



Consideration of Amendment to the Budget, Scope, and Term of the Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection Project

Staff Report

Project Title	Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection
Grantee	East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy
Project Number	Prop 1-1709
Award Year	2018
County	Contra Costa
Category	Planning
Original Award Amount	\$1,225,000.00
Amended Request Amount	\$1,235,000.00
Amendment Request (Term, Scope or Budget)	Term, Scope, and Budget

This agenda item requests amendments necessary to accommodate additional community outreach and hydrologic analysis.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board approve an extension of the funding end date from November 30, 2021 to November 30, 2022, the addition of a community outreach task to the project scope, and a budget augmentation of \$10,000.00.

DESCRIPTION

The amendment is being requested because the project experienced unexpected delays and increased costs due to the need for additional community outreach and hydrologic analysis to address community concerns and questions that were raised after the project had initially been vetted with the community. The grantee has requested to amend the scope of the agreement to add up to six outreach meetings with the local community. The additional outreach and analysis costs will total \$50,000.00, of which \$10,000.00 is being requested from the Conservancy, and the remaining \$40,000 will be paid from other sources. If the amendments are not approved, the grantee will not be able to complete the deliverables specified in the agreement and develop the community support necessary to implement the project.

BACKGROUND

In April of 2018, as part of Cycle 3 of the Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program, the Board approved the award of grant funds to the Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection project. The project is a planning project for a 645-acre property in an unincorporated area near the community of Knightsen in east Contra Costa County. The main goals of this multi-benefit project are to restore habitat, reduce flooding problems for the community and adjacent agricultural fields, and improve water quality by collecting and filtering agricultural and stormwater runoff. This is the first amendment requested for this project.

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