SAN MATEO COUNTY

Environmental Services Agency

Date: April 11, 2001

Hearing Date: April 24, 2001

TO:

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM:

Marcia Raines, Director Environmental Services

SUBJECT:

ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$188,000 TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION FROM THE SAN MATEO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION FOUNDATION FOR THE EUCALYPTUS PLAYGROUND PROJECT AT COYOTE POINT RECREATION AREA, SHADE SHELTERS AT HUDDART COUNTY PARK'S SEQUOIA DAY CAMP, AND THE COMMUNITY PLANNING PHASE FOR THE PROPOSED EDGEWOOD PARK AND NATURAL PRESERVE INTERPRETIVE CENTER AND APPROVAL OF AN APPROPRIATION TRANSFER REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000 FROM THE DONATION FOR THE EUCALYPTUS PLAYGROUND PROJECT AT COYOTE POINT RECREATION AREA AND AN APPROPRIATION TRANSFER REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$111,000 FOR SHADE SHELTERS AT HUDDART COUNTY PARK'S SEQUOIA DAY CAMP.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Adopt a resolution accepting a donation of \$188,000 from the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation for the Eucalyptus Playground Project at Coyote Point Recreation Area, shade shelters at Huddart County Park's Sequoia Day Camp and the community planning phase for the proposed Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve Interpretive Center
- 2. Approve an Appropriation Transfer Request in the amount of \$12,000 from the donation for the Eucalyptus Playground Project at Coyote Point Recreation Area and approve an Appropriation Transfer Request in the amount of \$111,000 from the donation for shade shelters at Huddart County Park's Sequoia Day Camp.

BACKGROUND:

County policy requires gifts (other than real property) of a value over \$2,500 or gifts that have significant conditions or stipulations to be acknowledged in writing by the division head and referred to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance or rejection

The San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation (Foundation) was established in 1998 to support, though generous financial gifts, the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Division's recreational, environmental and educational programs and projects. The Foundation has non-profit corporation status and has a formal fund-raising agreement with the County for fundraising services. It is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and has an Executive Director. The Foundation seeks grants and contributions from individuals, foundations and businesses. Recognition of donor's gifts is done in accordance with the County's approved Donor Recognition Guidelines. The Foundation does not manage the projects directly. The San Mateo County Division of Parks and Recreation is responsible for the design, permitting, contracting and maintenance of the projects.

DISCUSSION:

The Foundation has identified three projects to which they would like to direct their \$188,000 donation.

The Eucalyptus Playground at Covote Point Recreation Area

The Foundation will allocate \$12,000 of their donation to fund the construction of the Eucalyptus Playground at Coyote Point Recreation Area. The construction of the Eucalyptus Playground at Coyote Point has received assistance from other donors including KaBOOM!, the American Association of Orthopedic Surgeons, and United Cerebral Palsy of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. These donations have funded the construction/installation of playground equipment, matting and associated facilities that are accessible to many disabled children. On February 27, 2001, the Parks and Recreation Commission and County Parks staff with the cooperation of KaBOOM!, the American Association of Orthopedic Surgeons, and United Cerebral Palsy of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, and other supporters hosted a volunteer work day to install major portions of the Eucalyptus Playground equipment and adjacent elements. This project is nearing completion

Sequoia Day Camp Amenities at Huddart County Park

The San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation will allocate \$111,000 of their donation to provide amenities, including 15 shade shelters, food lockers and landscaping at the Sequoia youth day camp facilities in Huddart County Park.

Many youth and adult groups rely on the Sequoia Day Camp site at Huddart County Park for day camp use. However, this facility requires more shade shelters and food lockers for the number of users it receives. Shade shelters protect visitors from over-exposure to the sun, heat exhaustion, and other sun-related problems. Food lockers protect campers' food from wildlife and prevent wildlife from becoming habituated to an unnatural food source. Phase 1 (3 shade shelters, 20 trees and a food locker) was completed in September 2000 through a Foundation donation.

Interpretive Center at Edgewood Park & Preserve

The Foundation will allocate \$65,000 of their donation to fund the Community-Planning Phase for an Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve Interpretive Center. This planning phase would include a consultant-led effort to solicit input through community and focused meetings. The final work product will be options, with descriptions and budgets, for facilities and programs

This information would be the basis for additional community and environmental review during the next phases. The community outreach efforts should also result in increased support for the park. Once the community outreach effort is complete, environmental reviews, design and engineering and construction will be required to complete this project

The Foundation's long-term goal is a furnished interpretive center to support visitor education and park stewardship efforts at Edgewood County Park and Natural Preserve This interpretive center will further preservation of the park's sensitive resources through visitor education and providing support facilities for the docents and volunteers Curriculum based exhibits will provide improved educational opportunities for local schools

The Master Plan for the Park & Natural Preserve was updated in 1997. The goals for the plan are to protect, preserve and restore Edgewood's natural resources, provide environmental education and foster public enjoyment through low intensity recreational uses. An interpretive center is an integral component of meeting these goals.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact on the County Parks budget. The funds from the Foundation supplement existing resources for the Coyote Point Eucalyptus Playground Project. The Foundation funds completely fund the other activities. The \$65,000 designated for the Interpretive Center at Edgewood Park & Preserve will be budgeted in FY 2001-02. County Parks staff will manage the projects with existing staff.

REVIEW BY OTHERS:

The Parks and Recreation Commission has reviewed this donation and recommends its acceptance.

The County Counsel's Office has reviewed the resolution and finds it in order.

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RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION FROM THE SAN MATEO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$188,000 FOR THE EUCALYPTUS PLAYGROUND PROJECT AT COYOTE POINT RECREATION AREA, SHADE SHELTERS AT HUDDART COUNTY PARK'S SEQUOIA DAY CAMP, AND THE COMMUNITY PLANNING PHASE FOR THE PROPOSED EDGEWOOD PARK AND NATURAL PRESERVE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that;

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation has raised \$188,000 in donations for the Eucalyptus Playground Project at Coyote Point Recreation Area, shade shelters at Huddart County Park's Sequoia Day Camp and the community planning phase for the proposed Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve Interpretive Center,

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo recognizes the need for funding of these projects at Coyote Point Recreation Area, Huddart County Park and Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve;

WHEREAS. San Mateo County policies require the Board of Supervisors approval through a resolution to accept donations in excess of \$2,500; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED, that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors by adoption of this resolution hereby approves the acceptance of the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation donation for the Eucalyptus Playground Project at Coyote Point Recreation Area in the amount of \$12,000, shade shelters at Huddart County Park's Sequoia Day Camp in the amount of \$111,000 and the community planning phase for the proposed Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve Interpretive Center in the amount of \$65,000, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Director of Environmental Services Agency of the County of San Mateo accept the funds and use the aforementioned funds for the specified projects on behalf of the County of San Mateo.

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