



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Parks



Date: April 15, 2014
Board Meeting Date: May 20, 2014
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Marlene Finley, Parks Director

Subject: California Coastal Conservancy Grant Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Parks Director, or her designee, to execute a California Coastal Conservancy Grant Agreement for the acquisition of the 174-acre Office of Education Loma Mar property by the County of San Mateo, in the amount of \$500,000.

BACKGROUND:

On November 6, 2013, the San Mateo County Board of Education adopted Resolution 13-57 with the intent to sell real property located at Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) 084-101-010; 084-110-020; 085-102-010; 084-102-020; 084-102-030; and 084-102-040. These parcels are collectively referred to as the "Loma Mar property" and are adjacent to Memorial County Park.

On December 10, 2013, your Board adopted a resolution supporting a funding agreement between Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) and the County regarding the future acquisition of this 174-acre Loma Mar property and setting the conditions for the funding, purchase, and deed conditions for the acquisition and transfer of the property to the County.

On January 22, 2014, the San Mateo County Planning Commission determined that the County's acquisition of the six (6) parcel Loma Mar property would conform to the General Plan.

On January 28, 2014, your Board adopted a resolution authorizing the acquisition of the 174-acre Office of Education Loma Mar property through a funding agreement with POST for the purchase price of \$3.9 million and for County Parks to pursue grant funding of \$500,000.

DISCUSSION:

On May 29, 2014, the California Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) will award a \$500,000 grant to San Mateo County for the acquisition of the Loma Mar Property from the County Office of Education. The timing of this grant award works with the timeline associated with the Loma Mar Property acquisition as funding will be available by mid-June for escrow and the acquisition can be completed by the end of June 2014.

This grant award will also fulfill County Park's commitment to POST to provide \$500,000 toward the \$3.9 million dollar acquisition cost.

The Conservancy has a List of Assurances associated with the grant that is attached to the proposed Resolution as Exhibit A.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

Approval of this Resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community in that the Grant Agreement will help facilitate property as park lands, which will increase the number and quality of natural experiences and recreational opportunities for County Park visitors. Each visitor gains a greater appreciation of the natural environment and the need for its preservation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The acceptance of this grant has no fiscal impact. The cost to open the land to the public will require about \$5,000 for trail identification and signage.