

County Of Sonoma Agenda Item Summary Report

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Meeting Date **Held Until**
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Agenda Item No: **Agenda Item No:**
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Department: Regional Parks

4/5 Vote Not Required

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Board Date:
10/27/2009

Deadline for Board Action:

AGENDA SHORT TITLE: State Coastal Conservancy grants for Bodega Bay and Timber Cove trails.

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION: Resolution authorizing the execution of grant agreements with the Coastal Conservancy and approving the terms and conditions for the following grants:

- Bodega Bay Trail Environmental Document
- Timber Cove Coastal Trail Feasibility Study

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT - None.

Explanation (if required): Funds have already been included as revenues/expenditures in the FY 09-10 budget.

Prior Board Action: None.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval: Additional trail plans will not be completed until other sources of funding are secured.

Background:

Regional Parks works closely with the State Coastal Conservancy for funding acquisition, planning, and development of a number of projects through their Coastal and San Francisco Bay programs. Regional Parks is currently working with the Conservancy on two California Coastal Trail planning grant projects. Although these funds have already been awarded and are included in Regional Parks' approved Capital Projects FY0910 Budget, the Conservancy now requests a specific resolution authorizing the execution of the grant agreements and approving their terms and conditions. With the grant funding and local match provided, Regional Parks has sufficient funds to complete the identified projects. With review by County Counsel, Regional Parks is recommending execution of the grant agreements.

Bodega Bay Trail Grant Agreement

The State Coastal Conservancy first authorized \$100,000 in funding for the Bodega Bay Trail Environmental Document Project in September 2007. With planning work underway by Permit and Resource Management Department for the Sonoma County Unincorporated Bike and Pedestrian Plan, the opportunity for consolidating planning efforts arose. Regional Parks requested a redirection of the grant funding to meet both the County programmatic planning needs and the next step in Bodega Bay Trail environmental review. The County plan will provide the necessary programmatic level environmental review for the Bodega Bay Trail and other regional trail projects.

In December 2008, the Coastal Conservancy authorized redirection of funding to include 1) funding a programmatic environmental document for the Unincorporated Sonoma County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan that will include the Bodega Bay area and 2) site-specific environmental review and planning for the 1.2-mile segment of Coastal Trail along Bodega Bay in Sonoma County. The redirection of funding meets the intent of the original grant as well as moving the County forward with planning the next trail link in Bodega Bay, designing the connection from Birdwalk Coastal Access to the commercial center of Bodega Bay. The FY0910 Budget allocates \$40,000 in local match from Park Mitigation Fees for planning the southern portion of the Bodega Bay Trail.

Timber Cove Grant Agreement

In December 2008, the Coastal Conservancy authorized \$200,000 to prepare a feasibility study and environmental review for coastal trail access through the Timber Cove area. This project will plan the Timber Cove Coastal Trail connection to link Fort Ross State Historic Park with Stillwater Cove Regional Park and Ocean Cove. The FY0910 Budget allocates \$5,000 in local match from Park Mitigation Fees.

The Timber Cove area is a community in need of a safe trail alignment along the Highway 1 corridor for both recreation and transportation uses. This project will plan a trail alignment for the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists for this 3-mile gap in the California Coastal Trail. With this grant funding and local match, Regional Parks shall prepare a feasibility study and environmental documentation for coastal trail access through the Timber Cover area.

Recommendation

Approve resolution authorizing the execution of grant agreements with the Coastal Conservancy and approving the terms and conditions for the Bodega Bay Trail Environmental Document and Timber Cove Coastal Trail Feasibility Study grants.

Attachments: Resolution.

On File With Clerk: None.

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")	Vote:
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