



**Consideration of Amendment to the Term of the Stone Lakes Restoration Project Grant (Prop 1 1713)
Staff Report**

Project Title	Stone Lakes Restoration Project
Grantee	Ducks Unlimited
Project Number	Prop 1-1713
Award Year	2018
County	Sacramento
Category	Planning
Original Award Amount	\$675,573.24
Amended Request Amount	\$675,573.24
Amendment Request (Term, Scope or Budget)	Term

This agenda item requests approval to extend the funding end date which will allow the grantee to further progress on the project beyond that which was originally thought possible and fully expend their grant funds.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board approve amendment of the funding end date from March 31, 2021 to March 31, 2022.

DESCRIPTION

The grantee completed the designs specified in the scope of work for the grant and did so under budget. The grantee has requested to use the excess funds to produce additional design documents that move the project closer to being shovel ready. More time is needed to complete those additional designs. This request furthers a task that is already included in the original scope of work. Conservancy staff have determined furthering design documents to be an appropriate and efficient use of grant funds already awarded to the grantee.

In parallel to the requested extension of the funding end date and in accordance with policy established by the Board, staff has approved transfer of a total of \$41,000 from several cost categories to Personnel Services to pay salaries for staff to complete the additional design documents, should the Board approve the funding end date extension.

If the amendment is not approved, the grantee will have fulfilled the scope of work for the grant but will not be able to take advantage of funds that would otherwise be unexpended to advance the planning objectives of this grant. The unexpended funds would revert to the Conservancy and be available for future grant awards.

BACKGROUND

In April of 2018, as part of the Cycle 3 of the Proposition 1 Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program, the Board approved the award of grant funds to the Stone Lakes Restoration Project. This is a planning project which creates plans for the construction of a wide range of wetland types and plant associations that will support food web development. The main goals of the implementation phase of this multi-benefit project are to restore and create new wetland habitat, which is vital to the long-term success of several listed and endangered species as well as non-listed wetland dependent species. The outcome of the project for which this grant provides planning will be the restoration of approximately 257 acres of seasonal wetland, restoration of 39 acres of riparian seasonal wetland, and enhancement of 20 acres of existing low-quality wetland. This is the first amendment requested for this project.

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