor Sandra O’Roak; Deputy Attorney General Nicole Rinke, counsel to the Conservancy; Executive Officer Campbell Ingram; Deputy Executive Officer Debra Kustic; and several Conservancy staff.

#### **Proposition 68 Program**

Community Projects Supervisor Robyn Krock presented the Discussion Draft of the Proposition 68 Grant Guidelines. With a community and economic enhancement priority, the program will fund grants for recreation and tourism, historic and cultural preservation, and environmental education. Applications will be non- competitive and can be submitted at any time once the final guidelines are posted. The assessment process, which will help determine if projects are viable and appropriate for funding, was discussed. The Conservancy will work with the applicants during the proposal development and assessment process with the goal of bringing projects to the Board ready for approval. There will be a strong focus on disadvantaged communities. Funding for the grants begins this fiscal year.

#### **Next Steps:**

The final draft of the Proposition 68 Grant Guidelines will be brought to the September 25, 2019 Board Meeting for consideration. If approved by the Board, the Conservancy will post them for a 30-day public comment period and conduct a public meeting. The Final Proposition 68 Grant Guidelines will likely be ready for Board consideration at the December 4, 2019 meeting.

#### **Delegation of Authority**

Executive Officer Ingram presented suggested language for revisions to the Delegation of Authority to execute contracts. The suggested language delegates to the Executive Officer the authority to execute contracts up to \$200,000. Additionally, the language suggests a process that requires Chair and Vice Chair approval for time sensitive contracts, exceeding \$200,000, that would be negatively impacted by waiting until the next Board meeting. The suggested language also states that all non-administrative expenditures greater than \$10,000 will be reported to the Conservancy Board. There was discussion regarding the amount of the cap and whether, for contracts approved by the Chair/Vice Chair, staff should place an item on the agenda for discussion at the next Board meeting.

#### **Next Steps:**

Staff will present a recommendation for consideration at the September 25, 2019 Board meeting.

**Land Ownership**

Continued talks are occurring and there is nothing new to report at this time.

**Future Agenda Items**

None

**Public Comments**

None

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