

Resolution No.
County Administration Building
Santa Rosa, California

Date

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY DETERMINING THAT THE EXECUTING OF EASEMENT AGREEMENT WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE AGENCY IN ANY RESPECT AND WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT CONVEYING PROPERTY RIGHTS TO THE COUNTY OF SONOMA FOR A BIKE PATH, AND AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER/CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE AGENCY TO FILE A NOTICE OF DETERMINATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED).

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) owns certain real property located along Santa Rosa Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Agency, the County of Sonoma (County), and the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District entered into a matching grant agreement whereby the Agency agreed to enter into an agreement with the County that allows the County to convert the gravel road on Santa Rosa Creek into a paved trail; and

WHEREAS, the County has obtained funding to construct the paved trail and completed plans for the Santa Rosa Creek Trail – Reach F Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, the County has requested an easement for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to construct and maintain improvements within the requested easement from the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the grant of easement to the County to construct within Agency's property will not adversely affect the Agency in any respect; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that construction and maintenance of the Project on Agency property will not have significant adverse effects on the environment and has adopted an Environmental Impact Report; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has reviewed the proposed grant of easement to the County for the Project, and the General Manager/Chief Engineer has determined that it will not have significant adverse effects on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Agency, as a responsible agency, has prepared a Notice of Determination for granting of the easement to the City for the Project in accordance with CEQA, the State CEQA guidelines, and the Agency's Procedures for the Implementation of CEQA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency hereby finds, determines, and declares as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. Based on review of the Notice of Determination prepared by the Sonoma County Water Agency Staff, this Board hereby determines that the granting of the easement to the County for the Santa Rosa Creek Trail-Reach F Project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.
3. The Board hereby finds that the grant of easement to the County will not adversely affect the Agency in any respect.
4. The Chair is authorized and directed to execute, in accordance with Section 9 of the Agency Act, the Easement Agreement with the County, in the form presented to this Board.
5. The General Manager/Chief Engineer is hereby authorized and directed to file a Notice of Determination with the Sonoma County Clerk in accordance with provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

DIRECTORS:

BROWN:	KERNS:	ZANE:	CARRILLO:	KELLEY:
Ayes	Noes	Absent	Abstain	

SO ORDERED.