

Board Report

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RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

On February 18, 2016 Senator Antony Canella introduced Senate Bill 1264 appropriating \$1,000,000 from the California State General Fund to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency), for use in the Salinas River and support the development and implementation of long-term management policies. The California Coastal Conservancy (CCC) was identified as the granting agency and a grant agreement was signed with CCC in June 2017.

In March 2018, the BOD and BOS approved a contract with ICF, Jones and Stokes with three phases: Develop a long-term Salinas River Management Plan (LTMP) (Phase 1), develop a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for Monterey County Water Resources Agency operations (Phase 2) and conduct the necessary CEQA/NEPA analyses (Phase 3).

The development of the LTMP included stakeholder assessments, establishment of a planning group, working groups for specific topics and public involvement. The final document as well as information about the process and meeting notes can be found at: www.salinasrivermanagementprogram.org www.salinasrivermanagementprogram.org working

This plan completes Phase 1 of the total project and is the foundation for developing the HCP. The tasks in the remaining phases are currently being reviewed and funding for the entirety needs to be secured.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Many were involved in the completion of this plan. The acknowledgement page at <<u>http://www.salinasrivermanagementprogram.org/documents/final_ltmp/01_ack_toc.pdf</u>> identifies the major participants.

FINANCING:

There is no cost to accept this plan. Phases 2 & 3 need secure funding.

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Attachments:

- Executive Summary
 Board Order