



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

<b>Grantee</b>	East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy
<b>Project ID</b>	P1-1709
<b>Award Year</b>	2018
<b>County</b>	Contra Costa
<b>Category</b>	Planning
<b>Original Award Amount</b>	\$1,225,000
<b>Amended Award Amount</b>	\$1,235,000 (May 2020)
<b>Amended Award Amount</b>	\$1,435,000 (January 2022)
<b>Request</b>	Scope

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board approve a change to scope of work involving the removal of two project tasks and associated deliverables (90 Percent Design Plans, Specifications, and Estimates, and Final Construction Documents) to stay within the budgeted award amount.

**DESCRIPTION**

The Grantee requests the removal of two project tasks from their grant agreement due to increased project costs. The Grantee indicated the need for an additional \$335,000 of grant funding to complete 90 Percent Design Plans and Final Construction Documents as detailed in the current grant agreement. This amount represents a 27 percent increase over the original award amount. The amount of remaining Proposition 1 funds is insufficient to cover the Grantee’s ask. Delta Conservancy staff worked with the Grantee to modify their request to remove two project tasks that would not significantly impact the overall objectives of a planning project.

Board approval for the removal of project tasks from the grant agreement will allow the Grantee to seek outside funding for this work while continuing to make progress on planning for project implementation. If this amendment request is not approved, the Grantee will be unable to seek other funding to complete planning for this restoration project.

**BACKGROUND**

The Knightsen Wetland Restoration and Flood Protection Project (Project ID P1-1709) is a planning project designed to restore habitat for special status species, provide flood protection for the community of Knightsen, and improve Delta water quality through output flows. This project was awarded \$1,225,000 of Proposition 1 funding to the Grantee in 2018. This is the fourth amendment requested for this project. In July 2023, the Board approved an extension to the funding term by 12

months to accommodate project refinements and the incorporation of new information related to the project site following major storm events. In January 2022, the Grantee was awarded an additional \$200,000 and an extension to the funding term of one year. These allowed for hydraulic and hydrologic modelling as well as additional community outreach. Furthermore, a \$10,000 increase to the grant award and one-year extension to the funding term was approved by the Board in May 2020 to allow for community outreach. The project is on track to be completed by the grant's funding end date on November 30, 2024.

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