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2015 – 2017 PSAR FUNDS

**Time Extension Request** – Bear Creek Reach 6 - Phase II Construction (#16-1215)

**Background:** Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) funds expire after two biennium. Funds from the 15-17 biennium must be spent down by June 2019. PSAR funded projects may request more time to fully expend funds. The scope of work must be within the original scope of the project application as reviewed by the SRFB Review Panel, or fall within a reasonable scope change as outlined in Manual 18.

**Action Request:** The Bear Creek Reach 6 - Phase II Construction project occurring in the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish watershed (WRIA 8) is seeking a time extension at the request of WRIA 8 staff on behalf of the project sponsor, Adopt a Stream Foundation. The project will involve instream wood placements and riparian restoration to enhance juvenile rearing and refuge habitat in this reach of Bear Creek. The property on which the project will occur is privately owned and managed as a mobile home park. Following approval of the grant, the landowner sold the property to the King County Housing Authority (KCHA). The project sponsor successfully implemented an earlier restoration project on this property with support from the previous landowner, but the sale of the property required extensive work to build a relationship with the KCHA and to gain their support for the project. The sponsor received a signed landowner agreement from the KCHA, but the effort to obtain this agreement resulted in project delays. The sponsor has high confidence the project will be constructed in summer of 2020.

The total amount of this grant was \$169,967, of which \$44,752 is 2015-2017 PSAR. Puget Sound region staff have reviewed this time extension request, and have determined the complexity of the project and requisite coordination with numerous partners provides adequate justification for the time extension. PSP encourages WRIA 8 staff to work closely with the project sponsor to ensure that the new timeline is met. No further time extensions will be granted.

Thus, please accept this as a request for an extension through June 30, 2021.

**Request to RCO:** Puget Sound region is requesting that RCO authorize the WRIA 8 lead entity's request to extend Adopt a Stream Foundation funding until June 30, 2021. The additional time will ensure the responsible spend down of remaining funding and will lead to successful project completion. No further time extensions will be available to this project. Any unspent funding will be returned to the region on July 1, 2021.



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