

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO Inter-Departmental Correspondence Parks



Date: January 30, 2017 Board Meeting Date: March 14, 2017 Special Notice / Hearing: None Vote Required: 4/5ths

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Sarah Birkeland, Acting Parks Director

**Subject:** Acceptance of Cash and In-Kind Donations from the San Mateo County Parks Foundation

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt resolutions:

- A) Authorizing the acceptance of cash and in-kind donations in the amount of \$62,852 for FY 2016-2017 from the San Mateo County Parks Foundation; and
- B) Authorizing an appropriation transfer request in the amount of \$19,750 from unanticipated revenue to the Parks Acquisition and Development Fund.

## BACKGROUND:

The San Mateo County Parks and Recreation Foundation (Foundation) raises funds and provides in-kind donations and services for various improvements and programs in County Parks. As in the prior fiscal year, the Department proposes to bring these donations to the Board of Supervisors two to three times per year.

## DISCUSSION:

For FY 2016-2017, the Foundation is providing \$51,200 in cash donations for various programs as noted in the table.

Cash Donations for FY 2016-2017	
2016 Student Conservation Association Summer Crews	\$19,750
Parks Volunteer Program	15,250
Bicycle Sunday	15,000
Take A Hike	1,200
Total	\$51,200

The Foundation is also making in-kind donations to County Parks, including:	
Arena harrow for the Wunderlich Park riding ring	\$6,652
Creekside Center for Earth Observation, San Mateo thornmint	
preservation, Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve	5,000
Total	\$11,652

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

Acceptance of the Foundation's cash and in-kind donations contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community by providing financial support for County Parks programs such as the SCA summer youth crews, volunteers, and Bicycle Sunday and in-kind gifts that support operations and natural resource preservation, all of which help in the provision of safe, environmentally sound and enjoyable use of parks by visitors.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

The amount of donations to be received from the Foundation for any fiscal year is not always known at the time the budget is prepared. An appropriation transfer request was prepared as part of this item for the unanticipated revenue of \$19,750 to be transferred to the Parks Acquisition and Development Fund. The remaining \$31,450 in case donations will be deposited in dedicated trust funds for which there are no budgeted revenues or appropriations.

All of the aforementioned funds are separate funds and not a part of the General Fund. There is no impact on Net County Cost.