

MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DATE: October 23, 2007

FROM: KEN GREHM / PETER KRAATZ

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF FILING CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF MCKINNEY-RUBICON SPRINGS ROAD PROJECT**

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the filing of a Recreational Trails Program Grant application with California State Parks in an amount of \$50,000 for the operation and maintenance of McKinney-Rubicon Springs Road Project and authorizing the Director of Public Works to execute all documents related to the grant.

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY

McKinney-Rubicon Springs Road, located near the Placer-El Dorado County line on the west side of Lake Tahoe, is the eastern access point to the Rubicon Trail, one of the most popular four-wheel drive trails in the United States. In 1984, Placer County received funding from the State Water Resources Control Board to complete drainage and water quality improvements on 3.6 miles of this road located within the Lake Tahoe Basin. Due to improper road usage and limited maintenance in the early 1990's, the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) issued Cease and Desist Order No. 6-94-20 in 1994 against Placer County for discharging and threatening to discharge waste earthen materials to McKinney Creek. In response, Placer County completed paving of approximately 1.7 miles of McKinney-Rubicon Springs Road during the 1995 and 1996 construction seasons in order to address water quality issues. In December 2000, the Regional Board sent a Notice of Violation letter to Placer County stating that the drainage improvements on the unpaved portion of this road required immediate attention. During the summer of 2001, the County coordinated a volunteer effort to help repair drainage features along the roadway. These efforts were funded primarily through Off-Highway Motorized Vehicle Recreation Grant funds. In January 2002, the Regional Board rescinded Cease and Desist Order No. 6-94-20.

On October 24, 2006, Placer County formally recognized the historic significance and recreational opportunities of the trail and recognized the "McKinney Rubicon Trail" as a public four wheel drive trail. Through this declaration, the County desires that the Trail continue to be available for public use into the future. Funds are being requested through the 2007 Recreation Trails Program Grant to cover expenses for ongoing maintenance, including road repair materials, hauling costs, and Public Works Department of Engineering and Road Maintenance staff time.

ENVIRONMENTAL

This action is the filing of a grant application and is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The maintenance project is categorically exempt per Section 15301(c) of CEQA. A Notice of Exemption was filed in 2001 and is still accurate for the current work.

FISCAL IMPACT

The County will apply for \$50,000 for Fiscal Year 2007-08. The grant requires a 12 percent local match and allows for the utilization of the value of services and materials used to meet that threshold. The County will use volunteers to complete maintenance repairs and revegetation activities. The estimated value of these services, \$10,000, will be applied toward the local match for this maintenance project. Total project cost will be \$60,000.

**Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Placer, State of California**

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A RECREATION TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION WITH CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF MCKINNEY-RUBICON SPRINGS ROAD PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE GRANT

Resol. No:.....

Ord. No:.....

First Reading:.....

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held _____, by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Chairman, Board Of Supervisors

Attest:
Clerk of said Board

WHEREAS, the "Safe, accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users" provides funds to the State of California for Grants to federal, state, local, and nonprofit organizations to acquire, develop, and/or maintain motorized and non-motorized trail projects; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program with the State, setting up necessary procedures governing Project Application under the program; and

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WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require Placer County to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the project(s);

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Recreational Trails Program.
2. Certifies that the project is consistent with Placer County's general plan or the equivalent planning document.
3. Certifies that Placer County has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and
4. Certifies that Placer County has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the General Provisions contained in the contract shown in the Procedural Guide.
5. Appoints the Director of Public Works as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the project.
6. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulation, and guidelines.
7. Authorizes the filing of a Recreational Trails Program 2007 Grant application with California State Parks in the amount of \$50,000 for the operation and maintenance of the project and authorizes the Director of Public Works to execute all documents related to the grant.

