



**Vina
Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Agenda Transmittal**

Agenda Item: 4.3

Subject: Consideration of Cooperative Agreement with the City of Chico for the Lindo Channel Surface Water Recharge Project

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Meeting Date: June 26, 2024

Special Agenda

Department Summary:

On April 10, 2024, the Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) entered into a grant agreement with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). One of the key projects under this agreement is the Lindo Channel Surface Water Recharge Project. This project aims to address groundwater level declines in the City of Chico. By redirecting excess flows from Big Chico Creek into the unlined, natural Lindo Channel, the project will support increased groundwater recharge and reduce potential flooding within the city. The benefits include improved groundwater levels for domestic well users and support for groundwater-dependent ecosystems in Big Chico Creek.

The Vina GSA issued a request for proposals and selected Geosyntec to carry out the project's tasks. As a member agency, the City of Chico recognizes the importance of enhancing groundwater recharge while ensuring flood protection. With its expertise in stormwater and flood control systems, the City will collaborate with Geosyntec and the Vina GSA as a subject matter expert on project tasks. The Board is asked to consider a cooperative agreement with the City of Chico, allocating up to \$10,000 to the City for its contributions to the Lindo Channel Surface Water Recharge Project.

Fiscal Impact: No impact to the Vina GSA annual budget. The expenses for this contract are covered by the SGM Grant.

Staff Recommendations: Approve the cooperative agreement with the City of Chico or provide direction to the Management Committee.

Cooperative Agreement
Between
The Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency
And
The City of Chico
For the
Lindo Channel Surface Water Recharge for the Vina Subbasin Grant Funded
Project

When signed by both parties, this letter constitutes a Letter Agreement between Vina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency) and the City of Chico (City), regarding funding for the Lindo Channel Surface Water Recharge Project as part of the Vina Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Project).

A. THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT:

1. The Agency applied for and was awarded a grant from the State of California Department of Water Resources.
2. The purpose of the grant is to implement projects in the Vina Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan.
3. One of the projects in the approved grant agreement work plan is the Lindo Channel Surface Water Recharge Project.
4. The City understands the value of supporting increased groundwater recharge while maintaining flood protection within the City.
5. The City understands the value of improving groundwater levels for domestic well users within the City.
6. The Agency published a request for proposals and solicited competitive proposals for the Project.
7. The Agency contracted with Geosyntec to complete tasks of the Project.
8. The City has expertise in its stormwater and flood control systems.
9. The City will support Geosyntec as a subject matter expert on Project tasks.
10. The Agency will fund the City \$10,000 for its services.

B. AUTHORITY:

Pursuant to the City of Chico FY2023-24 Budget Policies (G.6.c), the City Manager is authorized to enter into agreements with the State of California and other public agencies in conjunction with projects for which funds have been budgeted.

