



**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Charles W. Ebeling, Public Works Director

**SUBJECT:** Budget Appropriation of \$3.9 million for the Coastal Conservancy Grant for Enhancement of Monarch Butterfly and Other Wildlife Habitat at the Ellwood Mesa/Sperling Preserve Open Space

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve a budget appropriation and grant revenue adjustment of approximately \$3.9 million for the Grant Agreement with the Coastal Conservancy for enhancement of monarch butterfly and other wildlife habitat at the Ellwood Mesa/Sperling Preserve Open Space into Fund 322 as identified in the fiscal impact section of the report.

**BACKGROUND:**

On May 21, 2019, City Council adopted the Resolution No. 19-31 entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement with the Coastal Conservancy and Acceptance of Funds for Enhancement of Monarch Butterfly and Other Wildlife Habitat at the Ellwood Mesa/Sperling Preserve Open Space." (Attachment 1)

**DISCUSSION:**

The grant agreement requires the City submit a detailed work program for the project, outlining specific tasks to be performed, construction plans and specifications, a schedule of completion, and a detailed project budget.

The Public Works Department is recommending the approval of the \$3.9 million budget appropriation as discussed by the May 21, 2019 resolution. The budget appropriation is needed so work can begin on satisfying the grant requirements for an initial work program. The initial work program will be considered as interim. The work plan will describe all actions that will need to be completed within the next six months that include field maintenance work, restoration work and creating an annual grant Implementation Plan (IP). Then each year, a new IP will be created. This approach will accommodate the flexible structure of the Ellwood Mesa Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan (MBHMP), while also allowing more immediate actions such as necessary maintenance, Community Wildfire Protection Plan implementation, project planning, acquisition of Coastal Development Permits, and development of future IP and work program elements, to proceed and be eligible for grant funding. Each year, the City will submit the IP for the

next year's activities, including all detail required by the grant agreement, as a modification or supplement to the work program.

# **FISCAL IMPACTS:**

The estimated cost for five years of implementation of the MBHMP is \$3,898,450, including 23,082 City Staff hours for a cost of \$2,308,200 and \$1,590,250 of contractor costs required for this effort. The state grant funding of \$3.9 million would be used for management and restoration of the monarch butterfly habitats on Ellwood Mesa, as outlined in the MBHMP. The use for such funds restricted to actions to restore, enhance, manage, and monitor butterfly habitats on Ellwood Mesa. In the near-term, this funding would be instrumental in getting the MBHMP's programs operational and in addressing some of the imminent habitat issues that presently face the eucalyptus grove.

The following table outlines the recommended budget appropriations for the state grant:

<b>Ellwood Mesa/Sperling Preserve Open Space FY19/20</b>					
<b>Account</b>	<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>YTD &amp; Encumbrance.</b>	<b>Requested Appropriations</b>	<b>Available Budget</b>
322-5-9112-705	Coastal Conservancy Grant	\$0	\$0	\$1,590,250	\$1,590,250
322-5-9112-706	Coastal Conservancy Grant	\$0	\$0	\$2,308,200	\$2,308,200
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,898,450</b>	<b>\$3,898,450</b>

Additionally, staff recommends setting the corresponding grant revenue account, 322-4-9112-200 (Grant Proceeds) at \$3,898,450, to account for receipt of state grant revenues.

<b>Ellwood Mesa/Sperling Preserve Open Space FY19/20</b>			
<b>Cost Summary</b>		<b>Funding Summary</b>	
Staffing Costs- Estimate	\$2,308,200	Coastal Conservancy Grant	\$3,898,450
Contractor Costs	\$1,590,250		
<b>Total Cost of Project</b>	<b>\$3,898,450</b>		<b>\$3,898,450</b>

# **ALTERNATIVES:**


The City Council may elect not to accept the \$3.9 million in grant funds from the Coastal Conservancy that was allocated to assist the City in addressing habitat conditions on Ellwood Mesa. The City would need to seek other funding in order to implement butterfly habitat enhancement and other activities described in the MBHMP. This would likely result in increased demands on the City's General Fund and/or delays or limitations in implementing the MBHMP.

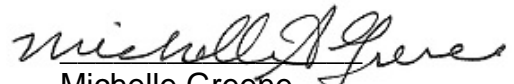
**Reviewed By:**

**Legal Review By:**

**Approved By:**

  
Kristine Schmidt  
Assistant City Manager

  
Michael Jenkins  
City Attorney

  
Michelle Greene  
City Manager

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution No. 19-31 entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California Authorizing Execution of a Grant Agreement with the Coastal Conservancy and Acceptance of Funds for Enhancement of Monarch Butterfly and Other Wildlife Habitat at the Ellwood Mesa/Sperling Preserve Open Space."



## **ATTACHMENT 1**

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## **RESOLUTION NO. 19-31**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COASTAL CONSERVANCY AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FOR ENHANCEMENT OF MONARCH BUTTERFLY AND OTHER WILDLIFE HABITAT AT THE ELLWOOD MESA/SPERLING PRESERVE OPEN SPACE**

**WHEREAS** Ellwood Mesa is one of the most important sites for overwintering monarch butterflies in California, with monarch butterfly populations in steep decline throughout California for the past several years, and substantial work is necessary to preserve existing butterfly habitat and to enhance degraded habitat quality at Ellwood Mesa;

**WHEREAS** the City adopted the Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan (MBHMP) and associated Mitigated Negative Declaration on March 19, 2019, consistent with policies of the City's Open Space Element of the Goleta General Plan / Coastal Land Use Plan and Ellwood-Devereux Coast Open Space and Habitat Management Plan;

**WHEREAS** the MBHMP provides a programmatic approach to management of habitats that support monarch butterfly seasonal aggregations, while maintaining the functionality of habitat for other plants and wildlife species;

**WHEREAS** the State of California allocated \$3,900,000 to the City for management and restoration of the monarch butterfly habitats on Ellwood Mesa;

**WHEREAS** the State funds would be maintained in an account separate from other City funds, with the use of such funds restricted to actions to restore, enhance, manage, and monitor butterfly habitats on Ellwood Mesa;

**WHEREAS** the estimated cost and level of effort for five years of implementation of the MBHMP is \$3,898,450 including 23,082 staff hours totaling \$2,308,200 and \$1,590,250 of contractor costs, with funding for implementation of the MBHMP to be drawn from a variety of sources, which may include grants, donations, mitigation fees, and the City's General Fund;

**WHEREAS** the grant funding available from the State would be instrumental in getting the MBHMP's programs operational and in addressing some of the imminent habitat issues that presently face the grove;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** *Recitals.* The City Council hereby finds and determines that the foregoing recitals, which are incorporated herein by reference, are true and correct.

**SECTION 2:** *Grant Administration.* The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute, in the name of the City of Goleta, all necessary contracts and agreements and amendments thereto to implement and carry out the grant application package and any project approved through approval of the grant application.

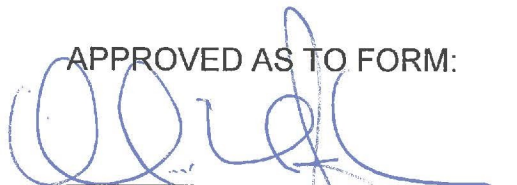
**SECTION 3:** *Certification.* The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2019.

  
PAULA PEROTTE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
DEBORAH S. LOPEZ  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
MICHAEL JENKINS  
CITY ATTORNEY



STATE OF CALIFORNIA                     )  
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA        )  
CITY OF GOLETA                        )       ss.

I, DEBORAH S. LOPEZ, City Clerk of the City of Goleta, California, DO  
HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution No. 19-31 was duly adopted by  
the City Council of the City of Goleta at a regular meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
May 2019, by the following vote of the Council:

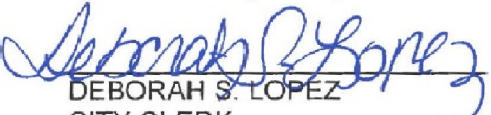
AYES:                   MAYOR PEROTTE, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE RICHARDS,  
                          COUNCILMEMBERS ACEVES, KASDIN AND KYRIACO

NOES:                   NONE

ABSENT:                NONE

ABSTENTIONS        NONE

(SEAL)

  
DEBORAH S. LOPEZ  
CITY CLERK