

**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

[] 4/5 Vote Required

Contact:
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Board Date:
06/23/09

Deadline for Board Action:

Agenda Short Title:

Sonoma Mountain Road Slide Repair Project(C07002)- Additional Compensation to Property Owners

Requested Board Action:

Approve Resolution authorizing payment of \$5,000 to property owners to compensate them for replanting and for electrical repairs; lands of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]; APN 055-110-041; Project No. C07002 (First Supervisorial District).

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Estimated Cost \$ 5,000

Contingencies \$
(Fund Name:)

Amount Budgeted \$ 5,000
035030-8510

Unanticipated Revenue \$
(Source:)

Other Avail. Approp \$
(Explain below)

Other Transfer(s) \$ _____
\$

Additional Requested \$ -0-

Add'l Funds Requested:

Explanation (if required):

Prior Board Action(s): Resolution No. 06-0248 was approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 28, 2006, and Resolution No. 08-0749 was approved by the Board of Supervisors on September 9, 2008. Both resolutions dealt with acquisition of right-of-way from the [REDACTED] property.

Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval: Unknown. Possibly the property owners could take legal action against the County for damages.

Background:

The Sonoma County Department of Transportation and Public Works is presently completing the landslide repair project of a section of Sonoma Mountain Road (C07002). A section of roadway and its supporting structure failed during the January 2006 storms. The damaged section of road was located approximately three miles southwest of Glen Ellen. This damage resulted in the road being closed, thereby preventing through service on the road between Santa Rosa and Glen Ellen.

Extensive engineering and construction were needed to repair the road. In addition to the project's excavation, paving, and drainage components, a 200-foot long reinforced earth buttress that is comprised of a lightweight aggregate fill derived from old tires was installed.

Right of way was required from two ownerships on both sides of the road to accommodate construction of the project. County funds were utilized to finance construction of this project.

Right-of-way was purchased by the County from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in 2006 and again in 2008. Initially, it was thought that the project could be built within a smaller area of right-of-way. However, an additional failure of Sonoma Mountain Road took place which resulted in the requirement of a more extensive repair project and a larger right-of-way acquisition from Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED].

The area between the County road and the [REDACTED]'s driveway is a sloped area of approximately one acre. Prior to the project, this hillside was heavily wooded and provided a visual screen between the [REDACTED]'s home and the road. The visual screen consisted of four very large deciduous trees as well as numerous smaller trees and shrubs. Road construction activities required extensive excavation in this area. The area that was cleared of trees and vegetation ended up extending beyond the easement areas that the County had purchased. The County does plan to hydro-seed the hillside to prevent erosion, but there were no plans to replant trees or shrubs. In addition to the vegetation loss, construction activities also damaged the underground electric supply to the [REDACTED] driveway gate.

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] recently contacted the County when the loss of vegetative screen and the damage to the electrical supply to their gate became apparent. They have requested that they be compensated the costs of replanting shrubs and trees and for repairing the electrical supply to the gate. County staff has reviewed estimates and invoices provided by Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] and have agreed to pay them a \$5,000 administrative settlement to compensate them for the costs to do this work, contingent upon approval by this Board.

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Attachments: Resolution; Location Map

On File With Clerk:

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote:

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] have agreed to accept \$5,000 as compensation for the cost of replanting trees and shrubs and for electrical repairs, and have signed a claim form for this amount.

The attached Resolution will authorize payment in the amount of \$5,000 to Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]

Appropriations are available in the Road Improvements Budget (035030-8510).

Recommendation:

Approve Resolution authorizing payment of \$5,000 to property owners to compensate them for replanting and for electrical repairs; lands of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]; APN 055-110-041; Project No. C07002 (First Supervisorial District).