

Resolution No: 5778

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL SUPPORTING A MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION BY THE LAGUNA DE SANTA ROSA FOUNDATION FOR RESTORATION OF MEADOWLARK FIELD IN THE LAGUNA DE SANTA ROSA WETLANDS PRESERVE

WHEREAS, the Laguna de Santa Rosa is one of the most significant remaining wetlands in Northern California; and

WHEREAS, the Laguna de Santa Rosa has been severely degraded and reduced in scope over the last two centuries; and

WHEREAS, the community of Sebastopol has been a leader in seeking protection and restoration of the Laguna and its resources, creating the first Laguna public park, the Laguna de Santa Rosa Wetlands Preserve, and engaging in substantial native plant restoration efforts, public education, and provision of low-impact public access; and

WHEREAS, in collaboration with the City of Sebastopol, the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation, a Sonoma County non-profit dedicated to Laguna protection and restoration, has applied for a grant from the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District under its Matching Grant Program to implement a significant native plant restoration project on lands owned by the City of Sebastopol, Meadowlark Field in the City's Laguna de Santa Rosa Wetlands Preserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Sebastopol hereby:

1. Expresses its support and approval for the Meadowlark Field native plan restoration project Matching Grant application; and
2. Certifies the City's commitment to operate and maintain the Laguna Preserve as a public park, including the native plantings funded by the proposed grant; and
3. Certifies its willingness to impose an Open Space Easement or other suitable instrument in the restoration area to protect the open space and park qualities to be funded by the proposed grant; and
4. Delegates the authority to the City Manager or his designee to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the proposed project.

Approved and Adopted the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution Number 5778 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Sebastopol following a roll call vote:

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR SARAH GLADE GURNEY

AYES: Councilmembers Robinson, Wilson, Shaffer, Vice Mayor Kelley

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

and Mayor Glade Gurney

ATTEST:

  
Mary Gourley (City Clerk)