

**CITY OF OJAI
RESOLUTION NO. 21-06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF OJAI SUPPORTING A GRANT FUNDING
APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE FOR THE DESIGN EFFORT TO
REMOVE AND REPLACE FISH BARRIERS IN THE
MIDDLE STEWART CANYON CREEK**

WHEREAS, The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (“CDFW”) has more funding opportunities for ecosystem restoration and protection projects under Proposition 1; and **WHEREAS**, a primary goal of these programs is reestablishing a functioning riparian ecosystem that supports a diversity of fish, wildlife, and plant species; and

WHEREAS, restoration of Stewart Creek is currently underway to rehabilitate a 10-acre riparian corridor overrun with invasive, non-native species; and

WHEREAS, the City supports an application to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the design effort to remove and replace fish barriers in the Middle Stewart Canyon Creek; and

WHEREAS, the CDFW has already provided \$864,000 in grant funding to restore Middle Stewart Canyon and is likely to support further restoration efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Ojai that:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby determines that the foregoing findings are true and correct, and incorporates them herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The City is hereby authorized to apply for and submit to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife a planning grant application to fund the design effort to remove and replace fish blockages in the Middle Stewart Canyon Creek in the amount of up to \$50,000.

SECTION 3. The City staff is hereby authorized to apply for and submit for similarly scoped project to other agencies for the amount not to exceed \$50,000.

SECTION 4. In connection with the subject grant applications, if the application is approved, the City Manager is authorized to enter into, execute, and deliver a standard agreement for the amount not to exceed \$50,000, and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to evidence and secure the grant, the City’s obligations related thereto, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the “Grant Documents”).

SECTION 5. The City shall be subject to the terms and conditions as specified in the Standard Agreement, the Grants Program Guidelines, and any applicable guidelines published by the awarding agency. Funds are to be used for allowable expenditures as specifically identified in

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the Standard Agreement. The application in full is incorporated as part of the Standard Agreement. Any and all activities funded, information provided, and timelines represented in the application will be enforceable through the executed Standard Agreement. The City hereby agrees to use the fund eligible uses in the manner presented in the application as approved by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the design effort to remove and replace fish blockages in the Middle Stewart Canyon Creek.

SECTION 4. The City Manager is authorized to execute the City of Ojai California Department of Fish and Wildlife a planning grant application to fund the design effort to remove and replace fish blockages in the Middle Stewart Canyon Creek, related Grant Documents, and any amendments thereto, on behalf of the City as required by the awarding agency for receipt of the subject grant.

SECTION 5. The City Council finds that in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, sections 15307 and 15308 the adoption of this Resolution is exempt from review under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. The Resolution concerns actions taken to protect natural resources and actions taken to protect the environment, exempting it from review.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 9th day of February 2021 by the following vote:

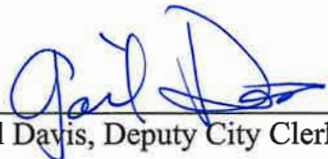
Ayes: Blatz, Francina, Haney, Stix, Weirick
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

City of Ojai, California

Betsy Stix, Mayor


Date signed

ATTEST:



Gail Davis, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Matthew Summers, City Attorney