



**Consideration of Amendment to Budget of Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Adaptation Grant
Program Agreement for the Stone Lakes Habitat and Restoration Project
Staff Report**

Grantee	Ducks Unlimited
Project ID	P1-1713
Award Year	2019
County	Sacramento
Category	Planning
Original Award Amount	\$635,573
Amended Request Amount	\$673,846
Request	Budget Amendment

This agenda item presents a request to increase the budget of the grant. It does not propose a change to the term or scope of work.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board approve a budget increase of \$38,273 for additional costs for required permits and personnel services.

DESCRIPTION

The Grantee is requesting an additional \$38,273 to cover additional costs for required permits and additional staff time to complete closeout of the Stone Lakes Habitat Restoration Project. The requested funds will cover: CEQA compliance documentation by Sacramento County (\$27,380), a Lake and Streambed Alterations Agreement from California Department of Fish and Wildlife and a wastewater discharge permit from the Regional Water Quality Control Board (\$7,277), and additional personnel services for project completion (\$3,616). The Grantee is increasing their cost share contribution by \$5,000 through in-kind services of staff time to complete the project.

The Grantee indicated that if the Conservancy is unable to provide additional funds, they will be unable to pay Sacramento County's invoices and it will put the environmental permitting tasks of the project at risk of failure.

BACKGROUND

Stones Lakes Habitat Restoration Project (Project ID P1-1713) is a planning project designed to restore approximately 257 acres of seasonal wetland and 39 acres of riparian seasonal wetland and enhance 20 acres of existing low-quality wetland on the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge. This project was awarded \$635,573 of Proposition 1 funds to the Grantee in 2019. This is the Grantee's first amendment request requiring Board consideration. Conservancy staff have reviewed and approved

two prior amendment requests to extend the grant term and shift funding between budget line items. The project is on track to be completed by December 31, 2023, when the grant expires.

SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE

Move that the Board approve an amendment to the grant agreement with Ducks Unlimited for P1-1713 to increase the budget by \$38,273 for additional costs for required permits and personnel services.

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