

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN BENITO

RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 11

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BENITO COUNTY AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, AND RECEIPT OF, FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 COOPERATIVE ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION FUND GRANT PROGRAM (SECTION 6 OF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT) NON-TRADITIONAL HABITAT CONSERVATION PLANNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), under the Section 6 of the Federal Endangered Species Act to provide financial assistance provided in the form of competitive grants made available through the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund Grants Programs (CESCF) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) specifically to CESCF Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Planning Assistance Grants due March 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of San Benito desires to submit a project application for the CESCF Section 6 program to create a joint Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP) and will submit a 2021 CESCF Section 6 grant application as described in the CESCF: Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Planning Assistance Fiscal Year: 2021 Program NOFA Guidelines released by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife for the CESCF Section 6 Program; and

WHEREAS, the Service is authorized to provide up to \$11.3 million through this opportunity with the maximum award of \$1 million.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BENITO RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The County of San Benito is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and submit to the Service the 2021 CESCF Section 6 program application in the amount of \$1,319,054 (\$976,100 Federal share and \$342,954 Non-federal County 26% match contribution).

SECTION 2. In connection with the CESCF Section 6 program grant, if the application is approved by the Service, the Resource Management Agency Director, Benny Young, is authorized to enter into, execute, and deliver a State of California Agreement (Standard Planning Agreement by and among the San Benito County Resources Management Agency, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the Natural Community Conservation Plan and Habitat Conservation Plan) for the amount of \$1,319,054 (\$976,100 Federal share and \$342,954 Non-federal County 26% match contribution), and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to evidence and secure the CESCF Section 6 program grant, the

County's obligations related thereto, and all amendments thereto (collectively, the "CESCF Section 6 program Grant Documents").

SECTION 3. The County shall be subject to the terms and conditions as specified in the Standard Planning Agreement, the CESCF Section 6 Program Guidelines, and any applicable CESCF Section 6 Program guidelines published by the Service. Funds are to be used for allowable expenditures as specifically identified in the Standard Planning Agreement. The application in full is incorporated as part of the Standard Planning Agreement. Any and all activities funded, information provided, and timelines represented in the application will be enforceable through the executed Standard Planning Agreement. The County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to use the funds for eligible uses in the manner presented in the application as approved by the Service and in accordance with the CESCF Section 6 Program Grants NOFA, the CESCF Section 6 Program Guidelines, and 2021 CESCF Section 6 Program Application.

SECTION 4. The Resource Management Agency Director, Benny Young, is authorized to execute the County of San Benito CESCF Section 6 program application, the CESCF Section 6 Program Grant Documents, and any amendments thereto, on behalf of the County as required by the Department for receipt of the CESCF Section 6 Program Grant.

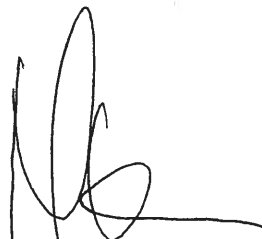
ADOPTED February 23, 2021, by the County Board of Supervisors of the County of San Benito by the following vote:

AYES: **Medina, Gonzales, Kosmicki, Hernandez, Tiffany**

NOES: None \emptyset


ABSENT: None \emptyset

ABSTAIN: None \emptyset



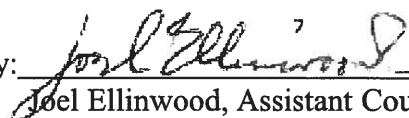
Mark Medina, Chairperson
San Benito County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
Jennifer Frechette, Clerk of the Board



Date: 2-23-21

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Barbara Thompson, County Counsel

By: 

Joel Ellinwood, Assistant County Counsel

Date: February 12, 2021