



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Parks



Date: July 1, 2015
Board Meeting Date: August 4, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Marlene Finley, Parks Director

Subject: Measure A Funding Agreement with Pacifica Land Trust for Pedro Point Headlands Restoration and Trail Building Project

RECOMMENDATION:

Resolution authorizing the County Parks Director to execute a funding agreement with Pacifica Land Trust to provide trail building and restoration activities for the Pedro Point Headlands Restoration and Trail Building Project, for the term of August 4, 2015 through June 30, 2016, in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.

BACKGROUND:

Pedro Point Headlands (PPH) is a 247-acre promontory located between Montara and Pacifica along the San Mateo County coast. PPH is currently owned by the California Coastal Conservancy (CCC) and the City of Pacifica but both agencies intend to transfer the Pedro Point Headlands parcels to San Mateo County at no cost in late 2015. A future section of the Coastal Trail through PPH will connect the City of Pacifica and the Devil's Slide Trail.

Pacifica Land Trust (PLT), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization has been instrumental in saving PPH from development and off-highway vehicles since 1993. PLT has managed the property, blocked motorcycle use, removed nonnative plants and maintained recreational trails. PLT was awarded a \$1,139,274 Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) restoration grant from California State Parks and Recreation to curtail continuing erosion. The PLT also plans to replace the existing unsustainable footpaths with well-designed hiking trails, which is not within the scope of the OHV grant. The CCC has contributed \$12,000 toward trail design costs so that restoration re-contouring funded by the OHV grant and trails can go through a single permitting process.

This Project is the fourth of the six Measure A grants being brought to your Board.

DISCUSSION:

Measure A funds in the amount of \$350,000 will be used in FYs 2015-2017 to complement existing project funding as follows:

- \$100,000 to support the volunteers who will undertake all aspects of the habitat restoration including plant salvage, plant propagation, installation and maintenance. These funds will also contribute to the 26% match requirement of the OHV grant.
- \$215,000 to support trail building, including layout, clearing and grubbing, excavation, compaction, grading, erosion control, re-vegetation and maintenance.
- \$35,000, or 10% of this Measure A grant, will support administration of PLT.

Measureable Project outcomes are linked to Tasks 1 through 19 listed in the agreement budget and timeline. PLT will submit advance payment requests and will provide the corresponding reports, invoices and other deliverables upon completion.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2015-16 Actual	FY 2016-17 Projected
Miles of safe, sustainable recreational trails constructed	0	1.5 miles

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

Approval of this resolution will contribute to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community as restoration and trail building of the Pedro Point Headlands will increase the number and quality of natural experiences of park and open space visitors. Each visitor that experiences the County's natural and recreational resources gains a greater appreciation of the need for their preservation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The agreement has a not-to-exceed amount of \$350,000 and comes from the Parks Measure A List previously approved by your Board. There is no impact to the General Fund.