



Legislation Text

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SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Approving Contract Number S2080016 with the State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) Program in Order to Provide Hunting and Bird Watching Opportunities at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant and Accept \$7,053.67 into Account 024-1216-360.01-01 to Administer the Program

REPORT IN BRIEF

Considers adopting a Resolution and agreement with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to provide hunting and bird watching opportunities at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant property through the SHARE program.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council- Adopt a motion adopting **Resolution 2020-66**, a Resolution of the City of Merced, California, approving contract number S2080016 with the State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) Program and authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve, as recommended by staff; or,
2. Approve, subject to other than recommended by staff (identify specific findings and/or conditions amended to be addressed in the motion); or,
3. Deny; or,
4. Refer to staff for reconsideration of specific items (specific items to be addressed in the motion); or,
5. Continue to a future meeting (date and time to be specified in the motion).

AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Section 200.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As provided for in the FY 2020-21 Approved Budget

DISCUSSION

The California Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) Program assists with facilitating public access to private lands, by providing private landowners or their representatives, annual incentive payments in return for providing public use of their land for wildlife dependent

recreational activities. The activities that will be offered at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) through the SHARE program are bird watching and dove, waterfowl and pheasant hunting.

The City of Merced first entered in to the 3-year SHARE agreement in 2013. Prior to 2013, all hunting permits for the WWTP were sold by the City's Parks and Recreation Department, which generated approximately \$2,840. The SHARE program allows the City to continue selling permits on certain days, but also pays the City annually for the permits issued through CA Fish and Wildlife. It has been a good program for the City as well as the community residents.

IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES

This revenue is included in the FY 20-21 Approved Budget.

ATTACHMENTS

1. SHARE Resolution
2. SHARE Agreement