

Attachment A

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Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California

RESOLUTION NO. 20 –

Resolution of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors:)
a) Approving and authorizing the Director of the Resource Management Agency (RMA) of the County of Monterey to sign and submit the Grant Agreement, Notice of Unrecorded Grant Agreements, and all necessary documents to apply for and receive up to \$2.5 million in grant funds from the Wildlife Conservation Board for the Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement (CRFREE) Project (“Project”);)
b) Certifying that, subject to Project approval, the County of Monterey will comply with all federal, state and local environmental, public health, and other appropriate laws and regulations applicable to the Project and will obtain or will ensure that the other project partners obtain all appropriate permits applicable to the Project; and)
c) Committing further to the terms and conditions specified in the Grant Agreement.)
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[REF140048, Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement (CRFREE) Project])

WHEREAS, the proposed Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement (CRFREE) Project is a multi-benefit, green infrastructure project that will reduce flood risks and restore riverine habitat where natural and built environments intersect at the mouth of Carmel Valley;

WHEREAS, the Project previously benefitted from Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) funding in 2011, through Agreement WC-1059CF, Project ID 2010174, which allocated \$2.5 million for project management, engineering design, permitting, environmental review, construction, and restoration.

WHEREAS, the 2011 WCB grant terminated on December 31, 2018; however, \$1,781,857 of the original \$2.5 million award designated for Project construction and restoration was not utilized;

WHEREAS, the WCB funding is intended for projects that restore California lands to protect wildlife values and provide wildlife-oriented public access including habitat restoration, wildlife corridors, and fisheries enhancements;

WHEREAS, The California Department of Fish and Wildlife provided a letter to the Wildlife Conservation Board recommending the proposed Project for the Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Program;

WHEREAS, the WCB recognizes the Project as meeting the goals of WCB and funds were made available to the Wildlife Conservation Board for the enhancement or restoration of fish and wildlife habitat and for the development of public access facilities for hunting, fishing or other wildlife-oriented recreational uses;

WHEREAS, the WCB is proposing to grant to the County of Monterey a sum not to exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000), upon and subject to the terms of a grant agreement to be entered by and among the State of California--Wildlife Conservation Board, the County of Monterey, Big Sur Land Trust, California Department of Parks and Recreation, and Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District for Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Project ("Grant Agreement");

WHEREAS, per the terms of the Grant Agreement, the WCB (Grantor)'s obligation to disburse funds under the Grant Agreement is conditioned upon, among other things, the County authorizing the execution and performance of the Grant Agreement and the carrying out of the Project by the County;

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2020, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey certified the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment for the Project, while the Board of Supervisors at a future date will consider whether to approve the Project; and

WHEREAS, subject to approval of the Project by the Board of Supervisors, the County of Monterey will work with its Project partners to restore 135 acres of critical habitat and provide wildlife-oriented public access;

WHEREAS, receiving grant funds from WCB will provide the County an opportunity to offset costs associated with the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County must sign and submit the required Grant Agreement to the WCB and a Notice of Unrecorded Grant Agreement (NOUGA), to be recorded on behalf of the State, with each of the Project property owners Big Sur Land Trust and Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey hereby resolves to:

- a. Approve and authorize the Director of the Resource Management Agency (RMA) of the County of Monterey to sign and submit the Grant Agreement, Notice of Unrecorded Grant Agreements, and all necessary documents to apply for and receive up to \$2.5 million in grant funds from the Wildlife Conservation Board for the Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement (CRFREE) Project, ; and

- b. Certify that, subject to Project approval, the County of Monterey will comply with all federal, state and local environmental, public health, and other appropriate laws and regulations applicable to the Project and will obtain or will ensure that the other project partners obtain all appropriate permits applicable to the Project; and
- c. Commit further to the terms and conditions specified in the Grant Agreement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 11th day of February 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original resolution of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof in Minute Book ___ for the meeting on February 11, 2020.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

File Number:

By _____
Deputy

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