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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Hillary Gitelman - Director  
Conservation, Development & Planning  
**REPORT BY:** John Woodbury, Principal Planner , 259-5933  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing Bay Trail Grant Agreement

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Director of Conservation, Development and Planning requests adoption of a resolution approving the terms and conditions of and authorizing the Chair to sign an agreement with the Association of Bay Area Governments Bay Trail Project to accept a \$75,000 grant for a feasibility study of a recreational trail between the Cities of American Canyon and Napa.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Napa County has been awarded a \$75,000 grant from the Association of Bay Area Governments Bay Trail Project to undertake a feasibility study for a recreational trail between the City of American Canyon and the Napa Pipe property south of the City of Napa. Prior to disbursement of the grant, the Board of Supervisors must adopt a resolution approving the terms and conditions and authorizing execution of a grant agreement, a copy of which is attached.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	Conservation, Development & Planning
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Under the grant application approved by the Board on April 25, 2006, the County's contribution of \$5,000 to the project leverages \$75,000 in grant funds.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes

Future fiscal impact: There is no fiscal impact past the current year, unless upon completion of the study the Board decides to continue moving forward with the project and sufficient funds are not obtained from other sources.

Consequences if not approved: The study is needed to determine if the trail as proposed is feasible. Without the study, the project will not proceed.

Additional Information: None

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

On April 25, 2006 the Board of Supervisors authorized submittal of a grant application to the Association of Bay Area Governments Bay Trail Project in the amount of \$75,000 to undertake a feasibility study for a recreational trail generally following the eastern shore of the Napa River and associated wetlands between the City of American Canyon and the Napa Pipe property south of the City of Napa. As part of the grant application, the County committed to supplementing the grant with \$5,000 of County funds plus a variety of in-kind staff support services. The proposed study is the next step in the process of developing what is expected to be a very popular segment of Bay Trail in Napa County.

The grant was approved by the Bay Trail Project Steering Committee on June 15, 2006.

The proposed study itself has no ongoing direct or indirect impacts. If the trail is found to be technically and environmentally feasible, and the decision is made to pursue the project, it will be necessary to obtain approval from each of the affected landowners (seven public agencies and possibly one private railroad). Preliminary discussions with the public agencies indicate their willingness to allow the trail over the lands under their control. It will also be necessary to obtain permits from several different regulatory agencies. The feasibility study will determine the potential for obtaining these permits. Finally, it will be necessary to obtain funding to complete environmental review, and construct and operate the trail. The expectation at this time is that the information developed by the feasibility study will be sufficient to complete environmental review with minimal additional cost, that construction costs will be fully or mostly covered by grants, and that operating costs will be covered or reduced through partnerships with other agencies. Funding options will be explored in detail if the proposed study determines the trail is physically and environmentally feasible.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- A . Resolution
- B . Grant Agreement

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Andrew Carey