



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Department of Public Works



DATE: September 14, 2011
BOARD MEETING DATE: October 4, 2011
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation's Land and Water Conservation Fund Program Grant Resolution for the Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Highway 92 Project

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works, or his designee to:

- 1) Apply for and accept a California Department of Parks and Recreation Land and Water Conservation Fund Program grant in the amount of \$250,000 for the Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Highway 92 Project; and
- 2) Execute any other documents associated with the acceptance of the grant funding from the California Department of Parks and Recreation in the amount of \$250,000; and
- 3) Make necessary grant assurances.

BACKGROUND:

The California Department of Parks and Recreation's (State Parks) Office of Grants and Local Services administers the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program. The LWCF Program provides matching grants to State and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. The program is intended to create and maintain a nationwide legacy of high quality recreation areas and facilities and to stimulate non-federal investments in the protection and maintenance of recreation resources across the United States. Three sources of revenue were designated to fund this program: proceeds from sales of surplus Federal real property, motorboat fuel taxes, and fees for recreation use of Federal lands and Outer Continental shelf mineral leasing receipts.

In order to receive LWCF Assistance, State Parks must prepare and regularly update a California Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP). The CORP and its companion documents evaluate and address the demand for and supply of public recreation resources within

California, identify needs and new opportunities for recreation improvements, and set forth an implementation program to meet recreation goals identified by its citizens and elected leaders. All LWCF grant applications submitted must be in accord with the priorities listed in CORP.

The Department of Public Works will be submitting a LWCF grant application to obtain funds for the Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Highway 92 Project (Project).

DISCUSSION:

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 will help complete an uninterrupted trail from the City of San Bruno to the Town of Woodside for pedestrians, equestrians, roller skaters, and cyclists. The Project, which begins 950 feet south of the Highway 92 and Cañada Road intersection and ends 5,025 feet south of that intersection at Cañada Road across from the Ralston Bike Trail, will convert an existing 0.9 mile San Francisco Watershed service road into a 10-foot-wide paved and 2-foot-wide gravel shouldered trail.

Safety is a high priority goal of the Project which will provide cyclists and pedestrians an opportunity to recreate and commute on a Class I bikeway independent of automobiles. The paved trail accommodates cyclists, in-line skaters, and mobility devices such as wheelchairs and strollers. The gravel shoulder separates use and provides a more desirable surface for runners and equestrians. Four benches, informational and entry signs, kiosks, four trash receptacles and a restroom will be added to support the visitor experience. Construction plans and specifications for the Project are now finalized, and the necessary permits have been obtained.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form. The Resolution includes assurances which State Parks requires the Board to adopt.

Approval of this Resolution 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.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The request for LWCF Program funds will help secure full funding for the Project's estimated cost of \$1,081,827. The Department of Public Works has secured a Metropolitan Transportation Commission TDA Article 3 grant in the amount of \$194,549 and is working with state and Federal agencies for the remaining funds. The work will only begin after full project funding has been secured. There is no impact to the General Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION

**AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, OR HIS DESIGNEE TO:
1) APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 FOR THE CRYSTAL SPRINGS REGIONAL TRAIL SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 92 PROJECT; AND
2) EXECUTE ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRANT FUNDING FROM THE IN THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000; AND 3) MAKE ALL NECESSARY GRANT ASSURANCES**

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

WHEREAS, Congress under Public Law 88-578 authorized the establishment of a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant-in-Aid program, providing matching funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for administration of the program in the State and for setting up necessary rules and procedures governing applications by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, said adopted procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of applications and the availability of eligible matching funds prior to submission of said

applications to the State; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Highway 92 Project (Project) is consistent with the most recent *California Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP)*; and

WHEREAS, the Project must be compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding Project; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors by adoption of this Resolution, hereby approves the application for and acceptance of a California State Parks Land and Water Conservation Fund grant in the amount of \$250,000 for the Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Highway 92 Project; and

- 1) Approves the filing of an Application for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance; and
- 2) Agrees to abide by Section 6(f)(3) of Public Law 88-578 which states “No property acquired or developed with assistance with this section shall, without the approval of the National Secretary of the Interior, be converted to other than public outdoor recreation uses. The Secretary shall approve such conversion only if he finds it to be in accord with the then existing comprehensive statewide outdoor recreation plan and only upon such conditions as he deems necessary to assure the substitution of other

recreation properties of at least fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness and location.”

- 3) Certifies that said agency has matching funds from eligible source(s) and can finance 100 percent of the Project, which up to half may be reimbursed; and
- 4) Certifies that the Project is compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the Project; and
- 5) Appoints the Director of Public Works as agent of the applicant to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, amendments, payment requests, and compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project.

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