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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE TAMALPAIS LANDS COLLABORATIVE

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Receive a report from staff concerning the Tamalpais Lands Collaborative.
2. Authorize President to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

SUMMARY:

For the past year, Marin County Parks, the Marin County Open Space District, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, Marin Municipal Water District, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and Marin/Diablo Vista District of the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation have been exploring a formal partnership to increase their collective capacity to attract funding and share information and resources to support projects of mutual interest.

The group has named its partnership the "Tamalpais Lands Collaborative". The attached Memorandum of Understanding describes the purpose of the partnership and identifies the roles and responsibilities of each participant. The work of the Collaborative would be focused on the public lands on and adjacent to Mt. Tamalpais, as shown on the attached map.

Marin County Parks and the Marin County Open Space District's participation in the Collaborative is an outgrowth of the department's efforts to explore the creation of a not-for-profit "Friends" organization to

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other efforts. Staff feels that its participation in the Collaborative will successfully meet many of the department's needs for a not-for-profit fundraising partner, increase the efficiency and effectiveness of communication among Marin County's largest land managers, and facilitate the conduct of mutually beneficial projects.

FISCAL IMPACT:

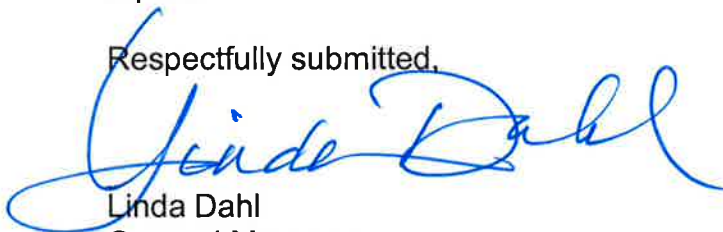
The fiscal impact of the recommended action cannot be determined at this time. Staff anticipates that participation in the group will generate an unknown amount of revenue to support department projects.

REVIEWED BY:

<input type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

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Respectfully submitted,



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