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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Kim Henderson for Robert Peterson - Director  
Public Works  
**REPORT BY:** Gladys Coil, Staff Services Analyst, 259-8603  
**SUBJECT:** Subgrant of Prop 12 Parks Bond grant to Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Public Works requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a Funding Agreement where the County subgrants \$25,000 in Proposition 12 Park Bond revenue to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council for the term February 8, 2005 through December 31, 2007 for the design and construction of a 1.4 mile portion of the Bay Area Ridge Trail public recreation system within the County of Napa.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This request, if approved by the Board, will allocate Proposition 12 grant funds, after state approval of the application, to be allocated to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to assist with the design and construction of a 1.4 mile section of the Napa Solano Ridge Trail portion of the Bay Area Ridge Trail, allowing the Council to qualify for additional grant funding of \$100,000 from the State Coastal Conservancy in order to fully fund the project.

The Bay Area Ridge Trail project in general has received the endorsement of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, as well as all five municipalities of Napa County. For Napa County, this trail is an opportunity to provide Ridge Trail connections to Solano County. It is also an opportunity to showcase how a public recreational trail can be located on a donated easement on private agricultural lands, a key to creating additional trail opportunities through the County.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Parks
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary

Discretionary Justification: The proposed action will allocate \$25,000 in Prop 12 budgeted funds, after state approval of the application, to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Project.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: None

Consequences if not approved: The opportunity to complete this connecting portion of the Bay Area Ridge Trail may be lost because the allocated funds are necessary for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council to be able to qualify for a much larger grant from another state agency in order to complete the funding needed for this public use project.

Additional Information:

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

The lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is the California State Coastal Conservancy. A draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Napa Solano Ridge Trail project were noticed and circulated for public review on March 8, 2004. The 30-day public review comment period ended on April 6, 2004. No comment letters were received. The Conservancy Board adopted findings certifying the completion of CEQA at their December 2, 2004 Board meeting.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

On September 11, 2001, the Board of Supervisors approved \$440,000 in funding allocations for eight different projects identified as eligible for Prop 12 grants. \$25,000 was allocated toward the Solano Avenue Bike Rest. That project was completed without needing to use the Prop 12 funds. On July 27, 2004, the Board reallocated \$25,000 to the Napa Solano Ridge Trail project.

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council (BARTC) has signed a funding agreement with the County for \$25,000 for the sole purpose of designing and constructing 1.4 miles of recreational trail. This will constitute a portion of the Napa Solano Ridge Trail section of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. Upon approval of this agreement by the Board the application packet will be sent to the State for final approval of the subgrant.

There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund from this project. Ongoing maintenance of that portion of the trail which falls on Skyline Park land (0.3 miles) will be managed by the Skyline Park Citizens Association. The portion which falls on the donated easement (1.1 miles) will be managed by the BARTC, which will follow the use regulations of the neighboring Skyline Park, until such time as the easement is transferred to another appropriate trail manager.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Michael Stoltz