



COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION
DRIVE, ROOM 102A
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 4/30/2019

To: Board of Directors, Sonoma County Water Agency
Department or Agency Name(s): Sonoma County Water Agency
Staff Name and Phone Number: Chase Takajo 521-1872
Vote Requirement: Majority
Supervisory District(s): Second

Title:

Petaluma River Watershed Trash Cleanup

Recommended Actions:

In an ongoing effort to promote community awareness of watershed issues, reduce pollution in the Petaluma River Watershed, and ensure maximum efficiency for flood control:

Authorize Sonoma County Water Agency's (Sonoma Water) General Manager to execute a funding agreement with Friends of the Petaluma River for watershed trash cleanup events through March 31, 2021 in the not-to-exceed amount of \$42,400. (Second District)

Executive Summary:

Sonoma Water is partnering with Friends of the Petaluma River to remove trash and debris from creeks in the Petaluma River Watershed. These events will help to improve knowledge of local habitat, watershed health, and promote awareness of watershed issues in the community and foster civic responsibility for maintaining its creeks.

Discussion:

HISTORY OF ITEM/BACKGROUND

Since 2009, Sonoma Water has partnered with local governmental and volunteer stakeholders to conduct trash cleanup events to remove trash and debris from creeks to improve water quality, flood conveyance, and keep oceans and beaches clean. These events are also intended to increase awareness of watershed issues.

Over the past several years, the partnership between Sonoma Water and Friends of the Petaluma River has been very successful. During the cleanup events sponsored by Sonoma Water, 790 volunteers helped remove over 13,000 pounds of garbage and debris out of the Petaluma River Watershed. The trash cleanup events also provide education to volunteers on watershed awareness and conservation.

SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED

Under the proposed agreement, Friends of the Petaluma River will coordinate with the City of Petaluma, the Sonoma Resource Conservation District, and other watershed stakeholder groups to identify sites, conduct community outreach, garner volunteers, staff events, and conduct trash cleanup events at approximately six sites throughout the Petaluma River Watershed. In addition, Friends of the Petaluma River will provide Sonoma Water with progress reports after each event and present a final report to the Zone 2A Advisory

Committee after all events are completed.

The cost of services will not exceed \$42,400, with a maximum expenditure of \$21,200 per year based on the cost of each event; the term end date is March 31, 2021.

Prior Board Actions:

4/25/2017: Authorized Sonoma Water's General Manager to execute an agreement between Sonoma Water and Friends of the Petaluma River for watershed trash cleanup events. Cost \$42,400; term end March 31, 2019.

4/15/2015: Approved agreement between Sonoma Water and Friends of the Petaluma River for Fall and Spring Petaluma Watershed Trash Cleanups. Cost \$37,750; term end 3/31/17.

5/11/2012: Approved agreement between Sonoma Water and Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District for Petaluma Watershed Fall Trash Cleanups. Cost \$25,000; term end 12/31/2014.

11/17 /2009: Approved agreement between Sonoma Water and Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District for Petaluma Watershed Fall Trash Cleanups. Cost \$28,000; term end 12/31/2011.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 18-19 Adopted	FY19-20 Projected	FY 20-21 Projected
Budgeted Expenses	42,400		
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures	42,400		
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other	42,400		
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources	42,400		

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

Budgeted amount of \$42,400 is available from FY 2018/2019 appropriations for the Petaluma Zone 2A Flood Control fund, which is funded by property tax. No additional appropriation is required.

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll)	Monthly Salary Range (A - I Step)	Additions (number)	Deletions (number)

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Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Agreement with Friends of the Petaluma River

Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:

None