



City Council Staff Report

Subject: Monument Springs Drive Roadway and Bridge Improvements and Sunset Whitney Connector Bridge - Projects - Mitigation Bank Credits

Date: June 23, 2026

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Department: Community Development

Recommendation:

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rocklin Approving and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute All Necessary Documents for the Acquisition of Mitigation Bank Credits for the Monument Springs Drive Roadway and Bridge Improvements and Sunset Whitney Connector Bridge Projects.

Background:

On June 24, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-137, approving the 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program, which included the Monument Springs Drive Roadway and Bridge Improvements Project and the Sunset Whitney Connector Bridge Project. The Monument Springs Drive Roadway and Bridge Improvements Project will create a roadway connection across Secret Ravine that would connect China Garden Road to Greenbrae Road. The Sunset Whitney Connector Bridge project will create a safe and reliable pedestrian crossing point over Antelope Creek, connecting Johnson Springview Community Park with the greater trail system associated with the Sunset Whitney Recreation Area.

Both projects are currently in the design and environmental permitting stage, and because both projects will impact riparian woodland habitat as a result of their construction, the City is required to obtain a California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Streambed Alteration Agreement (SAA) pursuant to California Fish and Game Code Section 1602. The SAA for the Monument Springs Drive Roadway and Bridge Improvements project has been issued by the CDFW; the SAA for the Sunset Whitney Connector Bridge project is currently being drafted.

As a component of the SAAs, there is a section that identifies the City's obligation to compensate for the projects' adverse impacts to fish and wildlife resources, in this case riparian woodland habitat. For the Monument Springs Drive Roadway and Bridge Improvements and the Sunset Whitney Connector Bridge projects, the City's compensation requirement is to purchase 0.46 acre and 0.15 acre of credits, respectively, of riparian woodland habitat from a CDFW-approved mitigation bank.

Staff has worked with the project consultants to identify an eligible mitigation bank that has the necessary type of available credits and is in the process of having Purchase and Sale Agreements created. For the identified mitigation bank, the cost to purchase an acre of riparian woodland habitat is \$250,000/acre, which would require payments of \$115,000 and \$37,500, respectively, for the 0.46 acre and 0.15 acre mitigation requirements.

To facilitate the City's purchase of the necessary mitigation bank credits, staff recommends the City Council delegate authority to the City Manager for the acquisitions of mitigation bank credits for the Monument Springs Drive Roadway and Bridge Improvements and Sunset Whitney Connector Bridge projects. Although the purchase amount of the \$37,500 mitigation bank credits is within the City Manager's authority per Rocklin Municipal Code Section 3.04.050, it is prudent to make the City Council aware of the obligations of both projects.

Fiscal Impact:

The Monument Springs Drive Roadway and Bridge Improvements Project (Project No. 50173) and the Sunset Whitney Connector Bridge Project (Project No. 40035) are included in the adopted 2026-2031 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and funded in the Fiscal Years 2025/26 and 2026/27 Operating Budget. Sufficient funds are available to support the staff recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS:

[1. Resolution](#)