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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Robert Peterson - Director
Public Works
REPORT BY: Gladys Coil, Staff Services Analyst, 259-8603
SUBJECT: Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 6402 Subgrant of Prop 12 Parks Bond grant to Bay Area Ridge Trail Council

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Public Works requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Funding Agreement No. 6402 with the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council (BARTC) amending the Project description and granting the BARTC right of entry to Skyline Wilderness Park to construct 1650 feet (.31 mile) of recreational trail and a 26-foot bridge across Marie Creek to become part of the planned Bay Area Ridge Trail.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On February 8, 2005 your Board approved funding agreement No. 6402 allocating Proposition 12 grant funds to the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council (BARTC) 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. This Amendment No. 1 is to change the description of the project and to give BARTC right of entry to Skyline Wilderness Park to construct 1650 feet (.31) mile recreational trail and a 26-foot bridge across Marie Creek to become part of the planned Bay Area Ridge Trail. This project connects to another approximately 1.06-mile trail on an adjacent private ranch to be constructed using separate grant funds from the California Coastal Conservancy.

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.

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 funding agreement allocates \$25,000 in Prop 12 budgeted funds to a portion of the Bay Area Ridge Trail Project located in Skyline Wilderness Park which meets the approval of land tenure requirements with the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation.
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 construct a portion of trail that will connect to another approximately 1.06 mile trail on an adjacent private ranch to be constructed using separate grant funds from the California Coastal Conservancy.

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.

Since the County also had jurisdiction over the Napa Solano Ridge Trail project, it was considered a Responsible Agency for purposes of CEQA. On February 2, 2005, the Planning Commission reviewed and considered the information in the Mitigated Negative Declaration and made the necessary findings per CEQA and County Code prior to approving the use permit for the project.

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 the \$25,000 to the Napa Solano Ridge Trail project.

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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 (0.31 miles) will be managed by the Skyline Park Citizens Association.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Michael Stoltz