

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: March 25, 2020

From: MITCH WEISS, Executive Director

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Subject: **Allocation for the 2019 California Natural Resources Agency Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program Projects, Resolution FP-19-68**

## **Issue:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) allocate \$6,371,206 for 11 projects included in the 2019 California Natural Resources Agency's (Resources Agency) Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program?

## **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the allocation of \$6,371,206 to fund 11 projects included in the 2019 California Natural Resources Agency's Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program.

## **Background:**

The Budget Act of 2019 appropriated \$6,700,000 for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program.

Attachment A includes a list of 11 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program projects off the State Highway System totaling \$6,371,206. Each project recommended for funding has provided the Resources Agency evidence of CEQA compliance. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agencies have determined that 10 of the 11 projects are exempt from CEQA. A Notice of Determination was filed for the remaining one project, and the CEQA Lead Agency has provided evidence of CEQA compliance for the project. The Lead Agencies are ready to proceed and request an allocation at this time.

**Financial Resolution FP-19-68:**

Resolved, that \$6,371,206 be allocated for the 11 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program projects identified on the attached list. Funds for this allocation are available from the following source: \$6,700,000 from the Budget Act of 2019.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: California Natural Resources Agency Proposed 2019 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program Recommendations

Categories:  
 RL - Resource Lands  
 UF - Urban Forestry

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 Attachment A

**2019 Grant Cycle  
 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant Program**

<b>Projects Recommended For Funding (11)</b>					
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>Recommended \$</b>
Chino Hills, City of	Strickling Nature Park Project	San Bernardino	UF	S	\$275,956
Lakeside's River Park Conservancy	75 Ac. Digenan Acquisition in the El Monte Valley	San Diego	RL	S	\$813,900
Laurel Canyon Land Trust	Let's Buy A Mountain Phase 3 (LBAM #3)	Los Angeles	RL	S	\$1,000,000
Norwalk, City of	City of Norwalk Median Revitalization Project Proposal	Los Angeles	UF	S	\$276,350
Palmdale, City of	City of Palmdale Avenue S Environmental Enhancement and Urban Greening	Los Angeles	UF	S	\$500,000
The Trust for Public Land	Caliente Creek Acquisition Project	Kern	RL	S	\$1,000,000
<b>6 Southern Projects (61% Total Funding)</b>					<b>\$3,866,206</b>
Arcata, City of	Arcata Community Forest Jacoby Creek Tract Expansion (Swaner - 114 acres)	Humboldt	RL	N	\$350,000
California Trout, Inc.	The Cochran Creek and Quail Slough Enhancement Project	Humboldt	RL	N	\$500,000
Redwood Coast Land Conservancy	Mill Bend Conservation Project	Mendocino	RL	N	\$845,000
Sonoma Land Trust	Sonoma Mountain Vernal Pool Preserve Acquisition	Sonoma	RL	N	\$510,000
Trinidad Coastal Land Trust	Strawberry Rock Redwood Forest Conservation Easement Acquisition	Humboldt	RL	N	\$300,000
<b>5 Northern Project (39% Total Funding)</b>					<b>\$2,505,000</b>
<b>Total Recommended</b>					<b>\$6,371,206</b>
<b>Total Available/Roll Over To 2020 Cycle</b>					<b>\$328,794</b>