



GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL AGENCY

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2025

AGENDA ITEM: 6. Resolution 2025-14: Authorization for SCC to Expend Funds for Master Plan Completion

FROM: Elaine Hogan

RE: Resolution 2025-14: Authorization for SCC to Expend Funds for Master Plan Completion

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On September 17, 2025, the State of California appropriated to the State Coastal Conservancy, payable from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Fund, the sum of \$50,000,000 for the GRTA for completion of projects, including, \$650,000 for the GRTA for completion of a master plan for the Great Redwood Trail Project. This item provides authorization to the State Coastal Conservancy to begin expending those funds on behalf of GRTA.

BACKGROUND:

The State Coastal Conservancy, via legislative authority of the Great Redwood Trail Agency's enabling legislation and associated funding allocations to the Conservancy, has entered into contracts with third parties to undertake the drafting and completion of a master plan for the Great Redwood Trail. While the Master Plan is nearing completion, additional tasks must be completed to bring it to its final form for adoption by your Board in early 2026. Via Senate Bill 105, which revised the state budget, the State of California appropriated to the State Coastal Conservancy, payable from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Fund (also known as Proposition 4 funding), the sum of \$50,000,000 to the GRTA for completion of projects, including, \$650,000 for the GRTA for completion of a master plan for the Great Redwood Trail Project. These additional funds will serve to cover the completion of the Master Plan as conceptualized from the outset but will also allow for the development of additional technical specifications and tools for use by GRTA staff and trail development partners, to ensure it is both comprehensive in scope and detailed enough to allow efficient completion of trail segments once adopted.

The Conservancy has requested your Board formally direct it to expend the Proposition 4 funds directly allocated to the GRT master plan, to allow it appropriate authorization to draw down these funds for the anticipated final portion of master plan work.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board adopt the Resolution 2025-14 authorizing State Coastal Conservancy to expend Proposition 4 funds allocated to the Conservancy for the use of GRTA to pay contract invoices for

completion of master plan work.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This item will authorize the expenditure of up to \$650,000 of Proposition 4 Funds allocated for the completion of the Great Redwood Trail Master Plan by State Coastal Conservancy.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. RESOLUTION 2025-14 AUTHORIZATION OF PROP 4 EXPENDITURES FOR MASTER PLAN

RESOLUTION
of the
Board of Directors
of
GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL AGENCY

Resolution No. 2025-14

IN THE MATTER OF:

Resolution No. 2025-14

Authorizing SCC to Expend Appropriated Funds for Master Plan Completion

WHEREAS, GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL AGENCY (“GRTA”), created and governed by the terms of California Government Code section 93000 et seq. is governed by a Board of Directors, the members of which are selected via the terms of Section 93011; and

WHEREAS, per the terms Item 3760-102-6093 of Section 2 of the Budget Act of 2025, as amended effective September 17, 2025 the State of California appropriated to the State Coastal Conservancy, payable from the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Fund, the sum of \$50,000,000 for the GRTA for completion of projects, including, \$650,000 for the GRTA for completion of a master plan for the Great Redwood Trail Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to previously adopted state law, the State Coastal Conservancy has allocated funds from other appropriated sources toward the completion of a master plan for the Great Redwood Trail Project; which project is underway; and

1 **WHEREAS**, GRTA seeks to authorize the State Coastal Conservancy to allocate the \$650,000
2 for the GRTA for completion of a master plan for the Great Redwood Trail Project from Item
3 3760-102-6093 of Section 2 of the Budget Act of 2025 to the payment of invoices for the
4 completion of work upon the master plan, including as payment upon existing contracts for such
5 work and as payment upon new contracts which may be required to complete the master plan;
6 and
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9 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE**
10 **GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL AGENCY** as follows:

11 1. The State Coastal Conservancy is hereby authorized to allocate and expend funds from
12 the \$650,000 for the GRTA for completion of a master plan for the Great Redwood Trail Project
13 allocated by Item 3760-102-6093 of Section 2 of the Budget Act of 2025 to the payment of
14 invoices for the completion of work upon the master plan.

15 2. The State Coastal Conservancy is authorized to allocate and expend such funds either for
16 the payment of invoices for the completion of work upon the master plan submitted under
17 existing contracts executed by the State Coastal Conservancy or GRTA under which such work
18 is completed, or to additional contracts as may be entered into by the State Coastal Conservancy
19 on behalf of the GRTA or by the GRTA directly for the completion of additional work on the
20 master plan. Prior to the expenditure of funds by State Coastal Conservancy for completion of
21 any new work upon the master plan under any new contract or new contract amendment, the
22 State Coastal Conservancy shall obtain written approval from GRTA of the use of such funds for
23 such new agreement. By this resolution, the Board of Directors delegates authority to the
24 Executive Director to make such approvals, in her reasonable discretion.

25 3. This authorization to State Coastal Conservancy to expend funds on behalf of GRTA for
26 expenses incurred in the completion of the master plan described herein shall be effective up to

1 the maximum amount of \$650,000, and shall be effective unless rescinded by the Board of
2 Directors of GRTA by further resolution.

3 4. This authorization is subject to any and all legal requirements for the expenditure of the
4 identified funds.

5 Commencing upon the adoption of this resolution, the Executive Director shall, on the
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7 Introduced and adopted this _____ day of _____, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of
8 Great Redwood Trail Agency by the following vote:

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10 AYES:

11 NOES:

12 ABSENT:

13 GRTA Chair
14 Mary Sackett

15 ATTEST:

16 GRTA Executive Director
17 Elaine Hogan