



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Type: Board of Directors
Title: One Tam Extension of Cooperative Agreement and Approval of Watershed Projects
From: Shaun Horne, Director of Watershed Resources
Through: Ben Horenstein, General Manager
Meeting Date: August 19, 2025

TYPE OF ITEM: X Action Information

RECOMMENDATION: Approve an Extension to the Cooperative Agreement for One Tam and Project Statements and Funding for 1) Sky Oaks Watershed Conceptual Plan in the amount of \$200,000 and 2) BFFIP and E-Bike Pilot Early Detection Rapid Response and Rare Plant Monitoring in the amount of \$55,218

SUMMARY: The One Tam MOU approved in 2024 formalized the willingness for land managers to work together by coordinating efforts and sharing resources for shared benefit. Under the prior MOU put in place in March of 2014, the GGNPC and District entered into a Cooperative Agreement to outline the roles and responsibilities of each organization consistent with the MOU. The Cooperative Agreement expired in 2024. Staff is recommending that the Board of Directors approve extending the Cooperative Agreement to align with the terms of the current MOU establishing a new expiration date of June 30, 2034. Under the One Tam partnership and as described in the Cooperative Agreement, a Project Statement is the mechanism utilized to provide the details for project specific resource sharing and collaborative efforts, including roles, responsibility, work tasks and funding. Staff is further recommending the Board of Directors approve One Tam Project Statements and Funding for 1) Sky Oaks Watershed Conceptual Plan in the amount of \$200,000, and 2) BFFIP and E-Bike Pilot Early Detection Rapid Response and Rare Plant Monitoring in the amount of \$55,218.

DISCUSSION: In 2014, the four land management agencies on and around Mt. Tamalpais: the Marin Municipal Water District, National Parks Service, California State Parks, Marin County Parks, and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy (GGNPC) launched the Tamalpais Lands Collaborative-now called One Tam. The original MOU was signed by the partner agencies in March of 2014 for a ten-year term and has effectively guided collaboration since that time. The District and the GGNPC entered into a Cooperative Agreement to elaborate further on the efforts and work identified in the MOU. The Cooperative Agreement expired on June 30, 2024. On March 14, 2024, the Memorandum of Understanding was updated and signed by the Tamalpais Lands Collaborative (One Tam or collaborative) partner agencies, but the Cooperative Agreement has not yet been extended. Under the

One Tam partnership and the Cooperative Agreement, a Project Statement is the means by which resource sharing and collaborative efforts are described and agreed upon. The District and GGNPC have identified opportunities for collaboration for two new project areas, conceptual planning and EDRR monitoring, which necessitate the approval of two Project Statements and the revival and extension of the Cooperative Agreement.

At the April 1, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting, the Board approved a grant award of \$200,000 from the Mt. Tamalpais Watershed Fund to advance a Watershed Facilities Assessment and Conceptual Plan. The District is seeking to advance the Conceptual Plan in partnership with the GGNPC who will be responsible for managing the consultant contracts, budget, and development of the Conceptual Plan. The Conceptual Plan will evaluate existing watershed staff facilities, housing infrastructure and visitor day use areas in the Sky Oaks Corridor. The Project Statement documents these tasks and provides \$200,000 in funding from the Mt. Tamalpais Watershed Fund to the GGNPC to support the development of the Conceptual Plan.

In October of 2019, the District adopted the Biodiversity, Fires, and Fuels Integrated Plan (BFFIP) which described the actions the District would implement to reduce wildfire hazards and to maintain and enhance ecosystem function on the District's watershed lands. At the May 6, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting the Board approved the establishment of a two-year E-Bike Class I Pilot Program. The E-Bike Pilot Program and BFFIP include Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) and rare plant priorities. To support EDRR surveys, data management and treatment work along fire roads over the two-year E-Bike Pilot Program the District will work with the GGNPC to prioritize and train contractors and seasonal staff. Similarly, to support watershed projects and planning, the GGNPC will provide staff with botanical expertise to help conduct rare plant monitoring work and data collection. The Project Statement documents these tasks and provides funding to the GGNPC in the total amount of \$55,218.26 over two-years to help the District meet the E-Bike Pilot and BFFIP EDRR and rare plant priorities. Over the two-year E-Bike Pilot Program the District will work with the GGNPC and a contractor to conduct EDRR surveys and treatment efforts along the entire Mt. Tamalpais Watershed fire road network.

Staff is recommending that the Board of Directors approve an Extension of the Cooperative Agreement for One Tam, which will extend the term of the Cooperative Agreement to 2034 consistent with the MOU. Staff is also recommending that the Board of Directors approve two Project Statements and Funding for 1) Sky Oaks Watershed Conceptual Plan in the amount of \$200,000, and 2) BFFIP and E-Bike Pilot Early Detection Rapid Response and Rare Plant Monitoring in the amount of \$55,218.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW: Not Applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Sky Oaks Watershed Conceptual Plan is being funded with a grant from the Mt. Tamalpais Fund in the amount of \$200,000 that was approved by the Board of Directors at the April 1, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting. The BFFIP and E-Bike Pilot Early Detection Rapid Response and Rare Plant Monitoring contracts total is \$55,218 and is budgeted in the District's Watershed Capital Budget A1 E05 for Watershed Roads.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Proposed Extension to the Cooperative Agreement

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
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