

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM REPORT FOR MEETING OF: April 15, 2025

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**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**From:** Councilmembers Carter and Maurer  
 Emi Thériault, Community Development Director  
 Don Schwartz, City Manager  
**Subject:** Approval of Resolutions Bringing Back Calder Creek Phase 1 Ives Park:  
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council Consider Approval of Resolutions for Grant Application for Bringing Back Calder Creek Phase 1:

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**SUMMARY:** Fostering collaboration between the City Council, local businesses, and the community to improve the downtown area is one way to create economic development and is a proactive way to gather input on potential improvements and create a shared sense of ownership and responsibility for the vitality of Sebastopol. This includes our City parks. By partnering together on endeavor such as this, we can ensure that improvements are both practical and sustainable while reflecting the community’s character and values.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:**

The Ives Park Master Plan is a comprehensive vision for the revitalization of Ives Park, adopted by the City Council in 2013. The plan includes several projects aimed at improving accessibility, naturalizing Calder Creek, and enhancing the park's overall functionality and aesthetics.

The approved Ives Park Master Plan includes the concept of naturalizing Calder Creek as it runs through the Park. In September 2022, the City Council approved the Final Concept Ives Park Calder Creek Naturalization Concept (Phase 1) and Authorized staff to: a) execute a Service Agreement with California Urban Stream Partnership (CUSP) and, authorized staff to work with CUSP, and for CUSP to submit a Grant application on behalf of the City to the Coastal Conservancy.

Since that time, Councilmembers Carter and Maurer have met with local community groups such as Friends of Ives Park and others to discuss moving forward with Phase 1. The outcome of these meetings was a consensus for applying for grants for Reaches 1-4 as noted below including down to the swim weir immediately below reach 4.

Calder Creek was separated into four (4) discrete, numbered reaches within the study area.

1. Reach 1 encompasses the Calder Creek channel from the 60-inch CMP concrete storm drainpipe at the upstream end of the park nearest Jewell Ave. to the Ives Park outfall nearest S. High St.
2. Flow from Ives Park then splits into two underground storm drainpipes until the pipes converge at a single junction structure at S. Main St. This reach was assigned as Reach 2.
3. Reach 3 begins after the flow splits again from the S. Main St. junction structure end ends at the Calder Creek storm drain outfall at the Laguna de Santa Rosa floodplain.
4. Reach 4 consists of the Calder Creek length between the Calder Creek storm drain outfall to the downstream model boundary condition near the Joe Rodota Trail footbridge

Restoration of Calder creek creates a safe and accessible interface to bring the public back to the water’s edge, increases habitat, flood storage and groundwater infiltration.

Grant Opportunities:

Sonoma County Agriculture and Open Space:

Sonoma County Open Spaces Matching Grant Program, formally known as the Matching Grant Program, centers community in open space. The program focuses on protecting land and creating open spaces within cities and communities, through partnerships with local public agencies, nonprofits and federally recognized Tribal organizations. Community Spaces projects have the potential to transform neighborhoods, providing places to recreate, find solitude, hold public gatherings, grow local food, and to experience and learn more of the importance of natural resources and agriculture.

Changes to the 2025 grant cycle

To better respond to time-sensitive urban open space projects, those ready for implementation, and build more applicant support into the process, the matching grant program is piloting a rolling application model which will accept applications on a continuous basis during a two year pilot term (January 2024 – December 2025).

California Department of Water Resources (DWR):

DWR offers a number of grant and loan programs that support integrated watershed management activities addressing environmental stewardship, water supply reliability, flood risk, groundwater sustainability, drought, and more.

The Urban Streams Restoration Program provided more than 270 grants in accordance with California Water Code Section 7048, ranging from \$1,000 to \$1 million to communities throughout California. Such projects included:

- Stream cleanups
- Bank stabilization projects
- Revegetation efforts
- Recontouring of channels to improve floodplain function
- Occasional acquisition of strategic floodplain properties or easements

This program provides grants to local communities for projects that reduce flooding, erosion, and associated property damage; restore, enhance, and/or protect the natural ecological values of streams; or promote community involvement, education, and stewardship. It has helped fund more than 270 grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$1 million to communities throughout California.

COUNCILMEMBER REQUEST:

As part of the Goals and Priority workshop held on April 1, 2025, the council authorized Ives Park Master Plan Calder Creek Phase I as a priority.

It is requested that the Council approve the submission of the grant, as well as working with the Rotary Club on the following projects to upgrade Ives Park:

- Work with Rotary Club the Project concentrates on revitalizing the following three (3) areas of Ives Park:
  - o West Park Entry off Jewell Avenue: propose to upgrade the entry to provide an accessible path of travel into the Park, refurbish the existing trash enclosure, general upgrades to the landscaping and fencing in the immediate area, and install Park identification signage.
  - o Common Area east of the Entry and South of Polley Field: propose to create a community-use space by refurbishing the existing landscaping, installing seating (perhaps removable), and provide general pedestrian-scale lighting. The space would not only support Polley Field but would also provide a public gathering space to view performances on the stage directly south. With these upgrades the Club would like to identify the area as the Rotary Centennial Plaza.
  - o Polley Field Concession Stand: propose to remove the existing structure and replace it with an upgraded facility constructed of durable materials. The new building would contain the concession sales space with views of the ball field, storage, and accessible restrooms. The space around the new building would contain permanent tables & benches for use not only by players/parents when the field is in use, but also the general public as a supplement to the Rotary Centennial Plaza space.

It is recommended that as part of the grant application, if applicable, a request for funding be included for the ADA improvements to the walking paths in Ives Park.

Staff Analysis:

Staff are supportive of improvements to Ives Park. However, we have not had the opportunity to review the proposed actions in detail, and do not have a recommendation for the Council at the time of the writing of this report. We will look into this proposal as much as possible before the Council meeting and provide any updated information or a recommendation then.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:**

This item has been noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date. The City has also used social media to promote and advertise the City Council Meeting Agenda Items. Public Comments received as of the writing of this report are attached.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Initial information provided to staff indicates that there would be no fiscal impact to the City; the project consultant California Urban Streams Partnership (CUSP) would use funds from one grant to act as matching funds for a second grant. This information has not been confirmed as of the writing of the staff report. However, it would be required to be confirmed prior to acceptance of grants.

**RESTATED RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council Approve Resolutions for Grant Application for Bringing Back Calder Creek Phase 1.

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**OPTION:**

- 1. The Council could deny the request to submit for grant funding.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Resolutions  
Public Comments

APPROVALS:

Department Head Approval: Approval Date: 4.8.25

CEQA Determination (Planning): Approval Date: 4.8.25

The proposed action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Administrative Services (Financial) Approval Date: n/a

Costs authorized in City Approved Budget:  Yes  No  N/A

Account Code (f applicable) N/A

City Attorney Approval: Approval Date: 4.9.25

City Manager Approval: Approval Date: 4.9.25

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**Resolution of the City Council of the CITY OF SEBASTOPOL, authorizing the submittal of an application for funding for \$1,800,000 grant to the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District’s Matching Grant Program for ‘BRINGING BACK CALDER CREEK PHASE I, located at IVES PARK; 7400 WILLOW STREET, SEBASTOPOL, CA, determining that the project is consistent with the CITY General Plan; acknowledging review of all Matching Grant Program Guideline materials and attachments; acknowledging that there are or will be sufficient match funds and funds to operate and maintain the project; and authorizing City Manager to sign and submit all required documentation for the application and grant agreement documents, if awarded.**

**Whereas**, in accordance with the voter-approved Expenditure Plan, the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (District) has established a competitive Matching Grant Program (the Program) for projects that provide open space, community recreation, or public access opportunities within and near incorporated areas and other urbanized areas of Sonoma County; and

**Whereas**, the District released Guidelines and Application Materials for the 2025 round of funding; and

**Whereas**, the City Council of the CITY OF SEBASTOPOL on September 6, 2022 unanimously approved Minute Order 2022-259 for an update to the Ives Park Master Plan based on the concept that forms the basis of **BRINGING BACK CALDER CREEK** and “authorized staff to enter into agreement with CUSP” and “to work with ...CUSP on grant applications that included a fully restored Calder Creek; and

**Whereas**, if the creek restoration concept were fully implemented it would provide benefits including 1,030 LF of stream naturalization, daylighting and restoration within Ives Park; creation of 1.13 ac of riparian and aquatic habitat; establishment of flood storage within the riparian corridor; and expansion of ADA accessible trails and walks as well as improvement of existing walkways to provide a new total of 2,212 LF of creekside trails and walks (not including park trails away from the creek); and

**Whereas**, the City Council of the CITY OF SEBASTOPOL under RESOLUTION NO. 6453-2022 unanimously approved a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that sought to advance planning and implementation of Ives Park Master Plan improvements including a funding request for Calder Creek at Ives Park of \$10,000 for hydrologic study and conceptual design under CIP 0420-20.08; a funding request of \$62,000 for preliminary design and cost estimating under CIP 0420-22.05; and a funding request of \$215,500 for ADA upgrades to paths that anticipate future restoration implementation; and

**Whereas**, these improvements for Calder Creek at Ives Park have been found to be consistent with the General Plan Conservation and Open Space Element COS 3-3: Support rehabilitation of any culverted or open existing channelized waterways, as feasible, to remove concrete linings and allow for a connection between the stream channel and the natural water table. Avoid creating additional

culverted or open channelized waterways, unless no other alternative is available to protect human health, safety, and welfare.; and

**Whereas**, the City Council seeks to phase implementation of the **BRINGING BACK CALDER CREEK** project with a **Phase I** consisting of 420 LF of stream restoration and naturalization, 0.48 acres of riparian and aquatic habitat in an otherwise urban environment; removal of a dangerous weir structure that currently causes the creek to be fenced off from public access; and establishment of 750 lf of accessible walks and trails, including some currently being renovated under RESOLUTION NO. 6453-2022; and

**Whereas**, the City Council acknowledges that the Phase I Project would be competitive under the District's 2024 Program Guidelines as an improvement project; and

**Whereas**, the District's Program requires applicants to provide a 50% matching contribution for the Phase I Project; and

**Whereas**, the City Council will secure 50% matching funds from public grants and in-kind donation of services and materials in the amount of \$1.8 million; and

**Whereas**, the total project cost for the implementation of the Phase I Project is \$3,600,000 including District Grant requested funds, matching funds, and any other funds; and

**Whereas**, if implemented, the City Council will operate and maintain the Project as part of Ives Park; and

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that this **City Council** hereby finds, determines, declares, and orders as follows:

1. **Truth of Recitals.** That the forgoing recitations are true and correct.
2. **The City Manager** of the City of Sebastopol is hereby authorized to work with the California Urban Streams Partnership (CUSP) to develop and submit an application for funding to the District's Program in the amount of **\$1,800,000 for Bringing Back Calder Creek Phase I**, as well as to work with CUSP on matching grant applications from other sources;
3. **General Plan Consistency.** That the Project is consistent with the City's General Plan Conservation and Open Space Element COS 3-3: Support rehabilitation of any culverted or open existing channelized waterways, as feasible, to remove concrete linings and allow for a connection between the stream channel and the natural water table. Avoid creating additional culverted or open channelized waterways, unless no other alternative is available to protect human health, safety, and welfare.
4. **Grant Agreement.** The City Manager of the City of Sebastopol is hereby authorized to conduct all negotiations and submit and sign all documents, including but not limited to, application, matching grant agreement, conservation easement, recreation covenant, irrevocable offer(s) of dedication, amendments, reimbursement requests and so on, which may be necessary for completion of the project.
5. **Matching Funds.** If awarded funding, the City has or will have available \$1,800,000 for matching funds and sufficient funds to complete the project.

6. **Operation and Maintenance.** The City has or will have available sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project, if awarded funding.
7. **Program Guidelines.** The City has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the provisions contained in the Program Guidelines, and appendices.
8. **Legal Compliance.** The City acknowledges that if the Project is funded, it will be required to comply with all federal state and local laws.

Passed and adopted at a meeting of the Sebastopol City Council on April 15, 2025.

**VOTE:**

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Stephen Zollman, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Mary Gourley, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM: \_\_\_\_\_

Alex Mog, City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. [xxxx]

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

AUTHORIZING THE GRANT APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE, AND EXECUTION

FOR **“Bringing Back Calder Creek Phase I”** at Ives Park

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL proposes to implement “Bringing Back Calder Creek Phase I” at Ives Park;

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL has the legal authority and is authorized to enter into a funding agreement with the State of California; and

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL intends to apply for grant funding from the California Department of Water Resources for the **“Bringing Back Calder Creek Phase I”** at Ives Park;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF SEBASTOPOL as follows:

1. That pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of the Budget Act of 2021 (Stats. 2021, ch. 240, § 81) and the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Pub. Resources Code, § 80000 et seq.), the CITY OF SEBASTOPOL CITY MANAGER, or designee is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and file an application for funding with the Department of Water Resources, and take such other actions as necessary or appropriate to obtain grant funding.
2. The CITY OF SEBASTOPOL CITY MANAGER, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the funding agreement with the Department of Water Resources and any amendments thereto.
3. The CITY OF SEBASTOPOL CITY MANAGER, is hereby authorized and directed to submit any required documents, invoices, and reports required to obtain grant funding.
4. The CITY OF SEBASTOPOL designates the California Urban Stream Partnership to draft and submit the “Bringing Back Calder Creek” Urban Streams Grant request, obtaining permission from City staff to review and approve the final application prior to submission.

CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF SEBASTOPOL at the meeting held on April 15, 2025 motion by [member name] and seconded by [member name], motion passed by the following vote:

**VOTE:**  
 AYES:  
 NOES:  
 ABSTAIN:  
 ABSENT:

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Stephen Zollman, Mayor

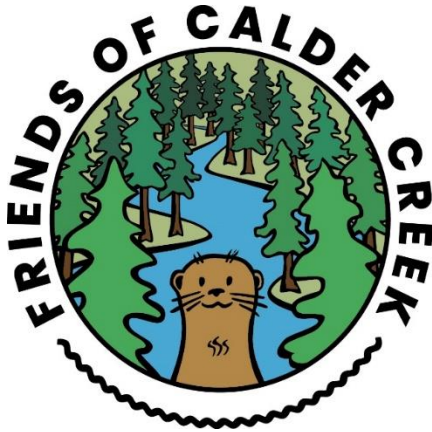


ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Mary Gourley, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM: \_\_\_\_\_

Alex Mog, City Attorney



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April 8, 2025

The undersigned urge the City Council to pass two resolutions to support grant applications to the California Department of Water Resources and Sonoma County Agriculture Preservation and Open Space District to undertake Phase I of the restoration concept design project as approved at the February 1, 2022 City Council meeting. Community members only anticipate construction of design reaches 1 through 4 (see attached diagram) of the Calder Creek restoration through these grants. This will entail completion of final hydraulics, hydrology and restoration features along with permitting the project as needed by state

regulatory agencies. Construction activities will begin at the High Street culvert and end near the weir section of channel at the site of the old swim dam.

Looking to the future, we would want to address recently raised concerns about access and space for civic and entertainment events, through a community process that may amend the approved 2022 plan upstream of the weir in a future Phase II covering design reaches 5-7. This phase also proposes safety improvements at the intersection of Jewell and Willow Streets reducing road surface to a T-intersection resulting in the addition of parkland and stream daylighting.

The Department of Water Resources Grant requires a local share of 25% and therefore the Friends of Calder Creek also supports the grant application to the Sonoma County Agricultural and Open Space District to meet the local cost share requirements and not add a financial burden to the city's difficult fiscal situation and local tax payers. The California Urban Streams Partnership will prepare the grants at no cost to the city.

The Friends of Calder Creek are excited to begin a project that can make the creek safer by adding a gentle floodplain to the channel, slowing flooding flows, stopping flooding into the park playground area , adding trees along the creek margin and removing fences. We hope to increase the involvement of teachers, students and families at the creek with educational and volunteer projects. Eventually when Ives Park creek projects are completed we hope this can open the door to considering additional creek enhancements downstream to realize the potential further benefits of connecting trails to the Joe Rodota Trail, decreasing flood damages at Petaluma Blvd and enhancing the business district.

Signed:

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Chris Andregg

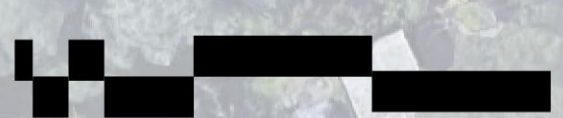
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April 7, 2025

Dear Honorable Sebastopol City Council and Staff,

On behalf of the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation, I would like to encourage the City Council to pass two forthcoming resolutions to support grant applications by the California Urban Streams Partnership (CUSP) to the California Department of Water Resources and Sonoma County Agriculture Preservation and Open Space District to undertake **Phase I of the restoration concept design project for Calder Creek** as approved at the February 1, 2022, City Council meeting.

We recently completed a Restoration Plan for the Laguna de Santa Rosa<sup>1</sup> in partnership with the San Francisco Estuary Institute and Sonoma Water that identifies opportunities to re-create hundreds of acres of functional wetland and riparian forest habitats within the 100-year floodplain. Calder Creek is an important tributary to the Laguna and its proposed restoration as envisioned by CUSP would greatly complement and build upon various restoration projects already completed and continuing in this central reach of the Laguna.

Restoring the straightened and hardened channel through Ives Park into a natural meandering creek with native riparian vegetation will increase ecological benefits including nutrient assimilation, improved water quality, as well as provide a wide and variable assemblage of plant species to support native wildlife. The ultimate vision of daylighting downstream portions of Calder Creek and enhancing its natural flow through Railroad Forest with a boardwalk will further bolster its connection to the Laguna and other wildlife movement corridors along the floodplain.

Community engagement in the restoration and stewardship of Calder Creek will provide opportunities for residents to connect directly with nature in the heart of Sebastopol and to educate youth and adults alike about our unique watershed where we live, work, and play.

We look forward to continued opportunities to collaborate with the City of Sebastopol and community groups in realizing a collective vision of resilient, vibrant ecosystems and communities in the Laguna watershed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne E. Morkill".

Anne E. Morkill  
Executive Director

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<sup>1</sup> View and download Restoration Plan for the Laguna de Santa Rosa here: <https://www.sfei.org/projects/laguna-de-santa-rosa-master-restoration-plan>