
From: Kathy Cutting <kathryn.cutting@csueastbay.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2025 3:52 PM
To: Maureen Parkes <Maureen.Parkes@dcd.cccounty.us>
Cc: Kate Shade <kate.shade@csueastbay.edu>
Subject: Re: CCC Fish & Wildlife Propagation Fund - Request for More Information

Dear Maureen,

Thank you for reaching out.

The 2023 grant funds, which Ben Weise and Kathy Cutting were managing, paid for educational supplies including galvanized individual plant ID sign posts. The signage mentioned here is specific to alerting the public to the project and encouraging people to plant pollinators.

We established a flexible project timeline due to varied plant availability. Our intent was to establish irrigation in early 2026 and purchase the listed native plants as they become available throughout the calendar year. All would be planted, with irrigation available, before the end of the grant-award, December 31, 2026.

With regard to the water tank, it was suggested long ago but never purchased. We survived off of rain barrels and jugs at the time. Now, with this larger area, we are seeking to improve our irrigation method.

We hope this helps. Let us know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,
Kathy and Kate

On Thu, Aug 21, 2025 at 11:19 AM Kate Shade <kate.shade@csueastbay.edu> wrote:

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From: **Maureen Parkes** <Maureen.Parkes@dcd.cccounty.us>
Date: Thu, Aug 21, 2025 at 11:14 AM
Subject: CCC Fish & Wildlife Propagation Fund - Request for More Information
To: kate.shade@csueastbay.edu <kate.shade@csueastbay.edu>

Dear Ms. Shade,

At its August 20, 2025 meeting, the Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Committee reviewed your grant application for *"Establishing Pollinator Habitat at Cal State East Bay Concord Center."* The Committee will continue reviewing applications at its September 17, 2025 meeting and is requesting additional information in advance:

The Committee is seeking a reduction in costs and would like clarification on whether any items purchased through the 2023 grant for “*CSUEB, Concord Eco-Cultural Garden Outdoor Classroom*” (in which Ben Weise from CCRC and Kathy Cutting were involved) could be used for this project—for example, signage, a water tank, or other materials.

- The Committee had previously suggested that a water tank be purchased with grant funds. Was this ever completed?

Please provide your responses by **September 8, 2025**, so they may be included in the meeting agenda packet.

Thank you.

Maureen

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