



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department of Parks

DATE: August 3, 2009
BOARD MEETING DATE: August 25, 2009
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: David G. Holland, Director, Department of Parks
SUBJECT: California State Parks Recreational Trails Program Grant
Application for the Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Dam
Project

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution:

- 1) Approving the application for and acceptance of a California State Parks Recreational Trails Program grant in the amount of \$350,000 for the Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Dam Project;
- 2) Authorizing the Director of the Department of Parks, or his designee, to execute in the name of the County of San Mateo all necessary applications, contracts, agreements, amendments and payment requests hereto for the purposes of implementing the purposes specified in the grant application; and
- 3) Making necessary grant assurances.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Parks would like to submit a grant application to the California State Parks Recreational Trails Program in the amount of \$350,000 for the Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Dam Project.

With over 300,000 visitors annually, the Crystal Springs Regional Trail is one of the most popular non-motorized multiple-use trails in the Bay Area. This Project, in conjunction with other planned projects, will help complete an uninterrupted non-motorized trail from the City of San Bruno to the Town of Woodside for pedestrians, equestrians and bicyclists. This project, located between Crystal Springs Dam and



Highway 92, takes an existing San Francisco Watershed service road and converts it to a 4,480-foot paved trail along the Crystal Springs Reservoir. The views are stunning along the future trail as it meanders along the natural contours above the reservoir. Benches, informational and entry signs, kiosks and a restroom will be added to support the visitor experience.

Construction plans, and specifications are now being finalized. The necessary permits are being completed or obtained. Only the balance of construction funding is now needed to fully implement the project. We anticipate learning of the California Department of Parks' decision about this grant application in Fall 2010.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution and Agreement as to form.

DISCUSSION:

Approval of this application to the California State Parks Recreational Trails Grant Program for the Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Dam Project contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an environmentally conscious community as construction of a new Crystal Springs Regional Trail section increases the number and quality of natural experiences for County Park visitors. Each visitor that experiences the County's natural resources gains a greater appreciation of the need for their preservation.

Performance Measure(s):

Measure	FY 2008-09 Estimated	FY 2009-10 Projected
Number of Visitors	1,500,000	1,500,000

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost estimate for the Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Dam Project is \$850,195. The Department of Parks has the balance of funding available in the Park's Acquisition and Development Fund. There is no Net County Cost associated with the grant agreement.