

RESOLUTION NO 1108

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OF SANTA ROSA (1) FINDING THAT THE PROPOSED BROWN FARM RIPARIAN PROJECT IS WITHIN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA; AND (2) APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND ENDOWMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SONOMA REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROJECT

WHEREAS, Subregional System staff has developed Ranch Plans for the City Reclamation Farms, outlining Best Management Practices (BMPs) for managing the City Reclamation Farms. One of Ranch Plan BMPs related to setbacks from creeks targets one hundred foot setbacks from creek banks on all City Reclamation Farms, and restoring plantings with native flora; and

WHEREAS, the County of Sonoma's Charles M. Schultz – Sonoma County Airport Runway Safety Improvement Project requires mitigation measures regarding restoration of riparian habitat to fulfill requirements imposed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, the County has developed mitigation plans at a portion of Brown Farm with the goal of expanding the Gravenstein Creek riparian woodland corridor and improving the aquatic habitat quality of Gravenstein Creek by establishing closed-canopy riparian woodland along the creek; and

WHEREAS, the County has certified the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport Master Plan Update Implementation Project on January 24, 2012 which includes adoption of the Brown Farm Riparian Project as a mitigation measure for the Airport Runway Safety Improvement Project and the Brown Farm Riparian Project is therefore within the scope of the FEIR; and

WHEREAS, the County intends to contract with an experienced and qualified entity to perform restoration work on Gravenstein Creek and conduct short and long term maintenance and monitoring for a period of 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the County will establish a non-depleting endowment to provide funds to the City for managing natural resources after the 10 year maintenance and monitoring period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Public Utilities of Santa Rosa hereby:

1. Finds, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15091(a)(2), that the Brown Farm Restoration Project is a mitigation measure to lessen any significant environmental impacts of the Airport Runway Safety Improvement Project and is within the

- responsibility and jurisdiction of the County of Sonoma, and directs staff to file a notice of determination of this finding;
2. Approves the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Brown Farm Mitigation Project with the County of Sonoma (MOU);
 3. Authorizes the Deputy Director of Environmental Services for Santa Rosa Water to approve schedule changes to the scope of work for the MOU (Exhibit B to the MOU);
 4. Approves the Endowment Agreement for Brown Farm Habitat Restoration and Management;
 5. Authorizes the Director of Santa Rosa Water to sign the MOU and Endowment Agreement;
 6. Specifies that the location and custodian of the documents or other materials which constitute the record of proceedings upon which this decision is based is:
Denise Cadman, Environmental Specialist. Laguna Treatment Plant, 4300 Llano Road, Santa Rosa CA 95407. Documents will be located in the Laguna Treatment Plant Document Library

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the City of Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities this 17th day of December, 2015.

AYES: (7) Galvin, Kaun, Arnone, Dowd, Holt, Tibbetts, Watts

NOES: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

APPROVED: 
Daniel J. Galvin, III, Chair

ATTEST: 
Recording Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney