

**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:
9/22/09

Deadline for Board Action:
9/29/09

AGENDA SHORT TITLE:

Central Sonoma Valley Trail grant application to the Recreational Trails Program

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Resolution authorizing the Director of Regional parks to apply for funding from the Recreational Trail Program for Central Sonoma Valley Trail.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

| <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | | <u>ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL</u> | |
|-----------------------------------|----|--|----|
| Estimated Cost | \$ | Contingencies | \$ |
| | | (Fund Name:) | |
| Amount Budgeted | \$ | Unanticipated Revenue | \$ |
| | | (Source:) | |
| Other Avail Approp | \$ | Other Transfer(s) | \$ |
| (Explain below) | | (Source:) | |
| Additional Requested: | \$ | Add'l Funds Requested: | \$ |
| Explanation (if required): | | | |

Prior Board Action(s):

4/1/08 Resolution 08-0274 approving Measure M Cooperative Funding Agreement for Central Sonoma Valley Trail

9/23/03 Resolution 03-0980 approving projects for Prop 40 Per Capita Grant program

Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval:

Do not approve resolution. Regional Parks will not be able to apply for a grant from the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Recreational Trails Program.

BACKGROUND:

Discussion

There is a call for applications through the Recreation Trails Program (RTP), which will be administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks) for local projects. It is a competitive grant program that provides funding for recreational trails and trails-related projects. The program requires a local funding match. The Regional Parks Department is proposing to submit a grant application for the Central Sonoma Valley Trail (CSVT) project.

The proposed RTP grant funding, combined with local funds, would be used to acquire property from a willing seller for trail right-of-way within the section of the CSVT between Larsen Park and Highway 12 in Sonoma Valley. The funding requested will be based on the fair market value of the property. An appraisal is underway and the RTP grant request is estimated to be \$400,000 to \$500,000.

The goal of the CSVT project is to create a safe route for pedestrians and bicyclists between Verano Avenue and Agua Caliente Road. There is currently no alternative through route to Highway 12 forcing pedestrians and cyclists to use the shoulder of the busy highway for destinations including Flowery School, Sonoma Charter School, Larson Park, La Luz Community Center, Maxwell Farms Regional Park, and the Boys and Girls Club. Transportation and Public Works is completing a sidewalk construction project along Highway 12 south of this CSVT project between Donald Street and Boyes Boulevard.

This first phase of the CSVT project has secured \$63,000 in funds from Measure M and \$50,500 in State Parks Proposition 40 per capita funds for use in completing the section of trail between Larsen Park and Highway 12. This funding will provide the required local match for the RTP grant. If successful, a budget adjustment request will come back to the Board for approval and the RTP grant and matching funds will cover the entire project cost.

State Parks requires that applicants complete environmental review and submit an authorizing resolution as part of the grant application. The acquisition project is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15316: Transfer of Ownership in Land in Order to Create Parks.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will be considering and is anticipated to support this resolution at its September 21 meeting.

Recommendation:

Approve resolution authorizing the Director of Regional Parks to apply for funding from the Recreational Trail Program for Central Sonoma Valley Trail.

Attachments: Resolution, Attachment A: location map

On File With Clerk: Notice of Categorical Exemption

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote: