



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: July 12, 2022

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State Of California,
Authorizing the Director of Permit Sonoma to execute the grant offer from the USFWS Non-
Traditional Habitat Section 6 Grant Program, Administered by the California Department of
Fish and Wildlife.**

Whereas, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Grant Program provides funding to state governments to support the development of new Habitat Conservation Plans.

Whereas, in order to be eligible for funding, a state or territory must enter into, a cooperative agreement with the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to section 6(c) of the Endangered Species Act.

Whereas, this funding may only be awarded to directly states and territories, local governments like Sonoma County must work in partnership the State agency as a sub-grantee to obtain this funding stream.

Whereas, in California, the Section 6 Grant Program is administered by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

Whereas, on October 31 2021, CDFW was awarded USFWS grant funding to through the 2021 Section 6 Non-Traditional HCP Grant funding opportunity to CDFW to complete the first phase of an HCP development for Sonoma County. As the grantee, CDFW will award the County \$566,250 with \$188,750.00 to be provided as in-kind funding by the Sonoma County. The total project cost is \$755,000.

Whereas, Pursuant to Fish and Game Code 1501.5(b), the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is authorized to enter into this Grant Agreement and to make an award to County of Sonoma, Permit Sonoma for the planning and development of an HCP/NCCP.

Whereas, the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (Section 6) Grant Agreement between Sonoma County and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is pending.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors:

Authorizes the execution of the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (Section 6) Grant Agreement between Sonoma County and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Authorizes the Director of the Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department to act as the County's agent to execute the grant agreement between the County of Sonoma the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to launch Phase One of the Sonoma County Regional Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Communities Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP).

Be It Further Resolved the Board of Supervisors designates the Clerk of the Board as the custodian of the documents and other materials, which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the decision herein is based. These documents may be found at the office of the Clerk of the Board, 575 Administration Drive, Room 100-A, Santa Rosa, California 95403.

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Supervisors:

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Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Hopkins:

Gore:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.