



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Public Works



Date: March 19, 2014
Board Meeting Date: April 22, 2014
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: James C. Porter, Director of Public Works

Subject: Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Dam Project
[County Project No.P9P09; Project File No. E4911000]

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution:

- A) Adopting the plans and specifications, including conformance with prevailing wage scale requirements, for the Crystal Springs Regional Trail South of Dam Project; and
- B) Authorizing the Director of Public Works to call for sealed proposals to be received by May 14, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the proposed Crystal Springs Regional Trail (CSRT) South of Dam Project (Project) is to construct a 0.9 mile recreational multi-use trail along an existing San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) service road that will complete part of a 2.5 mile gap in the CSRT. The CSRT currently serves hikers, joggers, equestrians, and cyclists and is one of the most popular facilities operated by the San Mateo County Parks Department. This multi-use regional trail will be 17.5 miles long when complete and will stretch from the City of San Bruno to the Town of Woodside. This Project will begin at approximately the south end of the Lower Crystal Springs Dam to Skyline Boulevard approximately 0.9 miles south of the Dam.

There have been several previous Board actions taken to facilitate construction of the CSRT. In 1993, your Board entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SFPUC for the purposes of conveyance of permanent trail easements and development of segments of the CSRT within the SFPUC's San Francisco Peninsula Watershed lands, including the proposed Project. In October 1994, an Initial Study/Mitigated

Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was adopted for the entire alignment of the CSRT, and in 1996 the SFPUC granted the required easements to the County. The County will construct, operate and maintain the trail while SFPUC will retain ownership of the land.

Your Board previously adopted resolutions to support the construction of the Project by approving submission of grant funding applications, execution of grant agreements, and acceptance of grant funds. Grants from the California State Parks Recreational Trails Program, the California Department of Parks and Recreation Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the California State Coastal Conservancy have been secured for this Project. Additionally, your Board authorized the Director of Parks or her designee to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the SFPUC that defined the terms of acceptance and use of a contribution of \$300,000 for the construction of trail fencing for security and watershed protection purposes on the Crystal Springs Regional Trail segments South of Dam and south of Highway 92.

DISCUSSION:

The proposed Project includes improving the service road/trail surface by reconstructing, paving, and slurry sealing portions of road/trail, repairing a culvert adjacent to the trail, installing retaining walls in two locations to support the trail, installing fencing along both sides of the trail including barbed wire on the east side and chain link on the west side between the trail and the reservoir, and the addition of benches, information and entry signs, kiosks, and a pre-cast restroom. Plans and specifications have been reviewed by SFPUC staff and staff from Public Works and Parks.

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

Approval of this action will contribute to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community as construction of the regional trail project increases the number and quality of natural experiences of visitors to the County Parks. Each visitor that experiences the County’s natural resources gains a greater appreciation of the need for their preservation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost of construction is \$900,000 and is proposed to be financed as follows:

California State Parks Recreational Trail Program	\$350,000
California Department of Parks and Recreation Land and Water Conservation Fund	\$225,000
California State Coastal Conservancy	\$250,000
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission	\$300,000
Total	\$1,125,000

Additionally, funds from the County’s Capital Improvement Program have been allocated toward this project in a total amount of \$505,433. We intend to maximize the

use of grant funds and funding from the SFPUC for this Project. However, because the grants are on a reimbursable basis, the Capital Improvement Program funds will be utilized initially while grant reimbursement requests are prepared, submitted, and processed by the grant funders.

There is no impact to the General Fund.