

DATE: June 18, 2026
TO: WCA Governing Board
FROM: Robert Segarra, Senior Director of Project Management
THROUGH: Mark Stanley, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 14: Consideration of a resolution ratifying the Executive Officer's execution of an agreement with State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the Clean California Local Grant Program Restricted Grant Agreement No. 07-CCEP-06 (CCEP-6473(002)) for the Lower Los Angeles River cleanup, Interstate 105 to State Route 91

RECOMMENDATION

That the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) Governing Board adopt a resolution ratifying the Executive Officer's execution of a Clean California Local Grant Program Restricted Grant Agreement No. 07-CCEP-06 (CCEP-6473(002)) between the WCA and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the cleanup of the Lower Los Angeles River from Interstate 105 to State Route 91.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Staff begin engagement with Caltrans in the spring 2026 leading to execution of an agreement on June 1, 2026, for a Restricted Grant Agreement No. 07-CCEP-06 to fund litter abatement, graffiti removal, and cleanup of locally owned public right-of-way along the Lower Los Angeles River, from Interstate 105 to State Route 91. The work is implemented in partnership with the Conservation Corps of Long Beach (CCLB) and pairs targeted cleanup with transitional employment and workforce-development opportunities for individuals facing barriers to employment.

The total project budget is \$239,901, consisting of a \$199,901 grant from the Clean California Local Grant Program and a \$40,000 in-kind local match provided by the Conservation Corps of Long Beach. The grant is funded through Budget Act Line Item 2660-130-0001. The reimbursable performance period runs from April 15, 2026 through July 30, 2027.

BACKGROUND

The Clean California Local Grant Program is administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to support litter abatement and beautification of locally owned public right-of-way while creating workforce-development opportunities for individuals facing barriers to employment. Caltrans awarded the WCA three grants under the program for three Lower Los Angeles River cleanup segments (Agreement

Nos. 07-CCEP-05, 07-CCEP-06, and 07-CCEP-07). This item concerns Agreement No. 07-CCEP-06.

Because the project completion dates are fixed and time is of the essence, the WCA Executive Officer executed Restricted Grant Agreement No. 07-CCEP-06 and the accompanying CCEP Checklist on June 1, 2026, under the authority of the Executive Officer, and returned them to Caltrans for departmental execution. Staff requests that the Governing Board ratify that execution.

WCA's indirect cost rate and the grant budget are being finalized with Caltrans, and WCA will separately submit its indirect cost rate certification. A revised Agreement may be executed to reflect the approved indirect cost rate; the authorization requested by this item is intended to cover both the current Agreement and any such revision, so that finalization may proceed without further Board action.

EXHIBITS

1. [Exhibit A: Executed Restricted Grant Agreement No. 07-CCEP-06 and CCEP Checklist](#)

FISCAL INFORMATION

Approval of this item ratifies a grant agreement that provides \$199,901 in Clean California Local Grant Program funds to the WCA, supported by a \$40,000 in-kind match from the Conservation Corps of Long Beach, for a total project budget of \$239,901. No WCA discretionary funds are committed by this action.

Clean California Local Grant Program (State)

Restricted Grant Agreement

This Restricted Grant Agreement (RGA), between the State of California acting by and through its Department of Transportation, referred to herein as **CALTRANS**, and the **Watershed Conservation Authority**, hereinafter referred to as **AGENCY**, will commence on **April 15, 2026, or upon approval by CALTRANS, whichever occurs later**. This RGA is of no effect unless approved by **CALTRANS**. **AGENCY** shall not receive payment for work performed prior to approval of this RGA and before receipt of Notice to Proceed from **CALTRANS**. This RGA shall expire on **November 30, 2027**.

Recitals

1. Under this RGA, **CALTRANS** intends to convey State restricted grant funds to **AGENCY**, pursuant to Budget Act Line Item 2660-130-0001, who will implement the project pursuant to the attached Approved Grant Application and Amendment(s) to Grant Application, Attachment III under the terms, covenants, and conditions of this RGA.
2. **CALTRANS** and **AGENCY** intend that only funds that are authorized as restricted grants will be subject to this RGA, and that no funds that should be the subject of a Joint Powers Agreement, Interagency Agreement, or other non-grant agreement shall be subject to this RGA.
3. WHEREAS, the Clean CA Program, through its Clean CA Local Grants Program, is authorized under California Streets and Highways Code Section 91.41 to provide funding and resources to support local projects that advance the program's goals and objectives;
4. WHEREAS, California Streets and Highways Code Section 91.41 provides the legislative authority for the Clean CA Program to advance the following intent and objectives:
 - a. **Reduce Waste and Beautify Public Spaces:** The primary goal of the program is to allocate grants to local and regional public agencies, transit agencies, and tribal governments to reduce waste and debris within public rights-of-way, tribal lands, parks, pathways, transit centers, and other public spaces. The program aims to enhance, rehabilitate, restore, or install measures to beautify and improve these public spaces.
 - b. **Improve Public Health and Community Placemaking:** The program seeks to enhance public health, cultural connection, and community placemaking by improving public spaces for walking and recreation. By investing in the improvement of these spaces, it aims to create a positive and welcoming environment for the community.
 - c. **Promote Equity for Underserved Communities:** The program places a strong emphasis on advancing equity for underserved communities.
 - d. **Support Sustainable Practices:** The program encourages the implementation of sustainable practices in the beautification and enhancement of public spaces. This includes greening efforts, such as providing shade and reducing the urban heat island effect, as well as using native, low-water plants.
 - e. **Engage Local Communities:** The program promotes community engagement by requiring project proposals to reflect community priorities. It encourages the involvement of local communities in the development and selection of projects to ensure they meet the needs and preferences of the affected population.
 - f. **Prohibit Displacement of Persons Experiencing Homelessness:** The program prohibits

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RESOLUTION 2026-24

**CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE
EXECUTION OF CLEAN CALIFORNIA LOCAL GRANT
PROGRAM RESTRICTED GRANT AGREEMENT NO. 07-
CCEP-06 (CCEP-6473(002))**

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District); and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) has further been established to focus on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) awarded the WCA a grant under the Clean California Local Grant Program for the cleanup of the Lower Los Angeles River from Interstate 105 to State Route 91, designated Agreement No. 07-CCEP-06 (CCEP-6473(002));

WHEREAS, the Restricted Grant Agreement provides \$199,901 in Clean California Local Grant Program funds, supported by a \$40,000 in-kind local match from the Conservation Corps of Long Beach, for a total project budget of \$239,901;

WHEREAS, because the project completion dates are fixed and time is of the essence, the WCA Executive Officer executed Agreement No. 07-CCEP-06 and the accompanying CCEP Checklist on June 1, 2026, and returned them to Caltrans for departmental execution;

WHEREAS, the WCA Governing Board desires to ratify the Executive Officer's execution of Agreement No. 07-CCEP-06 and to authorize the Executive Officer to finalize the Agreement with Caltrans; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the WCA hereby:

1. **FINDS** that this action is consistent with the purposes and objectives of the WCA.
2. **FINDS** that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Resolution 2026-24

3. **ADOPTS** the staff report dated June 18, 2026.
4. **RATIFIES** the Executive Officer's execution, on June 1, 2026, of Clean California Local Grant Program Restricted Grant Agreement No. 07-CCEP-06 (CCEP-6473(002)) between the WCA and the California Department of Transportation.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Motion: _____ Second: _____

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstentions: _____

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
On June 18, 2026

Vincent Chang
Governing Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
John Natalizio
Deputy Attorney General