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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Hillary Gitelman - Director  
Conservation, Development & Planning  
**REPORT BY:** Jeff Sharp, Planner III , 259-5936  
**SUBJECT:** Letter in support of a grant proposal for Selby Creek habitat restoration project.

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Conservation, Development and Planning, on behalf of the Watershed Information Center and Conservancy Board, requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a letter in support of the Selby Creek Watershed Partnership's grant application to the CalFed Bay-Delta Authority for the implementation of stream-bank and channel restoration to enhance the riparian habitat along Selby Creek.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In 2004, the Selby Creek Watershed Partnership (SCWP) hired Bioengineering Associates to conduct a survey and produce an assessment of stream conditions for the entire length of Selby Creek. The resulting effort detailed restoration recommendations for over a mile of stream bank and formed the basis of the SCWP grant proposal.

SCWP is hoping to acquire funding through CalFed Bay-Delta Authority, and other agency grants and direct owner contributions, to implement projects identified in the assessment. A grant application has been prepared by the SCWP and submitted to the the CalFed Bay-Delta Authority. A letter of support from the County Board of Supervisors for the SCWP's grant application will help them towards their goal of the restoration of Selby Creek through a public-private partnership.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of

Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Selby Creek is approx 8500 feet long. It officially begins at the confluence of Bider Creek and Dutch Henry Creek just above the Silverado Trail in Calistoga. From there it runs out to the Napa River crossing under Larkmead Lane somewhere near its half way point.

In the fall of 2003 the neighbors along the creek created Selby Creek Watershed Partnership (SCWP) for the purpose of addressing the erosion problems that many landowners were experiencing on their banks by looking at the creek as an entire system rather than just dealing with the issues on a parcel basis. By working as a watershed stewardship group they would not only be able to more effectively deal with the immediate concerns of property damage due to continued erosion, but also take on the bigger goal of improving the overall quality of the watershed through restoration of the creek. In January 2004, a grant application was prepared by the Selby Creek Watershed Partnership (SCWP) and submitted to the the Department of Water Resources Urban Streams Restoration Program. On February 8, 2004, the Board of Supervisors approved a letter of support for the grant application.

As their first project, in 2004, SCWP hired Bioengineering Associates to produce a survey and assessment of conditions for the entire length of Selby Creek. The survey and the assessment detail both bioengineering and revegetation recommendations for over one mile of stream bank. It forms the basis of the project that SCWP is hoping to fund through a combination of grants and direct owner contributions.

The SCWP also participated in the initial testing of the Watershed Information Center & Conservancy (WICC) website. The WICC is providing SCWP a way to reach out to the community and facilitate participation in the greater goal of watershed restoration throughout Napa County.

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### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . Letter of support

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey