

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PROPOSITION 84, ROUND 2 APPLICATION FOR THE UPPER MALIBU CREEK RESTORATION PROJECTS

Over the past several months, staff has been working closely with the other agencies of the North Santa Monica Bay (NSMB) area, which is a subregion within the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) area, to collectively prepare a list of projects to recommend for a second round of funding that has become available through Proposition 84. The funding would cover projects that have a clear benefit to protecting the quality of the region's water resources.

After much discussion, Agoura Hills' Medea Creek Restoration Project rose to the top as one of the two projects that will be recommended within the NSMB subregion to receive funding through this opportunity. If awarded Prop 84 funds, the monies would go towards the construction phase of the project.

The construction phase would include, among other things, removing all, or a portion of, the existing 450-feet of concrete-lining along the stretch of Medea Creek identified in the attached exhibit. Pedestrian trails along the embankments and educational signage would also be included in the scope. Depending on the results of the feasibility and design phase, as well as the amount of funding available at the time of construction, a phased construction approach to achieving creek naturalization is likely.

The Prop 84 application does require a 25% match. One thing to note is that any money spent on pre-construction phases (i.e; feasibility study and design) can be credited towards the match amount. The remaining match gap, if any, would need to be funded through other means such as Federal, State, and/or County sources.

In an effort to strengthen the application for funding through Prop 84, Agoura Hills has decided to partner with the City of Calabasas on the application, since they too are proposing a creek restoration project along a segment of Las Virgenes Creek. Together, a stronger case can be made for maximizing the benefit within the IRWMP region. As a result, the project title has been slightly modified to be the "Upper Malibu Creek Restoration Project," which further emphasizes the positive benefits over a broader area.

On November 14, 2012, a 16-member panel will consider the recommendations from all the different regions, and finalize a list to recommend to the State for final funding determinations.

Applying for these construction dollars is consistent with the Council's previous directive to staff to pursue the financial means to move forward with this project.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City Council direct staff to continue processing the Prop 84 grant application for potential funding of the Upper Malibu Creek Restoration projects.

Attachment: Exhibit A

EXHIBIT



Kanan Road

Project Location

Chumash Park

