



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: PARKS

File #: 19-527

Board Meeting Date: 6/4/2019

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Peggy Jensen, Interim Parks Director

Subject: **Measure K:** Amendment to the funding agreement with the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District for the Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project

RECOMMENDATION:

Measure K: Adopt a resolution authorizing the Parks Director, or her designee, to execute an amendment to the funding agreement with the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District for the Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project to extend the term of the funding agreement through June 30, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

The Ravenswood Bay Trail Connection Project ("Project") will complete a 0.6-mile gap in the San Francisco Bay Trail between University Avenue and Cooley Landing in the City of East Palo Alto. The Project's boundaries are shown on Exhibit A attached. Once completed, this trail segment will open approximately 80 miles of continuous Bay Trail to the public.

The Project aims to provide easily accessible recreational opportunities for residents of the cities of East Palo Alto and Menlo Park and outdoor enthusiasts, including hikers, joggers, and bicyclists. It will offer a setting for wildlife viewing and environmental education and increase public respect and appreciation for the San Francisco Bay. Lastly, it will create an important transportation benefit by providing a commute alternative for nearby residents and workers.

DISCUSSION:

On September 1, 2015, your Board adopted Resolution No. 073994, which authorized the execution of a funding agreement with the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District ("MROSD") for the design, permitting, and construction of the Project. The agreement had a term of September 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017, and was for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

On June 27, 2017, your Board adopted Resolution No. 075310, which authorized an amendment to the agreement; extending the term to June 30, 2019. This amendment sought to provide sufficient time to complete the design, permitting, and construction of the Project. This extension allowed

MROSD to complete the design phase of the Project, but permitting has taken longer than expected. To date, approximately, \$360,000 has been invoiced, leaving a remaining balance of approximately \$640,000. The Department now seeks a second no-cost amendment to the agreement to extend the term to June 30, 2021 to allow for permitting and construction of the Project.

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

Approval of this action contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community as the availability of a new section of regional trail will increase the quality of natural experiences for the public.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The amendment will extend the term of the agreement through June 30, 2021, and does not involve additional funding. There is no fiscal impact as a result of this change.