

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-0004**

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO APPROVE A CHANGE TO CALIFORNIA TROUT, INC.'S (GRANTEE) ELK RIVER SEDIMENT REMEDIATION PILOT IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS (PROJECT) FROM AN IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT TO A PLANNING PROJECT AND AMEND AGREEMENT NUMBER D1513103 AS NECESSARY TO REFLECT THIS CHANGE.

WHEREAS:

1. On July 7, 2015, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted [Resolution No. 2015-0046](#) approving proposed Program Preferences for the 2016 Clean Water Act 319 NPS Grant Program (Program), which included projects funded with the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund (Timber Fund), and making all projects that addressed the approved Program Preferences eligible to compete for funding.
2. Resolution No. 2015-0046 authorized the Executive Director to award and execute financing agreements for projects funded through the Program's competitive process.
3. The Grantee was awarded a Timber Fund grant through the Program's competitive process and the State Water Board executed grant agreement number D1513103 with the Grantee on June 28, 2016 for \$638,557 to implement the Project.
4. In August 2019, the Grantee notified the State Water Board that the Project could not be completed as described in the grant agreement because of prolonged negotiations with local landowners and government partners including California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).
5. As a result of discussions with local landowners and government partners, the Grantee has requested a significant deviation to the Project that would change the Project from a sediment remediation implementation project to a planning project consisting of design plans for revegetation, mitigation of the original sediment remediation, and restoration in another area of the Elk River watershed.
6. The Project, including the requested deviations from the original scope of work, meets the minimum requirements for the Timber Fund and the 2020 Nonpoint Source Grant Program Guidelines but is no longer the project that was awarded a Timber Fund grant through the Program's competitive process.

7. The Project supports the objective of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board to address sediment loading in the North Fork Elk River and supports the objectives of the 2014-2020 California Nonpoint Source Program Implementation Plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to approve changes to the scope of work and budget of the Project that reflect the Project's shift from an implementation project to a planning project.
2. Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to amend grant agreement number D1513103 as necessary to reflect these changes.

CERTIFICATION


The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on February 18, 2020.

AYE: Chair E. Joaquin Esquivel
Vice Chair Dorene D'Adamo
Board Member Tam M. Doduc
Board Member Sean Maguire
Board Member Laurel Firestone

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board