



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Parks via Public Works



Date: May 14, 2013
Board Meeting Date: June 18, 2013
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Four-fifths

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Jim Nantell, Interim Parks Director
Via James C. Porter, Director of Public Works

Subject: Donations and In-Kind Gifts from the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation

RECOMMENDATION:

- A) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of donations in the amount of \$94,075, and in-kind gifts in the amount of \$23,844 for FY 2012-13 from the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation.
- B) Resolution authorizing an Appropriation Transfer Request in the amount of \$94,075 from Unanticipated Revenue to various Park funds.

BACKGROUND:

The San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation (Foundation) raises funds and provides in-kind gifts for various improvements and programs in County Parks. Each year prior to the end of the fiscal year, the Board of Supervisors is asked to accept the Foundation's donations and in-kind gifts for the year.

DISCUSSION:

For FY 2012/13, the Foundation is providing \$94,075 in cash donations and \$23,844 of in-kind services for various Parks projects and programs for a total of \$117,919. The Appropriation Transfer Request will increase the related budgets by \$94,075 to reflect the donations received. These donations will support the Parks Volunteer Program, summer youth job training, habitat management, Bicycle Sunday events, trail maintenance, and Take-A-Hike activities.

The Foundation also provided \$388,000 that your Board accepted on May 21, 2013, Resolution No. 072550 as part of the funding for the repair of the Promenade at the Coyote Point Recreation Area.

In addition to these gifts, the Foundation also provides information to the community about the natural beauty and recreational amenities found in the parks and the volunteer activities and events open to the public by:

- Three print newsletters with a circulation of 4,000 addresses;
- 13 email newsletters to 1,100 addresses annually; and
- Hosting information tables at community fairs and local businesses.

Donations for FY 2012/13

Student Conservation Association Summer Crews	\$52,825
Student Conservation Association Summer /Spring Break Crews	\$10,000
Harding and Velvet Grass Eradication at Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve	\$3,000
Wunderlich Trails Maintenance	\$1,500
Bicycle Sunday	\$1,250
Take-A-Hike	\$500
Parks Volunteer Program and Activities	\$25,000
Total Donations	\$94,075

In-Kind Gifts for FY 2012/13

Additional educational materials for the Bill and Jean Lane Education Center at Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve	\$5,635
Temporary wind surf ramp repairs at Coyote Point Recreation Area	\$4,709
Trees for Coyote Point Recreation Area	\$1,000
Creekside Center for Earth Observation for restoration activities and monitoring at Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve	\$12,500
Total In-Kind Gifts	\$23,844
Total Donations and In-Kind Gifts For FY 2012/13	\$117,919

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

Acceptance of the Foundation's donations and in-kind gifts contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community by providing financial and in-kind support for youth internships and volunteers in the parks, important maintenance and restoration projects, and improvements to park facilities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The full amount of donations for all programs in the Parks to be received from the Foundation is not known at the time the budget is prepared. The Appropriation Transfer Request represents the distribution of the donations received to the various Parks program elements. There is a net reduction in Net County Cost of \$1,250.