

# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

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## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Date: July 12, 2001

Board Meeting Date: July 24, 2001

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Neil R. Cullen, Director of Public Works  
**SUBJECT:** Donation of Native Plants by the Yerba Buena Nursery

### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to receive a donation of native plants from the Yerba Buena Nursery for use in revegetation efforts associated with construction and maintenance projects undertaken by the Department of Public Works.

### Key Facts

1. Construction and maintenance projects may disturb vegetation that is important in providing habitat, erosion control and aesthetic values.
2. The Yerba Buena Nursery has offered to donate to the Department assorted plants native to San Mateo County valued at \$2,990.
3. Administrative Memorandum Number B-3 provides that donations over \$2,500 be referred to your Board for approval.

### Discussion

Revegetation of areas that are disturbed by construction or by maintenance activities is not only useful in providing erosion control and improving aesthetics, but is also often required as a condition of obtaining permits (i.e. Coastal Development, Fish and Game, Regional Water Quality Control Board, etc.) from the various regulatory agencies that have purview over our work. Revegetation with native plants is the preferred means of reestablishing habitat in sensitive areas.

The Yerba Buena Nursery loaned us several plants that we used in our Conservation Expo Exhibit in the County Center courtyard during National Public Works Week, and the Nursery has now offered to donate 44 trees of various species, including redwood, ash and willow, to the Department for use in revegetation projects. The nursery has asked only that the trees not be sold.

Honorable Board of Supervisors

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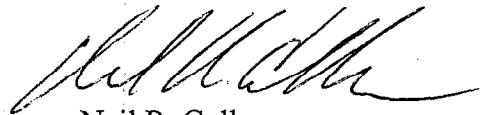
The Department has several upcoming projects where the trees can be utilized, and any remaining trees will be stored and cared for until they can be planted in suitable locations.

**Funding**

The estimated value of the trees is \$2,990. The cost of planting the donated vegetation will be paid for the by Road Fund or other funds that finance the work requiring the revegetation and these costs will be incurred whether donated vegetation is used or not.

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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Lisa Ekers, Natural Resources Engineer, Flood Control and Utility Services

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

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

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**Resolution Authorizing the Director of Public Works  
to Accept a Donation of Native Trees  
from the Yerba Buena Nursery  
for use in Public Works Construction and Maintenance Projects**

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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 conserving native plants and trees; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction and maintenance projects carried out by the Department of Public

Works may include revegetation components; and

**WHEREAS**, the Yerba Buena Nursery has offered a donation of forty-four (44) trees native to San Mateo County to the Department of Public Works for use in revegetation work; and

**WHEREAS**, the trees are valued at \$2,990; and

**WHEREAS**, County policy requires this Board approval in order to accept gifts or donations valued in excess of \$2,500.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED THAT**

This Board authorizes the Director of Public Works:

- a) to accept the donation of trees from the Yerba Buena Nursery for use in public construction and maintenance projects; and
- b) to thank the Yerba Buena Nursery on behalf of the County of San Mateo for their generous donation of native plants.

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