

RESOLUTION NO. 06-110

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NAPA,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, INITIATING PROCEEDINGS FOR THE FORMATION
OF THE NAPA COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, Napa County is blessed with an open space landscape of great beauty and productivity; and

WHEREAS, the responsible stewardship of the County's public watersheds and natural areas is critical to water quality and a sustainable water supply for use by people, agriculture and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, a network of connected public open spaces is important to the conservation of natural resources and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the County's policy of protecting open space lands and directing population growth to its cities has increased the demand for outdoor recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, outdoor recreation is beneficial to public health and the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, regional parks and associated recreation programs contribute to the character development of our youth; and

WHEREAS, the County of Napa would like to improve the stewardship and safe enjoyment of public open spaces, which today constitute nearly one-fourth of the county; and

WHEREAS, within the open space areas of Napa County are many significant archaeological, cultural, and historic sites that enrich the quality of life and offer unique educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the development of new recreational opportunities is consistent with and subject to the policies of the County of Napa General Plan, and shall be compatible with and not adversely affect agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the lack of a countywide public agency dedicated to parks and public open space has hindered the effective stewardship and safe use of public open spaces; and

WHEREAS, an independent countywide park and open space district working in voluntary and cooperative partnership with the County of Napa and its cities, other agencies, non-profit organizations, community groups and businesses offers the most potential for effectively and efficiently conserving and utilizing public open space resources; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2003, this Board adopted Resolution 03-157 which created an open space advisory committee, which committee has recommended the creation of an open space district pursuant to the provisions of Article 3, Chapter 3 of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code (commencing with Section 5500) with responsibility for protecting and stewarding public open space resources and providing outdoor recreational and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the County of Napa intends to provide the initial operational support for the recommended District at a level comparable to that which the County is currently budgeting for park, recreation and related open space purposes, with the expectation that the District will develop additional sources of revenue in future years; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code Section 5506.4 authorizes the Board to initiate by resolution proceedings for the formation of a proposed open space district, the creation of which may be ordered and declared by the Board of Supervisors only if first approved by the voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Napa as follows:

1. The name of the proposed district is the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District (hereafter the "District"). The reasons for forming the District are the creation of safe parks and trails and other recreational facilities and interpretive programs, the conservation, restoration and enhancement of natural areas, water quality, and archaeological, cultural and historic resources, protection of wildlife, preservation of agricultural watershed lands, reduction of wildfire risk, and other related purposes, utilizing voluntary means.
2. The District shall be divided into five wards, and each ward's boundaries shall be the same as the Supervisorial Districts of Napa County, as described in Napa County Code Section 1.08.010 through 1.08.050, as the same may be amended in the future.
3. The District shall be governed by a board of five directors, one from each ward, elected in accordance with the provisions of Article 3, Chapter 3 of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code. No member of the Board of Supervisors shall be a director.
4. The territory of the District shall include all of the territory within the County of Napa, including the incorporated cities.
5. The District shall not have, and may not exercise, the power of eminent domain pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5542, or any other provision of law.
6. The District's operations shall be financed by the County of Napa at a level and manner determined by the Board of Supervisors. The District shall have the right to seek future financing by all means, and subject to applicable limitations, provided in Article 3, Chapter 3 of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code, including but not limited to grants, donations, and revenues raised from operations.

7. The Board, by adopting Resolution No. 06-111 concurrently with this Resolution, hereby calls an election pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5514.


THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by

the Board of Supervisors of the County of Napa, State of California, at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 13th of June, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS WAGENKNECHT, LUCE and DILLON

NOES: SUPERVISORS DODD and MOSKOWITE

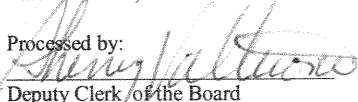
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS NONE


BILL DODD, Chair of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: PAMELA A. MILLER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By:  for

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Office of County Counsel
By: Rob Paul, Deputy (by e-signature)
Date: June 9, 2006

**APPROVED BY THE NAPA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
Date: June 13, 2006
Processed by: 
Deputy Clerk of the Board