

# Olivehurst Public Utility District



## Agenda Item Staff Report

Meeting Date: June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Item description/summary:

#### **Discuss the possibility of working with local organizations on the ReLeaf Grant**

During parks committee this month, we were approached by Yuba Sutter Arts and Yuba County Rotary about the possibility of a grant through the California ReLeaf program. They are proposing an urban reforestation and natural resource education project for South Yuba County. They feel OPUD would be a great partner in this due to our management of Olivehurst parks that would likely benefit from this program.

This grant is a reimbursement type grant. YSA is asking that OPUD front the costs of the project (\$100,000) to complete this project, with reimbursement coming from California ReLeaf in the future.

### Fiscal Analysis:

\$100,000 for the project up front with reimbursement down the line

### Employee Feedback

N/A

### Sample Motion:

Agree to work with YSA and Yuba County Rotary on the ReLeaf Grant, including up front funding of \$100,000 to be reimbursed to OPUD in the future.

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## **California ReLeaf Grant Project for South Yuba County**

Yuba Sutter Arts and South Yuba County Rotary were approached by California ReLeaf and offered a \$100,000 grant to plant trees in flood impacted areas in and around Olivehurst.

California ReLeaf works statewide to promote alliances among community-based groups, individuals, industry, and government agencies, encouraging each to contribute to the livability of our cities and the protection of our environment by planting and caring for trees.

California ReLeaf envisions a vital network of grassroots groups working in partnership with each other, businesses, and local governments across the state. Through these efforts, an educated public will treasure the value of the urban forest as integral to the quality of life, economic well-being, and a sustainable global environment. Citizens are motivated by an appreciation of the beauty and diversity that characterize the nation's most populous state and have filled all communities with trees that live long, healthy lives.

### **Project Description**

In partnership with California ReLeaf, the Yuba Sutter Arts Council (YSA) proposes an urban forest restoration and natural resources education project for South Yuba County. YSA would need to bring in significant local partner organization support to be part of the project. In addition, it will engage the services of a technical expert on the selection of tree species and for guidance on planting and maintaining the trees.

### **Possible Partners and Affiliates**

OPUD

Yuba Water Agency

Say Love

So You Can

South Yuba County Rotary

South Yuba River Citizens League

California Conservation Corps CCC

Technical Contractor – Green Tech

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### **Possible Locations**

Feather River Blvd/Hwy 70

Plumas Lake Blvd/Hwy 70

McGowan/Hwy 70

Schools

OPUD Parks and other OPUD facilities

RD784 Infrastructure

New Arboga Japanese American Assembly Center Memorial Site on Broadway

**Budget**

Total Grant Amount - \$100,000

This is a reimbursement type grant with reimbursements to be made in 60-90 days.

Tentative goal would be to plant 250-300 trees

Costs would include technical consultant, irrigation, labor and maintenance for three years.

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