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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Daniel Nysten, Watershed Restoration Program Manager  
**RE:** Agenda Item 6.1.  
**Date:** May 2, 2023

RCD staff recommend awarding a contract to CalPoly in the amount of \$129,000 to be paid with funding from the California Department of Conservation. This contract is part of the recently awarded grant obtained by the RCD for restoration planning at Swanton Pacific Ranch.

This project will complete restoration planning along Lower Scott Creek at Swanton Pacific Ranch, an educational, research, and working ranch owned and managed by the CalPoly Corporation. As an integral part of the project, the RCD is providing funding for several CalPoly graduate students to help with project activities including pre-project monitoring, modeling, and project design. As an institution of higher education, and per procurement policy 1080.8.1 – Exception to all competitive procurement requirements, subawards, the RCD may fund a program or project or enter into a contract that carries out a public purpose through a subaward of financial assistance to an eligible organization.