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R-17-61  
Meeting 17-14  
July 27, 2017

**CONSENT ITEM #C5**

To: Board of Directors  
Open Space Authority

From: Andrea Mackenzie  
General Manager

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**SUBJECT**

Authorization of the General Manager to Accept Amended Grant Agreement with The Nature Conservancy

**COST**

This item has no cost to the Open Space Authority. The total cost is \$45,000 and is funded by a grant through the S.D. Bechtel Jr. Foundation to The Nature Conservancy. The Open Space Authority is a sub-grantee.

**BACKGROUND**

In 2016, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) was awarded funding from the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation to develop a Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS) for the multi-county Bay Area Regional Advance Mitigation Planning (RAMP) Program. The RCIS is a new conservation planning tool that will provide assurances to transportation and other infrastructure agencies that mitigation investments made in advance of project impacts could be counted and credited for future development permits. The Santa Clara County RCIS is one several projects included in the Bay Area Regional Advance Mitigation Planning Program (RAMP), and its development is sponsored by the Open Space Authority (OSA).

In April of 2016, the Board authorized the General Manager to enter into an agreement with TNC to sponsor the development of the Santa Clara County RCIS. The Agreement included a grant of \$172,500 to fund the project.

**DISCUSSION**

The Nature Conservancy is expanding the scope of this project to include a Subregional Assessment and completion of a final technical and financial report on the RCIS project. To complete the additional scope of work, TNC is requesting a change in the Agreement. The Agreement includes an additional \$45,000 to complete the project as amended.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board accepts the additional funding for the Santa Clara County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy project in the amount of \$45,000 and authorizes General Manager to execute the grant amendment.

Prepared By: Joelle Garretson, Executive Assistant

Attachment(s):

Resolution 17-42 – Authorization to Accept Amended Grant Agreement

# Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

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## RESOLUTION 17-42

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE  
SANTA CLARA VALLEY OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY  
AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO AMEND  
GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY  
TO PREPARE A REGIONAL CONSERVATION INVESTMENT STRATEGY  
FOR SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

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**WHEREAS**, The Nature Conservancy was awarded funding from the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation to develop a Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS) for the multi-county Bay Area Regional Advance Mitigation Planning (RAMP) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, County-focused projects will test and demonstrate how a Regional Conservation Investment Strategy can efficiently and effectively implement conservation priorities and infrastructure development; and

**WHEREAS**, The Nature Conservancy originally awarded the Open Space Authority \$172,500 to develop a RCIS project in Santa Clara County in May 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, The Nature Conservancy has requested additional task deliverables and expanded the scope of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, The Nature Conservancy has awarded the Open Space Authority an additional \$45,000 to support the expanded scope of work and complete a final technical and financial report on the RCIS project; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board accepts additional funding for the Regional Conservation Investment Strategy project in the amount of \$45,000 and authorizes the General Manager to execute the grant amendment.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board further directs that the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Authority and in its name, to execute and deliver such documents and to do such acts as may be deemed necessary or appropriate to accomplish the intentions of this resolution.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTION:

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Mike Flaughner, Chairperson  
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

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William P. Parkin, Legal Counsel

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Kellie Guerra, Clerk of the Board