

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jennifer Briggs
Director of Parks

STAFF CONTACT: Claude Garciacelay, Park Planner (x2469)

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving the Application for Grant funds for two projects:
Acquisition and development of the Goleta Old Town Neighborhood
Park and, Public access and habitat enhancement at More Mesa Open
Space; Second Supervisorial District

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt the attached resolution approving the filing of applications to the California Department of Parks and Recreation through the Riparian and Riverine Habitat grant program; and
2. Authorize the Director of Parks to act as agent for the County of Santa Barbara to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 5. A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

This resolution authorizes County Parks to submit two applications for funds from the Riparian and Riverine Habitat grant program, under the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000.

County Parks will request \$250,000 toward the acquisition and development of the Goleta Old Town Neighborhood Park. This project is within the new City of Goleta and within the Old Town Redevelopment area. The County has previously been allocated state funds for this

project from the state general budget and these funds are yet to be encumbered pending the state budget approval. The application deadline for this grant is February 1, 2002 and therefore it is prudent for the County to move forward with the request. The project consists of the acquisition and development of approximately 1.5 acres located adjacent to San Jose Creek, with a lawn area, children's play area, picnic tables and barbecue pits. This project also includes the restoration of San Jose Creek along the length of the park. It is anticipated that funding from this program, if awarded, will complete the funding package necessary to acquire and construct the project.

County Parks will also request a grant in the approximate amount of \$200,000 to design, permit and install a trail bridge connecting the neighborhood on the north side of Atascadero Creek with the More Mesa Open Space. The grant will also provide for enhancement of the degraded habitat along the south bank of Atascadero Creek along the County open space, trail enhancement and open space habitat interpretation. The trail bridge will be located in the general location of the terminus of Walnut Avenue at the Atascadero bikeway and provide access across the creek to the open space.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The Goleta Old Town Park project is identified as an implementation item of the adopted Goleta Old Town Revitalization Plan. County Parks will provide maintenance services under contract to the new City of Goleta.

The public trail access project is identified in the More Mesa Open Space Management plan and the Goleta Trails Implementation Study. County Parks will provide maintenance services in this unincorporated area of Goleta.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

No fiscal impacts with this action. No impact to facilities.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board to provide a certified copy of the resolution and a copy of the minute order to County Parks, Attn. Claude Garciacelay and to Planning and Development, Attn. Jenna Endres.

Concurrence:

County Counsel
Planning & Development

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF REQUESTING GRANTS FOR)
TWO PROJECTS FROM THE CALIFORNIA)
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR)
(1) PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENT AND HABITAT) RESOLUTION: 02-
ENHANCEMENT AT MORE MESA OPEN SPACE;)
(2) ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE)
GOLETA OLD TOWN NEIGHBORHOOD PARK)

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the Riparian and Riverine Habitat Program, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to local agencies and federally recognized California Indian tribes to increase public recreational access, awareness, understanding, enjoyment, and protection of California’s irreplaceable rivers and streams, and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the Program and grant project shown above within the State, setting up necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of an application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California for subject project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

1. Approves the filing of applications for local assistance from the Riparian and Riverine Habitat Program under the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 for the above project; and
2. Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and
3. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees the General Provision contained in the State/local agreement shown in the Procedural Guide attached hereto as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference; and
4. Appoints the Director of Parks as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the project, so long as same are in substantial compliance with exhibit A and this resolution.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS of the COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, State of California, this ____ day of _____, 2001, by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara

ATTEST:
CLERK OF THE BOARD
MICHAEL F. BROWN

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
STEPHEN SHANE SHARK
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: _____
Deputy County Counsel