

Agenda Report



MEETING DATE: Saturday, February 10, 2024

TO: City Council

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DIRECTOR LINDBERG
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER MCCLOUD

THROUGH: CITY MANAGER MENDEZ

SUBJECT: AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 6-23 (CM) TO REFLECT CORRECT
GRANTEE AGENCY

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the amendment of Resolution No. 6-23 (CM) to correct language from grantee "Santa Cruz Integrated Regional Water Management Group" to "Regional Water Management Foundation".

BACKGROUND:

"The Santa Cruz Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) program provides a framework for local stakeholders to manage this region's water and water-related resources. The Santa Cruz IRWM Plan was developed in response to California's IRWM planning initiative to promote an informed, locally driven, and consensus-based approach to water resources management. The IRWM Plan includes strategies for developing and implementing policies and projects to ensure sustainable water use, reliable water supply, better water quality, improved flood protection and stormwater management, and environmental stewardship." (www.santacruzirwmp.org)

The City of Watsonville is a collaborating member agency in the Santa Cruz Integrated Regional Water Management Group. Through this participation the city has had opportunities to apply for and be awarded funding for priority projects located throughout the city.

The City of Watsonville is partnering with Watsonville Wetlands Watch and MidPen Housing and was awarded a Santa Cruz Integrated Regional Water Management Proposition 1, Round 2 Implementation Project grant for the Atkinson Lane Integrated Flood Management and Watershed Restoration Project in the amount of \$545,000. This project will improve habitat and minimize localized flooding in the city.

DISCUSSION:

To execute the Local Project Sponsor Agreement approved by the City Council on January 17, 2023, Resolution No. 6-23 requires an amendment to accurately identify the grantee. When City staff drafted the original staff report and resolution, staff incorrectly identified the grantee as the “Santa Cruz Integrated Regional Management Group.” The grantee is the “Regional Water Management Foundation.” Once Resolution No. 6-23 is amended, the City can accept the grant award of \$545,000 for the Atkinson Lane Integrated Flood Management and Watershed Restoration Project.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The proposed Atkinson Lane Integrated Flood Management and Watershed Restoration Project is consistent with the following Strategic Plan Goals:

- 2-Infrastructure & Environment
- 6-Community Engagement & Well-Being

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The City has no match requirement for the grant award of \$545,000. The funds would be appropriated to the Special Grants Account.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

The City could not amend the resolution and would not be eligible to execute the Local Project Sponsor Agreement for grant award.

ATTACHMENTS AND/OR REFERENCES (If any):

1. Resolution No. 6-23 (CM)
2. Department of Water Resources Executed Agreement
3. Regional Water Management Foundation Local Project Sponsor Agreement.