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Marin County Board of Supervisors
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO APPROVE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND
AWARD CONTRACT FOR SOUTHERN CULVERT
REPLACEMENT, CREEKSIDE MARSH, HAL BROWN COUNTY
PARK**

Dear Supervisors,

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve project plans and specifications for the Southern Culvert Replacement, Creekside Marsh Enhancement Project.
2. Authorize the project to be open for bidding from June 30, 2015 to July 28, 2015.
3. Order the Clerk of the Board to advertise the project twice in a local newspaper, the first time on July 6, 2015, and the second time on July 12, 2015.
4. Set the bid opening for 2:00 p.m. on July 28, 2015, in Room 260 of the Marin County Civic Center.
5. Award the contract on terms and conditions in the contract and authorize the Director of Marin County Parks to execute the construction contract with the lowest responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed the engineer's estimate of \$330,800.
6. Approve a construction contingency not to exceed \$33,080.

SUMMARY:

The southeastern section of the Creekside Marsh at Hal Brown Park suffers from limited tidal action and areas of poor soil. This project replaces a 60-inch culvert upstream of the Bon Air Bridge with a 5 x 12-foot box culvert. The culvert will allow more tidal flow into the marsh and increase the tidal prism in Corte Madera Creek. This project complements other marsh enhancement and restoration efforts currently underway at Creekside Marsh as mitigation for the Central Marin Ferry Connector project. Among the projects' many benefits will be enhanced habitat for the endangered Ridgway's rail (formerly known as the California clapper rail).

FISCAL IMPACT:

The construction project is fully funded in Fiscal Year 2015/16 with funds from County Service Area (CSA) 17, fund 23270, to be reimbursed in part by a grant (\$249,370) secured by the Friends of Corte Madera Creek Watershed from the Regional Water Quality Control Board's (RWQCB) program to direct fines to a Special Environmental Project, and a general fund contribution (\$25,000). CSA 17 is contributing the difference between the engineer's estimate and the sum of the county's and RWQCB's contributions.

REVIEWED BY:

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

Superintendent Chris Bramham is the principal author of this report.

Respectfully submitted,



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MERIT Number: Fiscal Year 2015/16