

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

**STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 12-13, 2010**

Prepared on April 19, 2010

**ITEM NUMBER: 25**

**SUBJECT: Funding for Wild Cherry Canyon Preservation Project,  
Extension of Grant Sunset Date**

**SUMMARY**

In July 2009, the Water Board approved a Resolution to allocate \$950,000 to the American Land Conservancy for the purpose of preserving Wild Cherry Canyon (Attachment 1). This project would purchase the 190-year lease on about 2,400 acres of coastal watersheds, and transfer management of the land to State Parks. The Resolution includes a sunset date of June 30, 2010, by which the American Land Conservancy must have all other funding in place in order to receive the Water Board funds. This item recommends that the Water Board extend the sunset date regarding allocation of these funds to the Wild Cherry Canyon preservation project to December 31, 2010.

The total project cost is \$24 million. All funding has been approved except for two major parts: A Wildlife Conservation Board grant for \$6 million (that hearing is scheduled for May 27, 2010, with staff recommending approval), and a Public Works Board grant for \$6.7 million (this hearing is expected to be scheduled in June or July of 2010). The Public Works Board decision (if approved) will also give final approval for the State to acquire the property.

Also, PG&E has agreed to transfer the fee title for the property to the State. The American Land Conservancy is negotiating the details and timing of the fee title transfer.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Water Board revise Resolution No. R3-2009-0048, attached, to extend the sunset date for the Wild Cherry Canyon preservation project funds to December 31, 2010.

**ATTACHMENT**

Resolution No. R3-2009-0048

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