



AGENDA SUMMARY EUREKA CITY COUNCIL

TITLE: Eureka First Slough Fish Passage, Floodplain Restoration and Coastal Habitat Connectivity – Construction Grant Acceptance and Resolution

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PREPARED BY: Kelly Allen, Project Manager

PRESENTED FOR: Action Information only Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

1. Accept the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) construction grant for \$4,969,566; and
2. Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Eureka approving project construction and authorizing the Director of Public Works as agent of the City of Eureka to sign and file all required documentation.

FISCAL IMPACT

No Fiscal Impact Included in Budget Additional Appropriation

COUNCIL GOALS/STRATEGIC VISION

- Financially Sound City Providing Effective Services

DISCUSSION

In April of 2020, the Public Works Department applied for and was awarded a grant through California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (FRGP) to study, plan and design fish passage and habitat restoration within a section of First Slough. The FRGP grant allowed for design, permitting and environmental compliance, which was completed in April of 2023.

The project includes constructing fish passage barrier removal for the stream between Myrtle Avenue and 14th Street as well as removal of two barriers located upstream of 14th Street. Once completed the project would provide access to an additional one mile of upstream habitat for salmonids. The project focuses on the enhancement of habitat quality and connectivity throughout the project area.

In February of 2023 Public Works Staff applied for CDFW's Restoration Grant Programs: Drought – Protecting Salmon for construction funding. The City was notified in May that the application was successful in the amount of \$4,969,566.

Further documentation is required to enter into the grant agreement including adopting a resolution approving the project and authorizing a City representative to sign all documents pertaining to the grant agreement.

Staff recommends that Council accepts the California Department of Fish and Wildlife restoration grant and adopts a resolution approving the project and authorizing the Director of Public Works as agent of the grant for the First Slough Fish Passage, Floodplain Restoration, and Coastal Habitat Connectivity project.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

- City Attorney
- City Clerk/Information Services
- Community Services
- Development Services
- Finance
- Fire
- Personnel
- Police
- Public Works

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution: City of Eureka First Slough Fish Passage, Floodplain Restoration and Coastal Habitat Connectivity Project