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TO: Board of Supervisors Agenda of: June 26, 2018

FROM: Roger Trout, Director
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DATE: June 26, 2018

RE: Pine Hill Preserve - Cooperative Management Agreement Renewal

Staff recommends the Board approve the Cooperative Management Agreement (CMA) renewal for the Pine Hill Preserve and authorize the Chair to execute the Cooperative Management Agreement.

Cooperative Management Agreement

The CMA for the Pine Hill Preserve coordinates the activities and resources of federal, state, and local agencies, including two non-governmental groups, to conserve eight rare plant species and their habitat located in western El Dorado County, in the vicinity of Pine Hill.

The CMA is consistent with the El Dorado County General Plan Objective 7.4.1: “The County shall protect State and Federally recognized rare, threatened, or endangered species and their habitats consistent with Federal and State laws” and Policy 7.4.1.1: “The County shall continue to provide for the permanent protection of the eight sensitive plant species known as the Pine Hill endemics and their habitat through the establishment and management of ecological preserves...”

The Agreement is consistent with General Plan Implementation Measure CO-K: “Work cooperatively with the State Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to implement the gabbro soils rare plant ecological preserve and recovery program and to develop a long-term preserve strategy.”

The ten parties to the Agreement include: El Dorado County, El Dorado Irrigation District, and the El Dorado County Water Agency as the local agencies; California Department of Fish and Wildlife and CAL FIRE as the state agencies; Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of

Reclamation, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as the federal agencies; and the American River Conservancy and California Native Plant Society as the non-governmental entities.

El Dorado County has previously entered into similar CMA's in 2001 and 2006. Those Agreements had five year terms and have since expired. The CMA expired in 2011 and County payments to the BLM ceased in 2012. A subsequent funding agreement was approved by the Board on July 1, 2015. That agreement partially funded the BLM position with \$25,000 per year, from 2013 to 2018. A separate funding agreement has been prepared called the "Cooperative Agreement" to fund the BLM Preserve Manager and management activities for the Pine Hill Preserve going forward from 2018 to 2023 (See separate submittal to the Board for approval).

The parties above have now prepared an updated Cooperative Management Agreement which added the two non-governmental groups (American River Conservancy and California Native Plant Society) and will be for a 10-year term, from 2016 to 2026.

Recommendation

Approve the Cooperative Management Agreement (CMA) renewal for the Pine Hill Preserve and authorize the Chair to sign.

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit A.....Cooperative Management Agreement

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