

County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: PARKS

File #: 18-547 Board Meeting Date: 6/26/2018

Special Notice / Hearing: None

Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Peggy Jensen, Acting Parks Director

Subject: Amendment to **Measure K** funding agreement with Coastside Land Trust for Wavecrest

Trail, Phase II

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with the Coastside Land Trust to provide design services for plans, specifications, and permits for the Wavecrest Trail, Phase II Project, extending the term to June 30, 2019.

BACKGROUND:

The California Coastal Trail is a network of public trails for pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians along the 1,200-mile California coastline. The Trail is more than halfway complete with San Mateo County Parks contributing to the Coastal Trail through segments at Devil's Slide, Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, and Mirada Surf. Future County Park Coastal Trail projects include Green Valley Trail and Pedro Point Headlands.

The Wavecrest Property is a 206-acre open space located west of Highway 1 between Seymour Street and Wavecrest Road in Half Moon Bay. Wavecrest was purchased by Peninsula Open Space Trust and Coastside Land Trust for habitat protection, open space protection, and public access. An active volunteer stewardship program was developed to maintain trails and remove invasive species. One of the initial goals was to create a conceptual trail design for the four-mile section of California Coastal Trail through the Wavecrest property. This section of Coastal Trail will connect Poplar Beach and Redondo Beach.

The 1,700-foot-long Wavecrest Trail, Phase I was built to connect Half Moon Bay's Poplar Beach and Half Moon Bay State Beach. San Mateo County staff helped with Phase I construction.

DISCUSSION:

On July 21, 2015, the Board approved Resolution 073953, authorizing an agreement with the Coastside Land Trust, in an amount not to exceed \$260,000, to provide design services for plans, specifications, and permits for the Wavecrest Trail, Phase II project. This funding agreement for the Wavecrest Trail, Phase II Project will result in the design of an additional two miles of Coastal Trails.

The challenge of the beach access is the additional surveys needed for CEQA and construction document additions. The additional work cannot be completed by June 30, 2018, the current end date for the Measure A grant. At this time, Coastside Land Trust estimates that \$230,000 will be used by the current deadline leaving only \$20,000 to be completed between July 1, 2018, and June 30, 2019.

The Board has previously approved two amendments extending the term of this agreement, and the Parks Department now seeks an additional extension of the term, through June 30, 2019.

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

Approval of this amendment contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community as the design of the California Coastal Trail increases the number and quality of natural experiences for 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:

Approval of this amendment will have no impact on the General Fund.