



County of Monterey

Budget Committee Report

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Item No.

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Matter Type: Budget Committee

- a. Support use of General Fund Contingency to provide funding for a drainage study, in response to the next steps for **Board Referral No. 2024.04** seeking to 1) analyze and address floodplain issues in the Little Bear Creek area; and 2) to address expedited permit processes for cleaning and long-term maintenance of Little Bear Creek; and
- b. Support authorizing and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 adopted budget to increase appropriations by \$200,000 for Special Districts Administration General Fund 001, Appropriation Unit PFP003, financed by a decrease in appropriations of \$200,000 in Contingencies, General Fund 001, Appropriation Unit CAO020 (4/5ths vote required).

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Budget Committee:

- a. Support use of General Fund Contingency to provide funding for a drainage study, in response to the next steps for **Board Referral No. 2024.04** seeking to 1) analyze and address floodplain issues in the Little Bear Creek area; and 2) to address expedited permit processes for cleaning and long-term maintenance of Little Bear Creek; and
- b. Support authorizing and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the FY 2023-24 adopted budget to increase appropriations by \$200,000 for Special Districts Administration General Fund 001, Appropriation Unit PFP003, financed by a decrease in appropriations of \$200,000 in Contingencies, General Fund 001, Appropriation Unit CAO020 (4/5ths vote required).

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

On March 12, 2024, the Board added Supervisor Church's Referral No. 2024.04 (Attachment A) to the County Board of Supervisors' referral matrix. The referral sought to 1) analyze and address floodplain issues in the Little Bear Creek area; and 2) To address expedited permit processes for cleaning and long-term maintenance of Little Bear Creek.

The community of Bolsa Knolls is located in the North County, immediately north of the City of Salinas. The community has grown along Little Bear Creek (Creek), which runs a length of approximately 12 miles. The Creek runs across multiple properties and is managed by various entities, including private residents and agricultural landowners. The referral requested research and analysis of the cause of floodplain issues in the Creek drainage, including a drainage study, analysis of the impact of upstream area agricultural practices, creek maintenance, potential funding mechanisms to conduct maintenance and a process to expedite permitting for creek maintenance.

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At the April 16, 2024 Board Meeting, staff presented the Preliminary Analysis Report for the Board Referral, outlining next steps for the process. The proposed drainage study is the next step. Staff acquired a proposal from one of the PWF on-call environmental consultants, Denise Duffy & Associates (DD&A). Since this study was not budgeted in any department budget, and the costs were still in development at the time, staff is seeking support from the Budget Committee for funding the drainage study.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

PWF coordinated with the County Administrative Office Budget & Analysis Division.

FINANCING:

Supporting this recommendation will provide \$200,000 for the Little Bear Creek drainage study using General Fund Contingencies. As of the date this report was written, the balance in Contingencies is \$8,221,497. Approving use of Contingencies would reduce its balance to \$8,021,497.

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Attachment :

Attachment A - DDA Proposal, dated July 22, 2024