

# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

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## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

**Date:** May 23, 2001

**Board Meeting Date:** June 5, 2001

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Neil R. Cullen, Director of Public Works  
**SUBJECT:** Fishery Restoration Grant - Upper Gazos Creek Road, Pescadero Area

### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to execute an agreement with the State of California, Department of Fish and Game for a Fishery Restoration Grant, and to sign other necessary permit applications and permits associated with regrading portions of upper Gazos Creek Road and other associated work to reduce sediment entering Gazos Creek

### Previous Board Action

- 1 Agreed to participate in the Fishnet 4C Program, a program that evaluates current conditions and will propose new practices to improve the Coho Salmon and Steelhead Trout populations in the County
2. Authorized the joint application of a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES) with the 20 cities in the County, which commits the County and the cities to reduce the pollutant loads in stormwater runoff

### Key Facts

- 1 The regrading of a portion of Upper Gazos Creek Road is proposed to
  - a) improve the habitat of the Coho Salmon and Steelhead Trout in keeping with the Fishnet 4C Program; and
  - b) reduce pollutant loads in the Creek in keeping with our NPDES permit.
2. The State of California Department of Fish and Game requires a resolution authorizing a representative of the County to sign an agreement with them, in order for the County to receive Fishery Restoration Grant Funds for the proposed work.

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### Discussion

The upper portion of Gazos Creek Road parallels Gazos Creek and serves as a second entrance to Big Basin State Park and also provides access to privately and publicly held lands. The Road is closed each winter approximately three (3) miles above its intersection with Cloverdale Road to reduce damage that the Road has sustained in previous years by its use during the rainy season. However, erosion continues to occur that results in relatively heavy sediment loads entering Gazos Creek, which can impact the spawning beds of Coho Salmon and Steelhead Trout.

The Department of Fish and Game issued a request for proposals for fishery restoration projects in early 2000. We submitted a proposal entitled "Upper Gazos Creek Road Rehabilitation," which was subsequently approved by Fish and Game for grant funding. The work involves recontouring or grading the road to create an out-sloped drainage pattern. This pattern reduces the concentration of storm flows by sloping the road in the direction of the terrain to allow sheet flow of storm water; and the regrading will eliminate the majority of the inboard or uphill ditches. Roadside earthen berms and roadside culverts, which increase the sediment potential to the Creek, will also be removed, and other culverts will also be replaced as necessary.

### Fiscal Impact

The total estimated cost of the work is \$258,500 and funds have been appropriated in the 2001-02 Road Fund Budget to finance the proposed work. The Road Fund will be reimbursed a not to exceed amount of \$110,500 from the Fishery Grant if your Board adopts the proposed resolution.

There is no impact to the General Fund.

A form of resolution has been approved by County Counsel.



Neil R. Cullen  
Director of Public Works

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cc Mr. Herb Hamor, Chair, Pescadero Municipal Advisory Council  
Milt Mares, County Counsel

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Supervisors, County of San Mateo, State of California

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**Resolution Authorizing the Director of Public Works  
to Execute an Agreement with the  
California Department of Fish and Game for  
Fishery Restoration Grant Funding - Upper Gazos Creek Road**

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

**WHEREAS**, the County of San Mateo is committed to preserving and enhancing habitats for endangered species; and

**WHEREAS**, the Upper Gazos Creek Road is within the watershed of Gazos Creek which is a Coho Salmon and Steelhead Trout stream on the San Mateo County Coast, and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Works applied for a Fishery Restoration Grant from the California Department of Fish and Game for a project on Upper Gazos Creek Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Fish and Game has approved the proposal submitted by the Department of Public Works, which will reimburse the County up to \$110,500 in expenditures to reduce sediment from entering Gazos Creek from Upper Gazos Creek Road; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Fish and Game requires that an agreement be entered into by and between the California Department of Fish and Game and the recipient of Fishery Restoration Grants before grant funds can be made available, and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this Board a recommendation to authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the agreement with the California Department of Fish and Game, and to also execute other permit applications and permits as may be required for said project on Upper Gazos Creek Road, and this Board has considered said recommendation

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED THAT** this Board authorizes the Director of Public Works to execute a Fishery Restoration Grant Agreement with the State of California and other permit applications and permits as may be necessary in conjunction with the proposed work on Upper Gazos Creek Road to reduce sediment into Gazos Creek.

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