

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

DATE: November 1, 2023
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Jake Smith, Planning & Conservation Program Manager
REVIEWED BY: Rafael Payan, General Manager
SUBJECT: Review and Approval of Resolution #2023-12, Approving the Grant of Funds from the State Coastal Conservancy for the Garland Ranch Regional Park Fuel Mitigation and Fire Management Project

SUMMARY:

Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD) was awarded \$576,228 in grant funding from the State Coastal Conservancy's (Conservancy) Wildfire Resilience Grant Program on September 22, 2022 for implementation of the Garland Ranch Regional Park Fuel Mitigation and Fire Management Project. The Conservancy requires that MPRPD's Board certify through a resolution that it approves the award of Conservancy grant funding. Staff recommend that the Board approve the grant of funds from the Conservancy for the Project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approving the grant of funds will provide \$576,228 in grant funding for implementation of the Garland Ranch Regional Park Fuel Mitigation and Fire Management Project.

FUNDING SOURCE:

NA

FUNDING BALANCE:

NA

BACKGROUND:

On May 4, 2022, MPRPD's Board approved and authorized staff to apply for the Conservancy Wildfire Resilience Grant Program requesting \$576,228 in grant funding to support the implementation of the Garland Ranch Regional Park Fire and Fuel Management Project (Project). The Project proposed to thin or remove of eucalyptus trees, create shaded fuel breaks, conduct follow-up treatments of treated areas, develop a graphic fire pre-attack plan to share with emergency responders, and develop community outreach materials including social media content and project signage. On September 22, 2022, the Conservancy approved funding for the Project.

DISCUSSION:

The Conservancy requires that MPRPD's Board certify through a resolution that it approves the award of grant funding and authorizes the General Manager to enter into the grant agreement with the Conservancy.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff respectfully recommends that the Board approve the grant of funds from the State Coastal Conservancy for the Garland Ranch Regional Park Fuel Mitigation and Fire Management Project (**ATTACHMENT 1**).

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution Approving the Grant of Funds from the State Coastal Conservancy for the Garland Ranch Regional Park Fuel Mitigation and Fire Management Project](#)