

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-0082**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

March 19, 2013

### **APPROVING U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE AND U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FY14 GRANT APPLICATIONS AND RELATED ACTIONS (G14000200)**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. The United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) operates facilities that regulate flows in the lower American River, which contains populations of anadromous Chinook salmon and threatened steelhead trout. Flow regulation and stream channel manipulations have modified anadromous salmonid habitat in the American River. Specifically, gravel is regularly lost from spawning sites on the river because of the construction and operation of Central Valley Project dams, bank protection projects, and other actions that reduce the availability of spawning gravel and rearing habitat in the American River downstream of Nimbus Dam.
- B. The Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA), section 3406 (b)(13) directs the Department of Interior to develop and implement a continuing program for the purpose of restoring and replenishing, as needed, salmonid spawning gravel lost due to the above activities. The program may include preventive measures, such as re-establishment of meander belts and limitations on future bank protection activities, in order to avoid further losses of instream and riparian habitat.
- C. This program serves as the implementation of CVPIA section 3406 (b)(13) in the American River below Nimbus Dam (lower American River), with the goal being to increase the availability of spawning gravel and rearing habitat for fall-run Chinook salmon and steelhead trout.
- D. This project is consistent with the goals of the Fisheries and Instream Habitat Plan, which is incorporated into the River Corridor Management Plan (RCMP). The RCMP is a coordinated approach to management of the lower American River that was developed and endorsed by 38 organizations and local governments in 2002, including the City of Sacramento. Further, the project is a key project under the Habitat Management Element (HME) of the Water Forum Agreement, of which the City is a signatory. The HME implements one of the Agreement's co-equal objectives, which is to preserve the fishery, wildlife, recreational and aesthetic values of the lower American River.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City Manager or the City Manager's designee is hereby authorized to:

- (a) submit applications for: (i) the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Central Valley Project Improvement Act [CVPIA-(b)(1)] Grant, up to the maximum grant amount of \$455,760; and (ii) the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Central Valley Project Improvement Act Title XXXIV [CVPIA-(b)(13)] Grants FY2014, up to the maximum grant amount of \$477,240,000 (hereafter collectively referred to as the "Grants"), for the Lower American River Salmonid Spawning and Rearing Habitat Restoration Project;
- (b) execute all agreements related to the Grants if the Grants are awarded; and
- (c) establish related revenue and expenditure budgets in the American River Floodplain and Side Channel Restoration Project/Gravel Augmentation Project (G14000200) and for the Grant funds contingent on receipt of the Grant awards.

Section 2. The CCOMWP Executive Director and the Executive Director's designees are hereby authorized as the City's agent(s) to conduct all negotiations and submit all documents required in connection with the Grant applications and the Grants, if awarded, including but not limited to applications, payment requests, and documentation of compliance with all requirements applicable to the Grants and completion of the projects funded by the Grants.

Section 3. The City Council has reviewed the purpose of the grant applications and supports the applications being submitted.

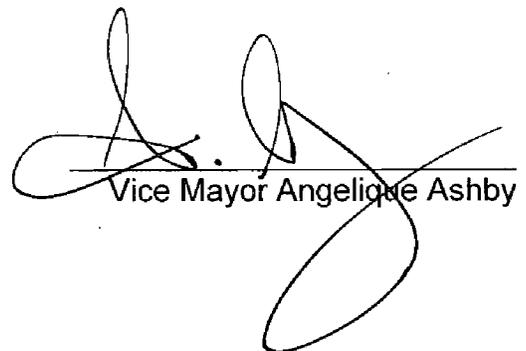
Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on March 19, 2013 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Ashby, Cohn, D Fong, Hansen, McCarty, Pannell, Schenirer, and Warren.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Mayor Johnson.



Vice Mayor Angelique Ashby

Attest:



Shirley Concolino, City Clerk