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Napa County Legislative Subcommittee Board Agenda Letter

TO: Napa County Legislative Subcommittee

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County Executive Office

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SUBJECT: SB 20 (Dodd): Surplus State Property: Napa County Regional and Park Open Space District

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer requests discussion and action to support SB 20: Surplus State Property: Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, a bill that would make legislative findings and declarations to allow Napa County or the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District, the opportunity to negotiate the purchase of Skyline Park by January 1, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SB 20 (Dodd) makes the necessary amendments to the Government Code to allow Napa County or the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District to negotiate the terms of the purchase of Skyline Park by January 1, 2026. After January 1, 2026, the property will no longer be considered surplus and available for sale.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

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

Skyline Park in Napa County encompasses approximately 850 acres and is located adjacent to Napa State Hospital. The park includes more than 25 miles of hiking, riding and bicycling trails, a native plant garden, horse arena, archery range and a disc golf course. The County of Napa leases Skyline from the State of California for \$100 per year, and the lease has a term of fifty years, expiring in 2030. Several years ago, State law authorized the sale of Skyline Park to Napa County so the County could ensure the land would be used as a public park in perpetuity. The State and the County could not agree on a fair market value for the property before the three-year authorization expired on January 1, 2015. Napa County seeks a new State authorization to continue negotiations for the sale of the park.

With the passage of Proposition 68 in June 2018, competitive grant funding could be available starting in late 2019 and continuing for 2-3 years, to assist with the purchase of Skyline Park. State authorization to sell Skyline Park to the County and/or the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District is important to be able to tap Proposition 68 funds, as well as to include the purchase of Skyline Park in the planned local funding.

The acquisition of Skyline Park from the State of California is an item identified in the 2019 Legislative Platform. SB 20 makes the necessary amendments to the Government Code to allow Napa County or the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District to negotiate the terms of the purchase of Skyline Park by January 1, 2026. After January 1, 2026, the property will no longer be considered surplus and available for sale.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . SB 20 Text

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan