



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR  
September 9, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager  
Submitted by: Terrance Davis, Director, Public Works Department  
Subject: Grant Acceptance and Execution for the Codornices Creek Restoration at Ninth Street Bend Project

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to:

1. Execute a \$500,000 funding agreement with the Department of Water Resources and any amendments thereto for the Codornices Creek Restoration at Ninth Street Bend Project.
2. Authorize submission of any required documents, invoices, and reports required to obtain grant funding.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The Codornices Creek Restoration at Ninth Street Bend Project (Project) is estimated to cost \$780,000. The funding amount payable by the State under the Agreement would not exceed \$500,000. Supplemental local funding required for execution of the Project is available in adopted FY2026 budget in the Capital Improvement Fund (501) as detailed below.

<b>Estimated Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$780,000</b>
<b>Current FY 2026 Funding</b>	
Department of Water Resources Funding	\$500,000
Capital Improvement Fund (501)	\$280,000
<b>Total Project Funding</b>	<b>\$780,000</b>

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

In November 2024, City staff and co-sponsor Friends of Five Creeks submitted a grant proposal to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Riverine Stewardship Program for the restoration of Codornices Creek at the Ninth Street Bend. This project aims to restore a vital section of Codornices Creek, a stream that has been the focal point of extensive restoration efforts spanning over two decades.

On May 30, 2025, the DWR Riverine Steward Program, which funds creek, stream, and river restoration projects across California, which enhance riparian ecosystems, notified the City that the submitted proposal had been conditionally awarded a \$500,000 grant. The grant would fund the construction and post-project monitoring and adaptive management phase of the project. Local funds have been used to bring the design to a 60 percent completion and additional local funding would be used to finalize the design and secure all environmental permits. Acceptance of grant funding would allow the City to proceed with the construction phase of the project in 2026.

Accepting the grant funding and implementing the Codornices Creek Restoration at Ninth Street Bend Project supports the City's Strategic Plan goals of providing state-of-the-art, well-maintained infrastructure, amenities, and facilities and being a global leader in addressing climate change, advancing environmental justice, and protecting the environment.

#### BACKGROUND

The Project aims to restore a failed section of the historic cutbank along Codornices Creek, improving creek function and stabilizing the bank using natural materials and native vegetation. The restoration will enhance habitat quality and channel complexity, providing immediate and long-term benefits for native wildlife. In particular, the project is expected to support the native steelhead population by restoring critical in-stream and riparian habitat.

The DWR Riverine Stewardship Program would provide funding for the Project from the Costa-Machado Water Act of 2000 (Proposition 13; Wat. Code, § 79000 et seq.).

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

The Project promotes environmental sustainability by using natural materials and native vegetation to restore creek bank stability and riparian habitat, reducing the need for future structural interventions. By enhancing channel complexity and allowing the creek to adapt to changing flows, the restoration improves the creek's resilience to climate change impacts such as increased storm intensity and variable water levels. These nature-based solutions help maintain ecological function while supporting long-term habitat for the native steelhead population.

#### RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Accepting the grant funding would allow the City to leverage significant state funding to complete a high-priority restoration project avoiding further delays, higher future costs, and further degradation of habitat. No local funding sources have been identified to carry out the construction that would be covered by this state grant.

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

GRANT ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION FOR THE CODORNICES CREEK  
RESTORATION AT NINTH STREET BEND PROJECT

WHEREAS, City staff propose to implement the Codornices Creek Restoration at Ninth Street Bend Project (Project) to restore a vital section of Codornices Creek; and

WHEREAS, City staff and co-sponsor Friends of Five Creeks submitted a grant proposal to the California Department of Water Resources for construction and post-construction monitoring for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Water Resources conditionally awarded \$500,000 to the City to fund the Project; and

WHEREAS, funding for the grant comes from the Costa-Machado Water Act of 2000 (Proposition 13; Wat. Code, § 79000 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley has the legal authority and is authorized to enter into a funding agreement with the State of California; and

WHEREAS, based on latest Project estimates, \$280,000 of local funds would be required to supplement the grant award to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, \$280,000 in Capital Improvements Funds (501) are in the adopted budget for FY2026 for the Project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley, pursuant to all of the terms and provisions of the Costa-Machado Water Act of 2000 (Wat. Code, § 79000 et seq.), authorizes the City Manager to execute the funding agreement with the Department of Water Resources and any amendments thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley authorizes and directs the City Manager, or designee, to submit any required documents, invoices, and reports required to obtain grant funding.