



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Parks



Date: May 25, 2016
Board Meeting Date: June 28, 2016
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Marlene Finley, Parks Director

Subject: **Measure A:** Agreement Amendment with the Student Conservation Association for Conservation Crews Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure A: Adopt a resolution authorizing the County Parks Director to amend the agreement with the Student Conservation Association for the Conservation Crews Program, increasing the amount by \$341,000, to an amount not to exceed \$682,000 and extending the term to June 30, 2017.

BACKGROUND:

Since 1957, the nonprofit Student Conservation Association (SCA) has served as America's conservation corps protecting and restoring national parks, marine sanctuaries, cultural landmarks and community green spaces in all 50 states. Since 2008, County Parks and SCA have collaborated to provide educational opportunities for high school-aged youth and young adults with hands-on conservation and natural resource management in San Mateo County Parks.

On July 21, 2015, the Board adopted Resolution No. 073934 for an agreement with SCA for \$341,000 of **Measure A** funding for three Summer Conservation Crews, three School Year Youth Programs, a Winter Adult Crew, a Public Service Event and other Conservation Crew Program activities.

SCA is nearing the end of its first year of work. Its Summer Conservation Crews and School Year Youth Program had significant achievements. Five youth crews logged 7,360 hours in a variety of parks and open spaces in San Mateo County. Crews restored natural habitat, built fences, de-compacted social trails and built new trails that increased user experiences, and tackled drainage issues. The five crews also spent 1,840 hours engaged in a wide variety of life skills and youth leadership activities.

DISCUSSION:

For FY 2016-17, six SCA programs will be implemented using **Measure A** funds as well as cash and/or in-kind donations from the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation, SCA, Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Job Train. The **Measure A** funds provide for the SCA crews' stipends, field operations, including supplies, tools, equipment, field trips, service events and field base meals, supervision, and program management and support.

SCA will provide bi-annual reports and payment requests at the end of the summer season and at the end of the school year. The bi-annual reports and payment requests will be based on task orders related to habitat restoration or facility improvement work.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution and amendment as to form.

Approval of this resolution will contribute to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community by introducing youth to natural resource conservation and preservation, and project work that will provide them with valuable skills and knowledge about open space and urban parklands management.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2015-16 Actual	FY 2016-17 Projected
Linear Feet of County Trails Restored	N/A	2,100

SCA crews will provide over seven thousand volunteer hours to help restore County trails.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Amendment has a not-to-exceed amount of \$682,000. Funding comes from the Parks **Measure A** Grant List previously approved by the Board. There is no impact to the General Fund.