

**City of Ojai
RESOLUTION NO. 20-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OJAI
SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH
AND WILDLIFE AND THE STATE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD FOR THE
RESTORATION OF THE MIDDLE STEWART CANYON CREEK FOR A GRANT
FUNDING FOR FIRE RISK REDUCTION**

WHEREAS, the City Council expressed concerns with fire hazards in the Stewart Canyon Creek area on the City Hall property where numerous invasive eucalyptus and Mexican fan palms trees; and

WHEREAS, invasive trees impact the stream ecology by consuming much higher levels of water than native vegetation; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2018 staff submitted grant applications to CalFire and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) in pursuit of funding to remove the invasive trees, both submittals were unsuccessful; and

WHEREAS, The CDFW and the State Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) have more funding opportunities for ecosystem restoration and protection projects under both Proposition 1 and Proposition 68; 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, these programs have grant opportunities that provide for the removal of the extensive number of invasive trees, primarily Mexican fan palms and Eucalyptus trees, that have invaded the stream on the City's property and immediately downstream, including restoration and maintenance of the area with native vegetation; and

WHEREAS, staff is pursuing these funding opportunities as an efficient rework of previous grant applications, with revisions as recommended based on State grant reviewer comments; and

WHEREAS, the City supports an application to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the State Wildlife Conservation Board for the Restoration of the Middle Stewart Canyon Creek.

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 and the State Wildlife Conservation Board for the Restoration of the Middle Stewart Canyon Creek released in the fall of 2019 in the amount of \$1,070,653.

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 \$1,070,653.

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 \$1,070,653, 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").

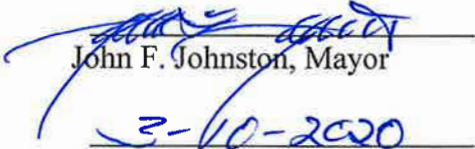
SECTION 5. The City shall be subject to the terms and conditions as specified in the Standard Agreement, the Grants Program Guidelines, and any applicable guidelines published by the awarding agency. Funds are to be used for allowable expenditures as specifically identified in the Standard Agreement. 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 awarding agency, be it the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the State Wildlife Conservation Board for the Restoration of the Middle Stewart Canyon Creek.

SECTION 4. The City Manager is authorized to execute the City of Ojai California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the State Wildlife Conservation Board for the Restoration of the Middle Stewart Canyon Creek grant application, related Grant Documents, and any amendments thereto, on behalf of the City as required by the awarding agency for receipt of the subject grant.

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 10th day of March, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Blatz, Francina, Haney, Johnston, Weirick
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None



John F. Johnston, Mayor

3-10-2020

Date signed

ATTEST:



Gail Davis, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Matthew Summers, City Attorney