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Board of Supervisors
County of Marin
Marin County Civic Center
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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO ACCEPT STAFFORD LAKE BIKE PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Accept Stafford Lake Bike Park Feasibility Study;
2. Direct staff to proceed with design development of the proposed facility, including preparation of preliminary cost estimates;
3. Direct staff to return to the Board with the final proposed design and cost estimates;
4. Direct staff to research and pursue funding opportunities, including grants and donations; and
5. Direct staff to engage the community in volunteer efforts to build and maintain the facility.

SUMMARY: At October's Park and Open Space Commission meeting, the Commission reviewed the attached draft of the Stafford Lake Bike Park Feasibility Study prepared by Hilride Progression Development Group. The study examines the possibility of creating a progressive skills bike park on a 14.1 acre portion of Stafford Lake Park and concludes that the selected area would be a suitable location. Although not designed yet, the park could include features such as a pump track, a kid's learn-to-ride area, dirt jumps, beginner trails, and a loop trail.

Representatives of Hilride will be at the Board meeting to provide a brief presentation with further detail of the feasibility study. They have designed similar parks in Fresno, Lafayette and Elk Grove, California, Redmond, Washington and Green River, Wyoming. Woodward Mountain Bike Park in Fresno was constructed in 2007 and opened in Spring 2008. The Green River Park is also open. Parks in Lafayette, Elk Grove and Redmond are tentatively scheduled for construction in 2011.

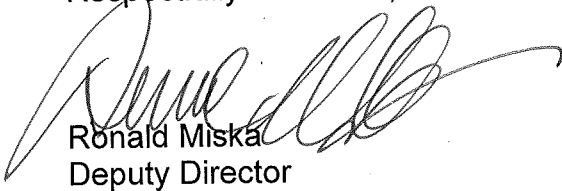
The Parks and Open Space Commission recommended Board approval of this item. If approved by the Board, the next step in the process will be to contract for design development. This process will include extensive outreach both to the bicycle community, as well as our neighbors at Stafford Lake, such as North Marin Water District, to assure that the facility is designed to meet the needs of users while protecting resources.

FISCAL IMPACT: Approval of this item has no fiscal impact. Staff will return to the board for approval of a professional services contract for design development and construction drawings early in 2011.

REVIEWED BY:	<input type="checkbox"/> Auditor Controller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/> County Counsel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
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Respectfully submitted,



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