



# City of Sacramento City Council

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**Meeting Date:** 10/18/2011

**Report Type:** Consent

**Title:** Funding Agreement: Lower American River Salmonid Spawning Gravel Augmentation Project (G14000200)

**Report ID:** 2011-00850

**Location:** Citywide

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution: 1) authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute Modification No.2 to Cooperative Agreement No. 81332AJ004 with the U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service to accept \$99,000 in additional funding for the Lower American River Salmonid Spawning Gravel Augmentation Project being administered by the City-County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning; and 2) increasing Fund 7104 revenue and expense budgets for G14000200 \$99,000 to reflect the reimbursements from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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**Presenter:** Sarah Foley, Program Manager, (916) 808-1997, Department of Utilities

**Department:** Department Of Utilities

**Division:** Metropolitan Water Planning

**Dept ID:** 14001051

## **Attachments:**

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- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-Background
- 3-Resolution
- 4-Contract

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### **City Attorney Review**

Approved as to Form  
Joe Robinson  
9/28/2011 6:17:33 PM

### **City Treasurer Review**

Reviewed for Impact on Cash and Debt  
Russell Fehr  
9/20/2011 10:38:43 AM

### **Approvals/Acknowledgements**

Department Director or Designee: Dave Brent - 9/28/2011 8:17:58 AM

## Description/Analysis

**Issue:** In October 2006 the City of Sacramento entered into a five-year grant funding agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), on behalf of the City County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning (CCOMWP), for grant funding of up to \$600,000 for the Lower American River Salmonid Spawning Gravel Augmentation Project (Project). The purpose of the Project is to increase the availability of spawning gravel and rearing habitat for fall-run Chinook salmon and steelhead trout in the lower American River. Since then, the City Council has accepted additional funding from Reclamation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the Sacramento County Department of Transportation (County) for the Project. To date, total funding awarded to the CCOMWP has been \$1,683,468. The FWS is now contributing an additional \$99,000 to fund the Project. Pursuant to the Interagency Agreement that created the CCOMWP, the City's procedures are followed for all CCOMWP contracting activities.

**Policy Considerations:** This Project will aid fish habitat restoration efforts for the lower American River, consistent with goals of the Water Forum Agreement.

### Environmental Considerations:

#### **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA):**

The project is subject to review pursuant to both CEQA and NEPA. The Bureau of Reclamation is responsible for NEPA review. The Bureau prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the project. The NEPA review process does not require action by the City Council.

The project is exempt from CEQA review, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15333, Small Restoration Projects. The project does not exceed five acres in size, will be undertaken for the purpose of restoring habitat for fish, would have no significant impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat, and would not otherwise result in any significant effects on the environment.

**Sustainability Considerations:** Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the City of Sacramento's Sustainability Master Plan Goals:

Sustainability Goal No. 7 - Parks, Open Space and Habitat Conservation is promoted by the second co-equal objective of the Water Forum Agreement "To preserve the fishery, wildlife, recreational, and aesthetic values of the lower American River."

**Commission/Committee Action:** None

**Rationale for Recommendation:** Replenishing gravel in the lower American River will improve spawning and rearing habitat for anadromous fish. This activity is consistent with the Water Forum Agreement objective to preserve the fishery, wildlife, recreational, and aesthetic values of the lower American River.

**Financial Considerations:** This Project has no impact on the City of Sacramento's General Fund and no match is required. To date Reclamation, FWS and the County have obligated \$1,683,468 to the Project. The FWS is now contributing an additional \$99,000 to help support the Project. The Project (G14000200) revenue and expenditure budgets will be amended to reflect the additional grant funds.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** Not applicable to the acceptance of additional federal funding.

Respectfully Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas R. Gohring, Executive Director  
Sacramento City-County Office of  
Metropolitan Water Planning

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dave Brent  
Interim Director  
Department of Utilities

Recommendation Approved:

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John Shirey,  
City Manager

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## **Background Information:**

The United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) operates facilities that regulate flows in the lower American River, which contains populations of anadromous Chinook salmon and threatened steelhead trout. Flow regulation and stream channel manipulations have modified anadromous salmonid habitat in the American River. Specifically, gravel is regularly lost from spawning sites on the river because of the construction and operation of Central Valley Project dams, bank protection projects, and other actions that reduce the availability of spawning gravel and rearing habitat in the American River downstream of Nimbus Dam.

The purpose of this project is to provide funding for planning, permitting, placement of gravel, pre and post project site surveys, and the monitoring of spawning gravel and the response of salmonids in the lower American River in accordance with the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA). The purpose of the CVPIA is to protect, restore, and enhance fish and wildlife habitat in the Central Valley Basin. Through this grant the CCOMWP, on behalf of the Sacramento Region Water Forum, will assist Reclamation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in carrying out this project, including permitting, inter-agency coordination, contracting, gravel production and placement, and post-project monitoring.

Reclamation has chosen to utilize mining dredgings at Sailor Bar in the American River Parkway for this Project. These dredgings were identified as having significant historical value during Reclamation's environmental analysis for the Project because of the type of mining activity that produced the dredgings. Project partners have developed an interpretive exhibit about historic mining activities in the Parkway that will mitigate for the use of these dredgings. This mitigation is the subject of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Reclamation, County Parks and SHPO. The City, on behalf of the Water Forum, has signed this MOA as a concurring party.

This Project is consistent with the goals of the Fisheries and Instream Habitat Plan, which is incorporated into the River Corridor Management Plan (RCMP). The RCMP is a coordinated approach to management of the lower American River that was developed and endorsed by 38 organizations and local governments in 2002, including the City of Sacramento. The RCMP serves as the implementation vehicle for the Habitat Management Element (HME) of the Water Forum Agreement, of which the City is a signatory. The HME implements one of the Agreement's co-equal objectives, which is to preserve the fishery, wildlife, recreational and aesthetic values of the lower American River.

## **RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

### **MODIFICATION NO. 2 TO COOPERATIVE FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR THE LOWER AMERICAN RIVER SALMONID SPAWNING GRAVEL AUGMENTATION PROJECT (G14000200)**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. The United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) operates facilities that regulate flows in the lower American River, which contains populations of anadromous Chinook salmon and threatened steelhead trout. Gravel is regularly lost from spawning sites on the river as a result of the construction and operation of Central Valley Project dams, bank protection projects, and other actions that reduce the availability of spawning gravel and rearing habitat in the American River downstream of Nimbus Dam.
- B. In October 2006 the City of Sacramento entered into a five-year grant funding agreement with Reclamation, on behalf of the City County Office of Metropolitan Water Planning (CCOMWP), for the Lower American River Salmonid Spawning Gravel Augmentation Project (Project) being administered by the CCOMWP. The purpose of the Project is to increase the availability of spawning gravel and rearing habitat for fall-run Chinook salmon and steelhead trout in the lower American River.
- C. In FY2010 and FY2011 additional funding was provided by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the County of Sacramento Department of Transportation. To date, funding for the project has totaled \$1,683,468.
- D. USFWS is providing additional funding in the amount of \$99,000.00 to the Project, which requires approval of a modification to the existing funding agreement between USFWS and the City.

#### **BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The City Manager or the City Manager's designee is authorized to execute Modification No. 2 to the Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, for additional funding in the amount of \$99,000 for the Lower American River Salmonid Spawning Gravel Augmentation Project being administered by the CCOMWP.

Section 2. The City Manager or the City Manager's designee is authorized to increase the Habitat Management Element funding (Fund 7104) revenue and expenditure budgets for G14000200 by \$99,000.

Section 3. Exhibit A is a part of this Resolution.

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Exhibit A: Modification No. 2 to Cooperative Agreement with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)



Requires Council Approval:  No  YES Meeting: 10-18-11

Real Estate  Other Party Signature Needed  Recording Requested

General Information

Type: Grant Attachment: Supplement Number: 2
PO Type: Interagency Agreement Original Document Number: 2010-0694-1
\$ Not to Exceed: \$ 99,000 Original Contract Amount: \$ 402,468
Other Party: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Deed:  None  Included  Separate
Project Name: Lower American River Gravel Augmentation No. Certified Copies of Document:
Project Number: N.A.
Bid Transaction #: N.A. E/SBE-DBE-M/WBE:

Department Information

Department: Utilities Division: C.C.O.M.W.P.
Project Mgr: Sarah Foley Supervisor: Tom Gohring
Contract Services: Kathy Howard Date: 09/19/2011 Division Mgr: Tom Gohring
Phone Number: 808-1995 Org Number: 14001911 Dept. I.D.
Comment: Please process 2 originals

Review and Signature Routing

Table with 3 columns: Department, Signature or Initial, Date. Rows for Project Mgr, Accounting, Contract Services, Supervisor, and Division Manager.

Table with 3 columns: City Attorney, Signature or Initial, Date. Row for City Attorney.

Send Interoffice Mail  Notify for Pick Up

Table with 3 columns: Authorization, Signature or Initial, Date. Rows for Choose Director, Department Director, and City Mgr.

Contract Cover/Routing Form: Must Accompany ALL Contracts; however, is not part of the Contract

For City Clerk Processing
Finalized: Initial: Date: Imaged: Initial: Date: Received: (City Clerk Stamp Here)

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CFDA No: 15.648

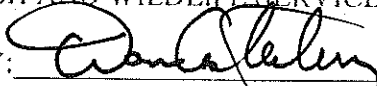
MODIFICATION NO 2  
To  
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT NO. 81332AJ004  
Between  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
And  
WATER FORUM

This modification makes available an additional \$99,000.00 to fund enhancement, e.g. instream woody material installation, of 2011 habitat restoration work on the lower American River Spawning and Rearing Restoration project.

All other terms and conditions of this agreement remain unchanged.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

WATER FORUM

BY: 

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

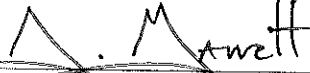
TITLE: ARD, Fisheries, Region 8

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 6 Sept 2011

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

FWS Contract Sufficiency Review:

 08.24.11  
Contracting Officer FWS1-P735 Date