

March 24, 2009

Board of Directors Marin County Open Space District Marin County Civic Center San Rafael, California 94903

## SUBJECT: REQUEST TO APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 UNDER THE PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE PROJECTS PROGRAM WITH THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Dear Board Members:

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Authorize the President to execute the attached Resolution approving the application for grant funds in the amount of \$150,000 under the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Projects with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

**DISCUSSION:** Receipt of the subject grant, made possible by federal stimulus funding, would enable the Open Space District to remove invasive weeds and reclaim habitat for special status plant species on the Ring Mountain Open Space Preserve. The District would contract with the Conservation Corps of the North Bay to carry out this work.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Total cost for the project is \$160,000. The District would provide a in-kind support consisting of staff time equal to \$10,000. Sufficient funding for staff time is included in the Open Space District's FY 2008-2009 budget and FY 2009-2010 proposed budget.

<b>REVIEWED BY:</b>	[	] Auditor-Controller	[X]N/A
	[	] County Counsel	[X]N/A
	[	] Human Resources	[X]N/A

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Respectfully submitted,

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