

**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

Contact:
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Board Date:
9/29/09

Deadline for Board Action:

AGENDA SHORT TITLE:

Acquisition of Easement for Santa Rosa Creek Trail Reach F

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Authorize execution of an Easement Agreement with the Sonoma County Water Agency for the development of Santa Rosa Creek Trail Reach F and authorize acceptance of the Easement Agreement.

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):

- 3/28/06: Board approved matching grant agreement with SCAPOSD, SCWA, and Regional Parks Department
- 5/16/06: Board approved Transportation for Livable Communities grant application
- 3/20/07: Board approved Transportation Development Act Article 3 grant application
- 6/23/09: Board adopted addendum to a previously certified Environmental Impact Report for Santa Rosa Creek

Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval:

County could not construct the Santa Rosa Creek Trail on the Sonoma County Water Agency's channel pursuant to the Sonoma County Bikeways Plan (April 1997) and grant funds will be forfeited.

BACKGROUND: (On file with the Clerk: Certificate of Acceptance)

DISCUSSION:

Note: This report is a companion to the one submitted by the Sonoma County Water Agency.

On March 28, 2006, the Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency), Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, and Regional Parks Department entered into a matching grant agreement, whereas, the parties agreed to implement the Santa Rosa Creek Trail Reach F Project ("Project"). The Project consists of constructing a paved bikeway/multi-use trail ("Trail") on Reach F for recreational and transportation use by the public. This is consistent with the Sonoma County Bikeways Plan which calls for a Class I Bikeway along the north side of Santa Rosa Creek between Willowside Road and Fulton Road in Santa Rosa. (See map attached). The Trail is to be constructed on the Sonoma County Water Agency's northern maintenance road. Construction of the Project is funded by the Transportation for Livable Communities and TDA Article 3.

Acquisition of Easement:

In order to construct and implement the Project, the County requires a 20 feet wide by 2.14 miles long easement from the Agency. Under the terms of the Easement Agreement, the Agency grants to County a perpetual non-exclusive easement and right of way for the Trail, as well as a temporary construction easement. The County will operate and maintain the Trail. The Easement will be granted to the County at no monetary cost. In return, the County will be paving the maintenance road for the Class I Bikeway.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

The Project improvements were previously analyzed in the Santa Rosa Citywide Creek Master Plan Environmental Impact Report 2007 and Addendum. The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors issued Resolution No. 09-0616 adopting the Addendum to the previously certified Environmental Impact Report and approved the Santa Rosa Creek Trail – Reach F project on June 23, 2009

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Attachments: Attachment A: Aerial Map

On File With Clerk: Certificate of Acceptance

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote: