January 09, 2017

Board of Supervisors
County of Marin
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO RECEIVE STAFF PRESENTATION ON THE USE, OVERSIGHT, AND REPORTING OF MEASURE A EXPENDITURES BY MARIN COUNTY PARKS AND FARMLAND, LOCAL PARKS, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION SUBRECIPIENTS.

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION
Receive presentation.

SUMMARY:

Voters approved Measure A (Ordinance 3586) on November 6, 2012; a quarter cent transactions and use tax that has generated roughly $12 million per year to care for Marin County open spaces and waterways, regional and local parks, and farmland. Following the passage of Measure A, Marin County Parks has fulfilled voter promises by implementing projects and increasing long-term maintenance to protect streams, baylands, natural areas, and wildlife. Cities and towns have restored local park and recreation facilities. Marin Agricultural Land Trust and The Marin Resources Conservation District have protected family farms, wetlands, and water quality with 4,167 acres of new agricultural easements and restoration projects. All Measure A-funded work is reported annually in the Marin County Parks annual report; and compliance with the voter-approved expenditure plan is overseen annually by an independent community oversight committee and confirmed by two audits.

Measure A is in its fifth of nine years, expiring in April of 2022, and Marin County Parks staff has prepared a presentation for your board describing recent staff and partner uses of this funding; similar to annual presentations provided to the Parks and Open Space Commission and Measure A Community Oversight Committee. Staff will return to your board in February to present the annual report detailing Fiscal Year 2016-17 Measure A expenditures.

FISCAL/STAFFING IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.
Government and External Affairs Coordinator Kevin Wright is the principal author of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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