

**CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: 11/7/11  
Reviewed by: BP

**SUBJECT:** A Resolution of the Albany City Council Approving the Application For Grant Funds for the Urban Greening Grant Program Under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) For the Codornices Creek/San Pablo Avenue Gateway Project

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the City Council approve Resolution No. 2011-55.

**BACKGROUND**

The planning and implementation of the restoration of Codornices Creek between San Pablo Avenue to Interstate 80 has been underway for more than ten years. The original master plan was prepared in 2001. In 2004, the City Council approved a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. In addition, in 2004, the City entered into a three-way Memorandum of Understanding with the University of California and the City of Berkeley.

Three phases of the project, from 8<sup>th</sup> Street downstream to the UP railroad tracks, have been completed to date. In 2010, the Association of Bay Area Governments recognized the project as part of the Growing Smarter Together Awards Program.

Revenues from Proposition 84 are divided into a variety of programs, On October 3, 2011, the City Council approved a similar resolution for the California River Parkways Grant Program (Prop 84) to restore the Codornices Creek segment between San Pablo Avenue and 8th Street.

**DISCUSSION**

Staff is proposing to apply for an additional smaller grant of approximately \$200,000 from the Urban Greening Grant Program (Prop 84). The grant application would focus on the rain garden/stormwater pollution prevention elements of the project for the San Pablo Avenue to 8th street segment of Codornices Creek.

The grant application for the Urban Greening Grant is due November 17, and a resolution from the City Council is required. A preliminary sketch of the project is attached.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT**

The proposed project would restore the creek, improve habitat, provide stormwater pollution prevention features, add trail connections, provide recreational and environmental education opportunities, provide a model for a green street retrofit along San Pablo Avenue, and provide greater access to green space for residents.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The Grant does not require a match, but encourages the use of leveraging other resources and projects. This criterion will be easily met by the project.

### **Attachments**

Preliminary Sketch of Proposed Project  
Resolution No. 2011-55