



# STAFF REPORT

---

**Meeting Type:** Board of Directors

**Title:** Approve a Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into an Agreement for Lagunitas Creek Restoration Grant Funding from California Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$590,000

**From:** Shaun Horne, Watershed Resources Manager

**Through:** Ben Horenstein, General Manager

**Meeting Date:** November 7, 2023

---

**TYPE OF ACTION:**     **X**     Action                             Information                             Review and Refer

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve a resolution authorizing the General Manager to accept grant funding and execute one or more agreements with the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to receive grant funding in the amount of \$590,000 for the Lagunitas Creek Salmon Spawning Gravel Project

**SUMMARY:** The Board approved Resolution No. 8716 on September 20, 2022, authorizing staff to apply for a grant from the DWR Riverine Stewardship Grant Program to implement the Lagunitas Creek Salmon Spawning Gravel Project. On June 12, 2023, the District received a conditional letter of award for the full request of \$590,000. Minor changes to this resolution have been requested by DWR, which is why staff is bringing the resolution back for further action.

**DISCUSSION:** The California Department of Water Resources Riverine Stewardship Grant Program funds planning and implementation projects that restore streams, creeks, and rivers to enhance habitat for fish, wildlife, and people. The Board approved Resolution No. 8716 on September 20, 2022 authorizing staff to apply for this grant. The District submitted a request for \$590,000 to implement the Lagunitas Creek Salmon Spawning Gravel Project, which involves adding approximately 1,700 tons of spawning gravel to Lagunitas Creek below Peters Dam at Sites 12 and 13 within the larger Lagunitas Creek Coho Enhancement Project Phase 1 reach. In June, 2023, the District received a letter of award from DWR for the full request of \$590,000. The total project cost is \$647,000, which includes \$57,000 in matching funds from the District to purchase monitoring equipment and provide staff time in support of implementation and monitoring. Grant funding will be used to hire a contractor to implement gravel augmentation at Sites 12 and 13, beginning in summer 2024, and to monitor the sites through early 2026.

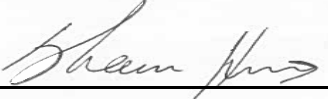

In order to initiate acceptance of this grant and sign an agreement, DWR has requested that the District’s Board approve a slightly revised grant resolution authorizing the General Manager to sign and file the grant agreement. The revised resolution specifies the actual amount of the grant award as \$590,000, the District’s match obligations of \$57,000, and the specific project work to be undertaken as “*Salmon Spawning Gravel Project*” as part of the District’s broader Lagunitas Creek Restoration work. Staff is requesting the Board approve these modifications by approving this revised resolution authorizing and directing the General Manager to negotiate and execute a cooperative agreement with the California Department of Water Resources to implement the *Lagunitas Creek Salmon Spawning Gravel Project*.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** Not applicable.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** A total of \$57,000 in matching funds is required for the DWR grant. The FY23-24 and FY24-25 Fisheries Operations budgets include adequate funds to cover the match.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Proposed resolution with red-line changes – DWR grant for the Lagunitas Creek Salmon Spawning Gravel Project
2. Proposed resolution (clean version) – DWR grant for the Lagunitas Creek Salmon Spawning Gravel Project

DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION	DIVISION MANAGER	APPROVED
Watershed		
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Shaun Horne</b> Watershed Resources Manager</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ben Horenstein</b> General Manager</p>