

COUNTY OF SONOMA AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY REPORT		Clerk of the Board Use Only Meeting Date _____ Held Until _____ Agenda Item No.: _____ Agenda Item No.: _____	
Department: Transportation and Public Works		[<input type="checkbox"/>] 4/5 Vote Required	
Contact: Tom O’Kane	Phone: (707) 565-2231	Board Date: 05/12/09	Deadline for Board Action:
<p>Agenda Short Title:</p> <p>Accept Grant from Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant Program 2009</p> <p>Requested Board Action:</p> <p>Approve Resolution authorizing the Director of the Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTPW) to accept \$150,350 in funds from the California Resources Agency under the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant Program (EEMP) in order to install California Tiger Salamander pathway tunnels underneath Stony Point Road near Mecham Avenue. The Resolution will also authorize the Director of DTPW to execute the grant and the grant agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) (2nd Supervisorial District).</p>			
CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT			
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		<u>ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL</u>	
Estimated Cost	\$ _____	Contingencies	\$ _____
		(Fund Name: _____)	
Amount Budgeted	\$ -0-	Unanticipated Revenue	\$ _____
		(Source: _____)	
Other Avail. Approp.	\$ _____	Other Transfer(s)	\$ _____
(Explain below)			
Additional Requested:	\$ _____	Add'l Funds Requested:	\$ _____
Explanation (if required):			
Prior Board Action(s): 01/13/2009: Board approved application to this program.			
Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval: The tunnel project would not be built, resulting in more California tiger salamander fatalities.			

Background:

The Resources Agency of California funds the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant Program (EEMP), allocating \$10 million dollars annually to fund projects that will mitigate environmental damage done by transportation facilities. DTPW applied for funding through this program in order to install tunnels beneath the roadway to allow safe passage for salamanders crossing to the breeding ponds. The \$150,350 grant is expected to fully cover the cost of the mitigation. Without grant funding, this project could not be completed.

The process to install the tunnels is called a jack and bore process, which means the street will not have to be cut, and traffic will be minimally disrupted. The California Tiger Salamander will then be able to navigate through the tunnels to reach the breeding grounds without having to access the street itself, reducing fatalities.

The grant includes standard clauses inserted by the State in its grant awards, including the requirement that County insurance is required and that the County indemnify the state in the event damage is caused in completing the work. Work on this project must be completed by May 1, 2010.

Recommendation:

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Attachments: Resolution

On File With Clerk: Final Application Packet for 2009 EEMP Grant

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote: