



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Magenta Drain Restoration Project - Grant Agreement with South Yuba River Citizens League

CEQA: N/A - Procedural Motion

Recommendation Motion: That Council approve staff to execute an agreement with South Yuba River Citizens League for Planning and Implementation Services regarding Department of Water Resources Funding for Proposition 1 Round 2 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant subject to legal review.

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Council Meeting Date: 05/28/2024

Date Prepared: 05/22/2024

Agenda: Consent

Background Information: The Cosumnes, American, Bear, and Yuba Integrated Regional Water Management group (CABY IRWM) is a collaborative effort to manage all aspects of water resources in a large watershed region that encompasses the City of Grass Valley area. In October 2022, CABY and their Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) steering committee reviewed several projects for consideration for \$1.1 million of available funding under a Proposition 1, Round 2 IRWM Implementation Grant. City of Grass Valley Staff had requested funding for the Memorial Park Magenta Drain Restoration Project, which was identified as one of the top-ranking projects recommended for inclusion by the steering committee.

South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL), working on behalf of CABY and the City subsequently submitted an application to the California Department of Water Resources (CA DWR) requesting grant funding for four projects out of over 70 projects that had initially applied for funding. In May 2023, the City was notified that the application was successful, and that the Memorial Park Magenta Drain Restoration Project was eligible for Prop 1 grant funding.

The Magenta Drain Restoration Project will restore a stretch of creek that runs through Memorial Park that has been fenced off and neglected for many years. At one time the waterway was contaminated by runoffs from the Empire Mine site, but with recent remediation efforts by the State and the City of Grass Valley, the creek now runs clean again. Restoration of the creek will include restoring approximately half an acre of riparian habitat through the removal of non-native vegetation in and along the creek banks and replacement with native riparian vegetation, along with removing perimeter fencing to improve public access.

As a condition of funding the Magenta Drain Restoration Project the City of Grass Valley must enter into an agreement with SYRCL as the lead applicant responsible for oversight of the Proposition 1 awarded projects.

Council Goals/Objectives: The Magenta Drain Restoration Project executes portions of work tasks towards achieving/maintaining Strategic Plan Goal - Recreation and Parks.

Fiscal Impact: The City will receive \$345,436 in Prop 1 grant funding.

Funds Available: N/A

Account #: 300-406-TBD

Reviewed by: _____ City Manager