



Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Town Council
FROM: Wes Heathcock, Town Manager
DATE: April 9, 2024
RE: Increase to Placer County Water Agency Turf Removal Rebate Donation – UC Master Gardener Demonstration Garden Project

Recommendation

Authorize the Town Manager to donate the Placer County Water Agency Turf Removal Rebate to the UC Master Gardener Demonstration Garden Project at the final rebate amount of \$17,000.

Issue Statement and Discussion

Council authorized the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with the UC Master Gardener to install and manage a demonstration garden at the Loomis Library and Community Center on July 12, 2022 (Resolution 22-33). Subsequently, the UC Master Gardeners aggressively pursued donations for the project, which included the potential of the Town of Loomis donating the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) turf removal rebate for the demonstration garden site in an amount up to \$10,000.

At the July 2023 council meeting, Karen Covey with the UC Master Gardener Staff presented the final project to the Town Council, highlighting the PCWA turf removal rebate donation. The general feedback from council and the public was supportive of the project and the donation. On November 14, 2023, the Town Council authorized the Town Manager to donate the PCWA turf removal rebate to the UC Master Gardener Demonstration Garden Project in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 (Resolution 23-38).

The Town of Loomis successfully petitioned the PCWA for the turf removal rebate. The PCWA confirmed that based on the square footage of grass removed for the project the final rebate amount will be \$17,000. The attached resolution is to ratify support from the Town Council to authorize the Town Manager to donate the PCWA turf removal rebate to the UC Master Gardener Demonstration Garden Project in the increased rebate amount of \$17,000.

CEOA Requirements

N/A

Financial and/or Policy Implications

The amount of the donation to the UC Master Gardener Demonstration Garden Project will be in the amount equal to the PCWA turf removal rebate program for the site. The grant funding is \$17,000.

Attachments

1. Resolution 24-XX

TOWN OF LOOMIS

RESOLUTION NO. 24 - XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOOMIS AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO DONATE THE PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY TURF REMOVAL REBATE TO THE UC MASTER GARDENER DEMONSTRATION GARDEN PROJECT AT THE FINAL REBATE AMOUNT OF \$17,000

WHEREAS, Council authorized the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with the UC Master Gardener to install and manage a demonstration garden at the Loomis Library and Community Center on July 12, 2022 (Resolution 22-33); and

WHEREAS, The UC Master Gardeners aggressively pursued donations for the project, which included the potential of the Town of Loomis donating the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) turf removal rebate for the demonstration garden site in an amount up to \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, At the July 2023 council meeting, Karen Covey with the UC Master Gardener Staff presented the final project to the Town Council that also highlighted the PCWA turf removal rebate donation; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2023, the Town Council authorized the Town Manager to donate the PCWA turf removal rebate to the UC Master Gardener Demonstration Garden Project in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 (Resolution 23-38); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Loomis successfully petitioned the PCWA for the turf removal rebate; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Loomis will receive the PCWA turf removal rebate in the amount of \$17,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Loomis authorizes the Town Manager to donate the Placer County Water Agency turf removal rebate to the UC Master Gardener Demonstration Garden Project at the final rebate amount of \$17,000.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Loomis this 9th day of April 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

Mayor, Stephanie Youngblood

ATTEST:

Deputy Town Clerk, Carol Parker