



**Consideration of Amendment to the Term of the Peterson Ranch: Working Waterway Habitat Enhancement Project**  
**Staff Report**

<b>Project Title</b>	Peterson Ranch: Working Waterway Habitat Enhancement Project
<b>Grantee</b>	Solano Resource Conservation District
<b>Project Number</b>	Prop 1-1605
<b>Award Year</b>	2017
<b>County</b>	Solano
<b>Category</b>	Implementation
<b>Original Award Amount</b>	\$444,464
<b>Amended Request Amount</b>	\$444,464
<b>Amendment Request (Term, Scope or Budget)</b>	Term

This agenda item requests a 15-month extension to the term of the Peterson Ranch: Working Waterway Habitat Enhancement.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board approve an extension of the Funding End Date from June 30, 2020 to October 31, 2021.

**DESCRIPTION**

The grantee has requested additional time to so they can maintain and improve the quality of habitat already installed under this grant. Although all eleven restoration sub-sites encompassed by this project have been planted, the grantee was unable to do so within the original timeline. An extension of the funding term will allow the grantee to continue maintaining the planted sites (in the form of irrigation, weed control, and site control) through an additional two irrigation seasons and one final planting season. During this time, the grantee will bolster the number of shrubs and forbs growing on site after final survival counts. An extension will increase the likelihood of plant establishment and project success. It will not change the project's scope of work.

The grantee has also requested changes to the budget that would move funding from line items that will not be fully expended to line items where those funds will be spent during the additional irrigation and planting seasons. According to the Board-approved process for amendments, the budget changes do not require Board approval; Conservancy staff will process the budget changes if the Board approves the amended term.

Without additional time, the project will face an increased risk of plant mortality and will be unlikely to meet its performance measures.

### **BACKGROUND**

In April of 2017, as part of the Cycle 2 Proposition 1 grant program solicitation, the Board awarded grant funds to the Peterson Ranch: Working Waterway Habitat Enhancement Project. This project pairs cattle management practices with ecosystem restoration practices to create 13.5 acres of riparian habitat on actively farmed and grazed ground in the northern part of the Petersen Ranch along Lindsey Slough in Solano County. It will provide riparian habitat and improve water quality. This project was amended in February of 2019 to change the project footprint in response to wetter than anticipated soil conditions in certain areas of the project.

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