

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

Clerk of the Board Use Only
Meeting Date **Held Until**
 ___/___/___ ___/___/___
Agenda Item No: **Agenda Item No:**

Department: Regional Parks

() 4/5 Vote Required

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Board Date:
July 21, 2009

Deadline for Board Action:
July 21, 2009

AGENDA SHORT TITLE:

Bay Area Air Quality Management District grant application for Colgan Creek Trail

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Approve a resolution

- Authorizing submittal of a \$17,000 grant application for Colgan Creek Trail – Bellevue Elementary School Foot Bridge from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District 2009 Community Grant Program and
- Authorizing the Director of Regional Parks to submit and carry out the proposal.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Estimated Cost \$

Contingencies \$
(Fund Name:)

Amount Budgeted \$

Unanticipated Revenue \$
(Source:)

Other Avail Approp \$
(Explain below)

Other Transfer(s) \$
(Source:)

Additional Requested: \$

Add'l Funds Requested: \$

Explanation (if required):

Prior Board Action(s):

Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval:

Additional trail improvements will not be planned or constructed until other sources of funding are secured.

BACKGROUND:

Discussion

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) regulates sources of air pollution in the nine counties that surround San Francisco Bay, including southern Sonoma County. In June, BAAQMD announced a call for applications to the Community Grant Program for grants ranging in size from \$10,000 to \$50,000. The Community Grant Program seeks to expand efforts to reduce air pollution and maximize community participation to help the region improve its air quality and protect the environment.

Bellevue Elementary School is located in south Santa Rosa off of Primrose Avenue. There are no shoulders on Primrose Avenue and students are not currently allowed to walk or ride their bikes to school.

Colgan Creek Trail, managed by Regional Parks on Water Agency property, follows the left bank of Colgan Creek. The trail is currently 1.2 miles and connects Stony Point Road near Todd Road to Elsie Allen High School. The trail passes behind Bellevue Elementary School and a drainage ditch separates the trail from the school grounds.

A foot bridge is needed to connect the trail to the school. The estimated cost including planning, right-of-way, and construction is \$17,000. The school has constructed the connecting path from the foot bridge area across the school grounds. The project is also supported by Sonoma County Water Agency and Department of Health Services.

With this project, children could safely walk or bike to the school, reducing vehicle driving and idling emissions. The goal is to increase the number of children walking and riding bikes to Bellevue Elementary from 0 to 150 by May 2011 and decrease local vehicle emissions.

Recommendation:

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Attachments: Resolution

On File With Clerk:

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote: