AGENDA SHORT TITLE: State Coastal Conservancy grant for Hood Mountain to Highway 12 Ridge Trail.

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:
Resolution authorizing execution of grant agreement with the California State Coastal Conservancy and approving the terms and conditions for the Bay Area Ridge Trail Hood to Highway 12 grant (First District).

Resolution authorizing budgetary adjustment to the 2011-2012 final budget for the Hood Mountain CIP in the amount of $152,000, requiring a 4/5 vote.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES:
- Estimated Cost: $189,500
- Amount Budgeted: $0
- Other Available Appropriations: $37,500

ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL:
- Contingencies: $0
- Unanticipated Revenue: $152,000
- Other Transfers: $0

Additional Requested: $152,000

Explanation (if required): Area 4 Park Mitigation Fees are available to provide required grant match.

Prior Board Action: 6/3/2008 by Resolution 08-0494, Board approves $18,869 planning grant from Bay Area Ridge Trail Council for Hood Mountain to Highway 12 trail.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval: The project will not be completed until other sources of funding are secured.
Background: Regional Parks works closely with the State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) for funding acquisition, planning, and development of a number of projects through their Coastal and San Francisco Bay programs. Regional Parks is currently working with the Conservancy on a Bay Area Ridge Trail construction grant project. The Conservancy Board awarded a $152,000 grant on September 4, 2011 and these funds need to be added to Regional Parks’ approved Capital Projects FY1112 Budget. The Conservancy also requires a specific resolution authorizing the execution of the grant agreement and approving their terms and conditions. To meet the Conservancy’s interest in immediately starting the project, approval of a Budget Resolution is also requested.

The project will construct a 0.3 mile multi-use pathway from the existing end of the Ridge Trail within Los Guilicos County Center to Highway 12. With crosswalks, ramps, and new push button signals, the project will facilitate a safe and accessible crossing of Highway 12. The project will complete a critical link in the Ridge Trail, ultimately connecting Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve with the City of Santa Rosa and Annadel State Park. With past funding from the Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, Regional Parks completed planning, design, and environmental review work, including Caltrans approval of the encroachment permit.

Although the project is a short trail segment, it is necessary to provide a critical connection in the overall Ridge Trail. To the north, the trail will connect to an existing, dedicated segment of the Ridge Trail which connects to Hood Mountain Regional Park and Open Space Preserve. To the south, the project connects to Santa Rosa’s Oakmont neighborhood, which provides access to Annadel State Park beyond that. The proposed trail will connect the public to existing open space and an extensive existing trail network. In addition, the trail will support the use of alternative transportation as it connects to Sonoma County Transit bus stops, along a bus route linking the cities of Santa Rosa and Sonoma, and provides access to the numerous facilities at the County’s Los Guilicos complex.

Area 4 Park Mitigation Fees budgeted for Hood Mountain include the $37,500 local matching funds for this trail development project. With this grant funding and local match provided for a total of $189,500, Regional Parks has sufficient funds to complete the identified project. Ongoing maintenance of this short trail addition can be accommodated within the grounds maintenance services Regional Parks already provides at Los Guilicos County Center. With review by County Counsel, Regional Parks is recommending execution of the grant agreement.

Attachments: Resolution Authorizing Grant, Budget Resolution, Map.

On File With Clerk: Grant Agreement

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Board Action (If other than “Requested”) | Vote:
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