**County of Sonoma**  
**Agenda Item Summary Report**

Clerk of the Board  
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Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**To:** Board of Supervisors  

**Board Agenda Date:** March 26, 2013  
**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Regional Parks

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Mark Cleveland ext. 3349  
**Supervisory District(s):** District 5

**Title:** Bodega Bay Boat Launch Facilities Improvements Project

**Recommended Actions:**

Resolution adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approving the Bodega Bay Boat Launch Facilities Improvements project. Resolution authorizing the Director of Regional Parks to apply for grant funding from the California Department of Boating & Waterways for construction of improvements at Westside Park.

**Executive Summary:**

The Bodega Bay boat launch facilities at Westside and Doran Park are utilized by thousands of residents and visitors every year for access to sport fishing and other water related activities in Bodega Bay. These two parks provide boat launch ramps with boarding floats, parking for vehicles with trailers, boat wash outs and fish cleaning stations to support these recreational uses. Both facilities are currently in need of renovations to improve accessibility for persons with disabilities, and to replace aging structures and supporting amenities.

To provide the funding to begin the project, the Board authorized the Director of Regional Parks to apply for a grant from the California Department of Boating & Waterways (DBW) to perform the planning, design, public outreach, and environmental document preparation and processing necessary to implement the project. In January of 2012 the Board accepted a planning and design grant in the amount of $350,000 from the DBW for improvements to the Doran and Westside Park Boat Launch projects. In August of 2012, the Board approved a contract with Moffatt and Nichol for $340,644 to perform the services outlined in the grant contract.

The proposed scope of improvements to the facilities at Doran Park include new piles and boarding floats, new concrete boat ramp, a new gangway and low freeboard boarding float to improve disabled access, accessible paths of travel connecting facilities, lighting improvements, renovations to the fish cleaning station, relocating the boat wash out area to improve traffic flow, paving the existing gravel overflow parking area, sealing the pavement, and striping parking areas to increase capacity and
improve circulation. It also includes the use of the dredge material from the Westside Park project for restoration of the dunes at the Cypress Day-Use facility.

The proposed improvements at Westside Park include new piles and boarding floats, new concrete boat ramp that expands the width to accommodate an additional launch lane for peak season use, a new gangway and low freeboard boarding float to improve disabled access, accessible paths of travel that connect the primary facilities, new family picnic sites, lighting improvements, renovations to the fish cleaning station and boat wash out area, sealing the pavement, and striping parking areas to increase capacity and improve circulation. The work also includes dredging from the federal channel to the boat launch ramp, which will be used to restore the dune ecology at the Doran Park Cypress Day-Use area.

Environmental Document Process: A Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Initial Study document for the proposed project was prepared, published in the Press Democrat, and posted at the facilities. Notices were sent to the State Clearinghouse, residents, stakeholders, and jurisdictional agencies. A public scoping meeting was held on September 12, 2012 at the Grange Hall in Bodega Bay to discuss the project and receive comments. Comments received during the NOP process were addressed during the preparation of the Draft Initial Study document.

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study for the Bodega Bay Boat Launch Facilities Improvements Project was prepared. The Initial Study document was presented to the Sonoma County Environmental Review Committee (ERC) on November 6, 2012. ERC recommended a Mitigated Negative Declaration with minor modifications to the Initial Study document, which have been addressed. The Initial Study concluded that all potentially significant environmental impacts could be reduced to a less-than-significant level with the proposed mitigation measures. The revised Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration was submitted to the State Clearinghouse and interested agencies on January 3, 2013. The required 30-day comment period was between January 3, 2013 and February 4, 2013. Two comment letters were received during the comment period, and one shortly after. The comment letters were from the California State Lands Commission, the California Department of Fish & Wildlife Marine Division, and the California Coastal Commission.

The letter from the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) acknowledged the rights of the County to make improvements within the tidelands in Bodega Bay under a legislative grant from the State, but excludes mineral rights, which remain under the jurisdiction of the CSLC. As such, dredging operations require an application for a dredging lease be approved by the CSLC prior to implementing the project.

The letter from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife Marine Division provided comments and recommendations for the protection of essential fish habitat and eelgrass beds, mudflat and sandy beach habitats, and dune removal and restoration.

The letter from the California Coastal Commission provided comments and recommendations for the dune restoration, dredging, boat ramp and pile construction, tidal mudflat, and eelgrass protection. The Coastal Commission concluded that the Mitigated Negative Declaration was very thorough as a result of the coordination with the various regulatory agencies with respect to addressing project impacts and mitigations.

The comment letters and complete responses have been included in the Draft Final Initial Study and
Mitigated Negative Declaration presented to the Board today for adoption and approval.

**Urgency of Future Funding Applications:** In order to meet the April 1, 2013 deadline for a $1.6 million dollar application for a Department of Boating & Waterways grant, a Board resolution authorizing the Director of Regional Parks to apply for funding needs to be executed immediately after adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and approval of the project.

**Next Steps:** With the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approval of the project, and the authorizing resolution, Regional Parks will apply for a $1.6 million grant for FY14/15 from the Department of Boating and Waterways for construction of the Westside Park Boat launch Improvements. During the next 16 months of the grant approval process, Regional Parks will continue to work with our consultant under the existing contract approved by the Board to complete the design and engineering, and acquire the regulatory permits and approvals to bid and construct the Westside Park project in FY14/15.

**Request:**

Resolution adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Bodega Bay Boat Launch Facilities Improvements and approving the project.

Resolution authorizing the Director of Regional Parks to apply for $1.6 million in grant funding from the California Department of Boating & Waterways for construction of improvements at Westside Park.

**Prior Board Actions:**

- January 24, 2012 - Accepted $350,000 in grant funding from the State Department of Boating and Waterways for planning and design of Westside and Doran Park Boat Launch Improvements.  
- May 15, 2012 - Approved County of Sonoma Capital Project Plan 2012 – 2017, including boat launch improvements at Westside Park and Doran Beach.  
- August 14, 2012 – Approved a contract with Moffatt and Nichol for planning and design services.

**Strategic Plan Alignment**  
**Goal 2: Economic and Environmental Stewardship**

The adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approval of the project, and authorization to apply for grant funding will allow Regional Parks to complete the design and engineering, acquire the regulatory permits, and bid and construct the improvements to our boat launching facilities at Westside Park. This will also provide the necessary approvals and documents to apply for future funding to bid and construct improvements at Doran Park. These actions will help the department to continue to protect, maintain and manage our parks, and provide and promote recreation and economic vitality in the Bodega Bay community.
### Fiscal Summary - FY 12-13

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#### Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts (If Required):
This specific action requires no budgetary adjustments at this time. Future funding of $1.6 million from the Department of Boating and Waterways, if awarded, along with budgeted expenditures will be brought to the Board for approval with acceptance of the grant.

### Staffing Impacts

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#### Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

### Attachments:

- Resolutions (2)

### Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:

- Bodega Bay Boat Launch Facilities Improvements
- Doran & Westside Regional Parks Draft Final Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study
- Notice of Determination