

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

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Board of Supervisors County of Marin Marin County Civic Center San Rafael, California 94903

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND TO APPROVE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND AWARD CONTRACT FOR CREEKSIDE PARK RENOVATION, COUNTY SERVICE AREA 17, KENTFIELD

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Conduct public hearing.
- 2. Authorize the President to execute a Resolution granting a Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact for construction activities during renovation of Creekside Park, and to execute the Negative Declaration.
- 2. Approve project plans and specifications for the renovation of the Creekside Park
- 3. Authorize the project to be open for bidding from April 13 to May 13, 2010.
- 4. Order the Clerk of the Board to advertise the project twice in a local newspaper, the first time on April 18, 2010, and the second time on April 24, 2010.
- 5. Set the bid opening for 2:00 p.m. on May 13, 2010, in Room 260 of the Marin County Civic Center.
- 6. Award the contract on terms and conditions in the attached contract and authorize the Director of Parks and Open Space to execute the construction contract with the lowest responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed the engineer's estimate of \$1,404,000.
- 7. Approve a construction contingency not to exceed \$119,340.

SUMMARY: In May 2008, the Department of Parks and Open Space began a process to create a new master plan for Creekside Park and the Corte Madera Creek Multi-Use Pathway in County Service Area (CSA) 17, Kentfield. Following a series of focus group sessions, a "Family Discovery Day" at the park, a public workshop and a meeting of the Parks and Open Space Commission, your Board approved the master plan for Creekside Park in March 2009. Proposed improvements include the following park elements:

- Relocate children's play areas with separated play for toddlers and elementary school-aged children
- Renovate restroom to be accessible
- Renovate amphitheater
- Health and meditation grove parallel to Bon Air Road
- Mt. Tamalpais, Creekside Marsh overlook
- Expand picnic areas and opportunities

- Environmental interpretive opportunities
- Upland habitat restoration and interpretation
- Miscellaneous access and pathway improvements.

For the last several months, staff has been working with consulting landscape architects from Moore lacofano Goltsman to develop construction drawings for the work. Plans and specifications are now completed and attached for your review. Project costs are estimated at \$1,404,000, with funding available from CSA 17. In addition, a potential donor has expressed interest in funding the Mt. Tamalpais and Creekside Marsh Overlook. Staff will ask your Board to consider acceptance of the donation at a later date.

Although the master plan was deemed Categorically Exempt from CEQA, the attached Initial Study was prepared for possible impacts resulting from construction activities within the park during renovation and from habitat restoration efforts in the upland transition areas, which will occur in the future. The comment period extended through April 6, 2010. The Initial Study identified potentially significant impacts in erosion, discharge of pollutants into ground waters, exposing sensitive receptors to pollutants, and biological resources. With recommended mitigations, these items are reduced to a less than significant impact. A Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact is attached for consideration.

With the determination to perform an Initial Study, the project schedule has become compressed. Therefore, in order to complete this project before winter, this item includes award of the attached construction contract, and authorizes the Director of Parks and Open Space to execute this contract with the lowest responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed the engineer's estimate of \$1,404,000. A construction contingency not to exceed \$119,340 to cover project change orders brings the maximum project cost to \$1,523,340.

FISCAL IMPACT: This project is fully funded by CSA 17 and does not impact the County General Fund.

REVIEWED BY: [] Auditor Controller [X] N/A

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Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Draft Resolution Granting Mitigated Negative Declaration

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Parks and Open Space Commission

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