



BOARD MEETING AGENDA SUBMITTAL

TO: GCSB Board of Directors

FROM: Jennifer Donabedian, Administrative Services Manager

DATE: April 11, 2023

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 7I: Discussion and Approval of the Submission of an Application to the Clean California Local Grant Program Cycle 2

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

I move to authorize the General Manager to apply to the Clean California Local Grant Program Cycle 2 for Park Improvements.

BACKGROUND:

The District submitted a successful application for Cycle 1 of the Clean California Local Grant Program which included:

- Replacement of the park restroom with a new, larger and more maintenance friendly facility
- Additional trash and recycling receptacles
- Shade cover and enhanced YARTS bus terminal area
- Additional park benches with covers in unshaded areas
- Drought tolerant landscaping design and installation; irrigation renovation and demonstration garden
- Walking paths in the park
- Trailhead informational area and signage
- Removal of trash, debris and abandoned RV on the new 37 acre property purchased
- Restoration of dirt access roads and unpaved trails linking the park to the new property; allowing the property to be opened for walking, hiking, biking and sightseeing

Due to the successfulness of Cycle 1, the state allocated funding for a Cycle 2 of the program.

District staff would like to submit an application for Cycle 2 to include the a few of the park improvements that were applied for in the unsuccessful application to the Rural Recreation and Tourism Grant Program. If successful, this project would include:

- ADA accessibility from upper park to lower park and walking loop
- Creekside Nature Trail and Demonstration Gardens
- Rehabilitation and clean up of lower park utilities

The improvements that were applied for in the Rural Recreation and Tourism Grant were developed from an extensive public outreach and engagement process over the course of several years. The District feels that these improvements meet the goals and objectives of the Clean CA Local Grant Program, and if successful, would also deliver desired park amenities for public use.

FINANCIAL

The total grant ask for these projects is approximately \$634,677. Due to the disadvantaged community designation of this project, the District's match requirement would be 25%, or approximately \$158,669.