



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 6.5

DATE: May 11, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Brent Smith, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing an appropriation of the Habitat Conservation Plan grant, State Grants Fund 240, in the amount of \$700,000 for development of the Livermore Habitat Conservation Plan and environmental document.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends City Council adopt a resolution authorizing an appropriation of the Habitat Conservation Plan grant, State Grants Fund 240, in the amount of \$700,000, for development of the administrative draft of the Livermore Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and environmental document.

DECISION TYPE

Administrative

SUMMARY

The Livermore Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) is currently being developed to provide a coordinated framework for compliance with the Endangered Species Act, which will allow certain projects and activities to proceed while minimizing and mitigating impacts to species and habitat.

The City of Livermore (City) received a \$700,000 grant from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to prepare the public draft HCP and associated environmental documents. The City initially budgeted \$350,000 across Fiscal Years 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26. The grant was received but never taken to City Council to appropriate the \$700,000. To complete project deliverables outlined in the grant agreement and close out the grant, the City must authorize an appropriation of the Habitat Conservation Plan grant, State Grants Fund 240, in the amount of \$700,000, for development of the Livermore Habitat Conservation Plan and environmental document.

DISCUSSION

A habitat conservation plan is a federal permitting document that defines a comprehensive approach to endangered species permitting. The City of Livermore's, Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) will provide multiple benefits to the City, including comprehensive habitat conservation planning, streamlined

permitting for maintenance and capital improvement projects, and potential reduced cost for federal endangered species regulatory compliance and mitigations.

The Conservation Planning Assistance (CPA) program is a federal grant initiative managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) under the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (CESCF) that provides federal financial support for the development of HCP's. The grant is awarded to the CDFW, who then administers those funds to applicants.

On January 10, 2022, City Council adopted a resolution authorizing staff to submit a grant application for the CPA program. On February 13, 2023, City Council adopted a resolution accepting \$700,000 of grant funds and authorizing execution of a grant agreement with CDFW to prepare the HCP. On September 25, 2023, City Council adopted a resolution authorizing a first amendment to the professional services agreement with ICF Jones and Stokes Inc., for preparation of the public draft HCP and associated environmental documents.

The development of the HCP coincided with the City's General Plan update and Environmental Impact Report. When the schedule for the General Plan update shifted, staff amended the HCP grant scope to better align with the General Plan update and ensure the remaining work could be completed within the grant's timeline. To fully utilize the current grant, the City must authorize the appropriation of the Habitat Conservation Plan grant, State Grants Fund 240, in the amount of \$700,000 to complete the amended grant scope and close out the project.

Staff also applied for a new grant to fund the remaining tasks and additional work required to adopt the final HCP and its environmental document. The new grant is expected to be awarded in October 2026.

FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACTS

Staff originally budgeted \$350,000 in the engineering operating budget for Fiscal Years 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 for preparation of the HCP. An appropriation of the Habitat Conservation Plan grant, State Grants Fund 240, in the amount of \$700,000, the total grant amount, is required to complete remaining tasks that are scoped in the amended HCP agreement and close out the project.

COMMUNITY PILLAR

3: Environmental Stewardship

GOAL

3: Help the City fulfill its obligations under state and federal environmental regulations, and in response to regulatory oversight

ATTACHMENTS

[1. Resolution](#)

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