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**TO: Board of Supervisors**

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**DATE: July 7, 2021**

**SUBJECT: Retroactive - California Department of Parks and Recreation  
Habitat Conservation Fund – Sharp Park - \$200,500**

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (RPD) applied for and was awarded a Habitat Conservation Fund Grant in the amount of \$200,500 from the California State Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to restore habitat for the San Francisco Garter Snake (SFGS), an endangered and federally protected species in Sharp Park. Due to the sensitive nature of the SFGS, work associated with the four-year project is planned around the life cycle of the species and overseen by a biological monitor in order to avoid “take” of (harm to) any SFGS. Also, as with most habitat restoration projects, it takes years for the plants to establish and the project to become a fully-functioning habitat.

The grant was awarded on July 25, 2019. RPD prepared and circulated accept and expend legislation for the grant in January 2020 and the grant contract was executed by the State on February 24, 2020. Due to more urgent matters related to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the item was pulled from the legislative process and the grant was appropriated as part of the 20-21 AAO due to keep the project on schedule.

Retroactive actions that pertain to this grant are due, in part, to DPR’s policy to back date the grant contract start date to July 1, 2019.

In addition, RPD was required to appropriate the grant as part of the budget process due to the project scheduling described in paragraph one of this memo. As such, project costs have incurred since the grant was appropriated.