



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Parks



Date: May 13, 2015
Board Meeting Date: June 16, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: 4/5ths

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Marlene Finley, Parks Director

Subject: Accept Donations in the Amount of \$499,410 from the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation

RECOMMENDATION:

- A) Adopt a resolution authorizing the acceptance of donations in the amount of \$499,410 for FY 2014-2015 from the San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation.
- B) Adopt a resolution authorizing an appropriation transfer request in the amount of \$484,410 from unanticipated revenue to other special Department expense.

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. On January 27, 2015, this Board of Supervisors accepted donations in the amount of \$217,505 and in-kind gifts valued at \$12,110 for FY 2014-2015 from the Foundation.

DISCUSSION:

This action is to accept the Foundation's final donation in the amount of \$499,410 for FY 2014-2015. This donation includes \$15,000 for the Parks Department's Volunteer Program and brings the Foundation's support of the Program to their committed \$25,000 goal for FY 2014-2015. The donation also includes \$484,410 for the Coyote Point Eastern Promenade Rejuvenation Project. The appropriation transfer request (ATR) will increase the related revenue and expense budgets by \$484,410 to reflect the unanticipated donation being received.

With acceptance of these donations, the Foundation will have provided donations in a total amount of \$716,915 and in-kind gifts valued at \$12,110 for FY 2014-2015.

In addition to these gifts, the Foundation provides information to the community about the natural beauty and recreational amenities found in the parks. The Foundation supports volunteer activities and events open to the public through three print newsletters with a circulation of 4,000, 20 email newsletters to 1,500 addresses annually, a Facebook page with 1,250 likes, and by staffing information tables at community fairs and local businesses.

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

Acceptance of the Foundation's donations contribute to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community by providing financial support for youth internships and volunteers in the parks and improvements to park facilities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Foundation's annual contribution to Parks' projects and programs supplements the County's funding and enhances Parks. 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 ATR represents the unanticipated revenue of \$484,410 to be transferred into a General Fund account. The remainder of the donated funds in the amount of \$15,000 will be deposited into a dedicated trust fund for which there is no budgeted revenues or appropriated expenditures. There is no impact on net county cost.