



COUNTY OF SONOMA

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

SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 11/17/2020

To: Board of Directors, Sonoma County Water Agency
Department or Agency Name(s): Sonoma County Water Agency
Staff Name and Phone Number: Blake Atkerson 547-1974
Vote Requirement: 4/5th
Supervisory District(s): First

Title:

Consideration of Grant of Easement to City of Sonoma for Fryer Creek Pedestrian Bridge Project

Recommended Action:

Consider determining that granting of an easement to the City of Sonoma will not adversely affect the Sonoma County Water Agency.

Executive Summary:

The City of Sonoma (City) has requested that the Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) grant the City an easement for the construction and maintenance of a pedestrian bridge over a portion of Sonoma Water's Fryer Creek Channel property. Sonoma Water's enabling legislation requires the granting this easement be considered at no less than two regularly scheduled Board meetings. This item will return at the next Board meeting for further consideration and action from the Board to authorize granting of the easement.

Discussion:

Sonoma Water owns and maintains the Fryer Creek Channel property (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 018-521-001 and 128-061-019) located at the end of Newcomb Street, west of Broadway, in the City of Sonoma. Sonoma Water maintains the channel for the conveyance of storm water. Existing easements encumber the property to the benefit of the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District for sewerage and the Pacific Gas and Electric Company for natural gas service.

The City of Sonoma requested that Sonoma Water grant them an easement over a portion of Sonoma Water's Fryer Creek property for the purpose of installing and maintaining a pedestrian bridge over Fryer Creek as part of the City's Fryer Creek Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge Project (Bridge Project). The pedestrian bridge benefits students from the nearby middle school and high school crossing Fryer Creek to the existing paved trail constructed and maintained by the City of Sonoma.

Sonoma Water staff reviewed the proposed improvement plans for the Project and determined that construction of the bridge and granting of the easement will not adversely affect Sonoma Water. The City of Sonoma appraised the value of the easement at \$750. Sonoma Water has expended approximately \$7,000 in staff cost to process the City's request to grant the easement. In accordance with Section Nine of Sonoma Water's enabling legislation, Sonoma Water must receive adequate consideration for the granting of property rights to a private entity or public agency or for no consideration to a public agency with a 4/5 vote of the

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Board of Directors.

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Prior Board Actions:

None

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 20-21 Adopted	FY21-22 Projected	FY 22-23 Projected
Budgeted Expenses	\$7,750		
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures	\$7,750		
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other	\$7,750		
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources	\$7,750		

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

The grant of easement is being done at the request of the City of Sonoma. Sonoma Water's staff costs of \$7,750 were budgeted in the Zone 3A Flood Control budget. City of Sonoma will reimburse Sonoma Water \$7,750 for the grant of easement.

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

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

Easement Agreement

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

None