



**Consideration of Amendment to Term of Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation Grant Agreement for the Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection Project
Staff Report**

Grantee	East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy
Project ID	P1-1709
Award Year	2018
County	Contra Costa
Category	Planning
Original Award Amount	\$1,225,000
Request	Term Amendment

This agenda item presents a request to extend the duration of the grant funding term by one year. It does not propose a change to the budget or scope of work.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board approve an extension of the grant funding end date from November 30, 2023 to November 30, 2024 as presented in this report.

DESCRIPTION

The Grantee requests to add 12 months to the grant’s funding end date to incorporate new information regarding conditions at the project site.

High water from storm events occurring from December 2022 through February 2023 resulted in changes to the conditions at the project site, bringing new information to the project team. The Grantee is requesting additional time to incorporate this information into the project design and to conduct additional project refinements, which would address site conditions at adjacent and nearby locations. Conservancy staff have determined that furthering and refining design documents are an appropriate and efficient use of grant funds already awarded to the grantee.

If the funding term is not extended, the grantee would not be able to complete a shovel-ready project design. This would result in an interim design product that would not be ready to move forward into the implementation phase.

BACKGROUND

At the March 28, 2018 Board meeting, the Board awarded funding of up to \$1,225,000 to the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy for the Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection Project. This project involves planning for wetland and habitat restoration, as well as stormwater management and treatment. The main goals of the project are to restore habitat for special status

species, provide flood protection for the community of Knightsen, and improve Delta water quality through output flows. This is the third amendment requested for this project. In May of 2020 the Board awarded \$10,000 of additional funding to increase the project scope to expand community outreach and extend the funding term by 12 months. In January of 2022, the Board approved an extension to the funding end date of 12 months and an additional \$200,000 of funding for hydraulic and hydrologic modeling as well as additional community outreach.

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